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**Education:**

- 2017-June 2021 Northwestern University: Ph.D. in Sociology.  
Dissertation: *Contentious Southern Symbols and Community Interaction: The Confederate Battle Flag as Sacred, Profane and Offensive.*
- 2015-2016 University of Chicago: M.A. in Social Sciences.  
Concentration: Sociology.  
Thesis: *The Commons: Separating Tragedy & Triumph at a City Park.*
- 2012-2013 Loyola University, New Orleans: M.S. in Criminal Justice Administration.
- 1979-1983 United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point: B.S. with Honors.  
Concentration: Nautical Science.  
Direct Commission from US Naval Reserve to US Army Reserve/Active Duty.

**Research & Investigative Experience:**

- 2015- 2021 Conducted extensive ethnographic research in furtherance of master's thesis and PhD dissertation. Research Assistant in conducting interviews for comprehensive study on Chicago Police-Community interactions.
- 1986-2011 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)– Executive Manager and Criminal Investigator: (New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Afghanistan, and Iraq)  
Conducted investigative research in matters concerning violations of federal law to include the criminal subject areas of Civil Rights, Organized Crime, Drugs, Drug Homicides, Terrorism and Espionage. Investigations were conducted in collaboration with other law enforcement and intelligence entities as well as the US Attorney's Office.
- 1985-1986 US Army - Special Forces A-Team Commander: (Area of operation – East Africa).  
Conducted critical area research and intelligence as it related to team pre-deployment outside the continental US. Once in-country, ethnographic methods of participant observation were utilized with the indigenous population in an effort to provide effective ground action and gather and report productive area intelligence.

**Teaching Experience:**

- 2021-Present Part-time Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington & Lee. Develop and instruct courses for *Sociology of Conflict*, and *Introduction to Criminology*.
- 2018 Teaching Assistant at Northwestern University for *Introduction to Sociology*.
- 2014 Cybercrime Instructor, Technology and Social Change at City University of Seattle: Crime, victimization, and criminality associated with modern digital technologies mediating social relationships. (Part-time teacher/online format).
- 1989-2011 FBI Firearms and Police Instructor: Instructor for FBI agents and police officers at quarterly intervals. Classroom and range instruction in safe handling of a variety of weapons and tactical gear. Provided instruction in tactical street survival and Special Weapons and Tactics.
- 1985-1986 US Army Special Forces Instructor for Special Operations Training: Training officer and instructor for Close Quarter Combat and Hand to Hand Combat courses.

**Employment & Other Productive Endeavors:**

July 2021- Present	Part-time Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington & Lee University.
2019-2021	Volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity (construction), local food pantry at Gospel Way Church of Christ (off-loading bulk items), and other dedicated volunteer endeavors. Ongoing work in ecological afforestation and wildlife habitat creation on 35 acre former farmland utilizing VA Department of Forestry protocols.
2010-2011	Assistant Special Agent in Charge (Retired) — FBI, Kansas City: FBI executive who managed and directed investigative, intelligence and administrative staff consisting of over 300 personnel and multi-million dollar operating budgets. A leader in multiple facets of law enforcement, intelligence, security, and community relations to include homeland security, counterintelligence, terrorism, and technical operations.
1995-2010	Supervisory Special Agent, FBI; New Orleans (NO), Philadelphia (PH), and FBIHQ: Field Supervisor for Intelligence Squads in NO and PH. Responsible for the collection of intelligence and development of rapport with local community. Field Supervisor for Latin Gang Squad in PH. Responsible for the investigation of criminal violations, the development of investigative sources, and community & police relations. FBIHQ Supervisor-Operator engaged in court authorized worldwide clandestine operations concerning technical actions in furtherance of investigation and intelligence gathering.
1987-1995	Special Agent, FBI; New Orleans (NO), and New York (NY): Investigated violations of Civil Rights, Organized Crime, Drugs/Homicides in NO. Responsible for investigations, and development of rapport with local police departments and community. SWAT breacher and sniper in NO. NY SCUBA team member for evidence recovery and court authorized clandestine technical operator in NY.
1985-1986	Army Officer (Regular Army); Special Forces A-team Leader, Fort Bragg: World-wide classified operations. Responsible for 12-man A-Team (ODA-553) and associated military operations under adverse conditions to include extensive rapport building with indigenous people in hostile territory in furtherance of mission directives.
1983-1985	Army Officer (Active Duty/Reserve); Engineer Officer, Fort Bragg: Leader of two Combat Engineer Platoons. Responsible for vertical and horizontal engineering missions, multi-million dollar equipment, explosive demolition operations, and troop welfare.

**Awards and Honors:**

- FBI: Special recognition for service in the combat theaters of Afghanistan and Iraq after 9/11.
- NSA: 2008 Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Certification, Honor Graduate.
- FBI: (5) Quality Step Increase Awards/Director's Certificates for exceptional service.
- FBI: (9) Personal Letters of Recognition from FBI Directors and Honorable Mention for 1998 Director's Award (Group).

**Research Skills:**

- Academic ethnographic training at University of Chicago and Northwestern University.
- Advanced academic interview training at University of Chicago.
- Statistical training: University of Chicago (2016) and Northwestern University (2018).
- Ethnographic practical experience with FBI, US Army, and academia
- Research Assistant for Dr. Andrew Papachristos: N3 Initiative (Fall 2018).
- Considerable practical interview and rapport building experience under a plethora of circumstances to include under highly adverse and hostile conditions in Africa, Middle East, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

**Publications:**

- Cataldi, John F. 2023. *Practical Symbolic Interactions in the Shrine of the South: Conversations With a Damn Yankee*. Washington D.C.: Lexington Books.
- Cataldi, John (2019). "The Commons: Separating Tragedy & Triumph at a City Park." *City & Community*.