

## Dr. William David Soud

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### SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### **I.R. Consilium, Head of Research and Analysis (2016-Present)**

Conduct research across a range of sources to ascertain salient information for clients including governments, think tanks, international agencies, and private entities. Analyze information to identify key issues, players, and trends. Package and publish findings privately for clients' use or publicly in selected outlets. Consult with clients on their goals and outcomes in relation to research, analysis, and publication. Key areas of expertise include resource-related crime, transnational organized crime and its nexus with various forms of criminal activity, fisheries protection, and maritime issues.

#### **University of Delaware, Adjunct Professor of English (2014-2017)**

Designed and taught courses in writing, including Honors colloquia.

#### **Freelance Writer (2013-2016)**

Researched and wrote books and articles for a broad readership, including a 400-page popular history of the British monarchy, a 160-page history of the sword, 160-page history of the fighting knife. Wrote and edited for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

#### **University of Oxford, Undergraduate Teaching (2012-2013)**

Taught a range of papers for Merton, Hertford, St. Peter's, and Mansfield Colleges.

#### **Oxford Royale Academy, Programme Director, Oxford, UK (2011)**

Served as campus headmaster for an international academic summer program, managing over 100 students and a dozen staff.

#### **Roland Park Country School, Baltimore, MD**

##### *English Teacher (2002-2010)*

Taught upper-level courses, including Advanced Placement English and university-level senior electives. Developed curricula for grades 11 and 12. Mentored younger teachers and conducted teacher evaluations. Served as academic advisor to students over three-year courses of study.

##### *Class Dean (2007-2010)*

Oversaw all academic and co-curricular issues of one graduating class per three-year cycle.

#### **St. Paul's School, Brooklandville, MD (1990-2002)**

##### *Chair, English Department (1998-2002)*

Supervised and guided the English department for grades five through twelve. Revamped and strengthened the English curriculum. Oversaw teaching standards and assignments within the department. Served on the Academic Council, which oversaw school-wide academic affairs. Collaborated with the Dean of Faculty and division heads in personnel searches, interviews, and hiring decisions.

##### *Senior Class Dean (1995-1998)*

Oversaw discipline and behavioral guidance of the senior class.

##### *English Teacher (1990-2002)*

Taught standard, honors, and Advanced Placement English courses. Served as an exchange teacher to Gakushuin Boys' High School and University in Tokyo. Coached lacrosse, baseball, and soccer.

### KEY EXPERIENCE

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- *Leading expert in resource-related crime, including hydrocarbons crime, illegal mining, and transnational organized crime, as well as fisheries protection and maritime issues.*
- *Expert in investigating and assessing complex situations, discerning deep connections and patterns of influence, and presenting analyses in clear, precise, and accessible terms.*
- *Ability to apply deep and broad scholarship across multiple disciplines.*
- *Eloquent and effective presenter on a range of issues.*

### RECENT ACTIVITIES

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- *Authored or co-authored several publications on resource-related crime, illicit supply chains, and security issues.*
- *Organized and ran high-level regional conference on technology for maritime security in the Gulf of Guinea.*
- *Delivered plenary lecture as an independent literary scholar at an international conference in India.*

## EDUCATION

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### **DPhil, English, ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, UK, 2010-2013**

Thesis: "Toward a Divinised Poetics: God, Self, and *Poiesis* in W. B. Yeats, David Jones, and T. S. Eliot."  
Supervisor: Dr. Rebecca Beasley. Passed with no corrections.  
Awarded College Arts Scholarship, St. Catherine's College, 2011-2013.  
Studied Sanskrit at the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.

### **MA, English, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, Newark, DE, 1988-1990**

Cumulative GPA of 3.80.

### **AB, English, DAVIDSON COLLEGE, Davidson, NC, 1984-1988**

*Cum Laude*. Cumulative GPA of 3.52.

One year of study abroad at the University of Edinburgh, earning the sole First Class Merit that year in English, Scottish, and Russian literatures.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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### **Selected Consulting Publications**

"The Gold Rush in Venezuela Could Destabilize Latin America and the Caribbean," The Payne Center for Public Policy, 23 May 2019.

"Why the Massive Floating Bomb in the Red Sea Needs Urgent Attention," The Atlantic Council, 11 April 2019.

"Addressing the Invisible Supply Chain," The Atlantic Council, 8 April 2019.

"Mapping the Invisible Supply Chain," The Atlantic Council, 28 March 2019.

"Defining the Invisible Supply Chain," The Atlantic Council, 20 March 2019.

"Contaminated Fuel is Poisoning Global Shipping," The Atlantic Council, 23 September 2018.

"As Mexico Tries to Curb Illegal Fishing, Drug Cartels and Fishermen Push Back," *World Politics Review*, 22 January 2018.

*Oil on the Water: Illicit Hydrocarbons Activity in the Maritime Domain*, The Atlantic Council, 2018.

"Fuel Theft Funds Terror," *Handelsblatt Global*, 1 March 2017.

*Downstream Oil Theft: Implications and Next Steps* (contributing author), The Atlantic Council, 2017.

*Downstream Oil Theft: Global Modalities, Trends and Recommendations* (contributing author), The Atlantic Council, 2017.

### **Selected Consulting Presentations**

"Modalities of Corruption in Hydrocarbons Crime," Oil & Fuel Theft, Geneva, Switzerland, April 2018.

Remarks at launch of *Oil on the Water: Illicit Hydrocarbons Activity in the Maritime Domain*, The Atlantic Council, April 2018.

"Oil Theft and the African Maritime Space," ENACT Africa Regional Organised Crime Observatories Foundation Workshop, July 2017.

"Downstream Oil Theft: Fueling Instability in Africa," AFSEC17 Maritime Security Summit, Casablanca, Morocco, May 2017.

### **Selected Academic Publications**

*Divine Cartographies: God, History, and Poiesis in W. B. Yeats, David Jones, and T. S. Eliot*, Oxford English Monographs Series, Oxford University Press, 2016.

"The Greedy Dialectic of Time and Eternity: Karl Barth, T. S. Eliot, and *Four Quartets*," *ELH* 81.4 (Winter 2014).

### **Selected Academic Presentations**

"Making Things Luminous: India and Yeats's Late Search for a Unifying Vision," *International Conference on Yeats and India*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 22 February 2019.

"The Tantric Deliberations of Octavio Paz," Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, May 2013.

"Yeats's Tantric Synthesis," Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, May 2013.

"Yeats and the *Yoga Sūtras* of Patañjali," Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, April 2012.

### **Selected Non-Academic Publications**

"Courting Beauty: How Artists, Patrons, and Intellectuals Fused Traditions and Created Distinctive Works across the Islamic World," *Humanities*, January/February 2016.

*The Illustrated History of Weapons: Swords, Spears, and Maces*, 160 pages, Hinkler Books, 2014.

*The Illustrated History of Weapons: Knives, Daggers, and Hand-Combat Tools*, 160 pages, Hinkler Books, 2014.

*The Ultimate Cocktail Encyclopedia* (as Walter Burns), 320 pages, Thunder Bay Press, 2014.

*Kings and Queens of Great Britain*, 400 pages, Metro Books, 2013.

"The Heroic Cry in the Midst of Despair," *Wave Composition*, May 2013.