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Prior to his appointment at Pacific, he was a tenured full professor and Chair of the Department of English at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. With more than 180 full- and part-time faculty and staff members and a budget of \$5.2 million, it was one of the largest academic departments in the country. At UCF, he launched the M.F.A. program in Creative Writing, the Minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and the Online Writing Lab; increased resources for the Ph.D. program in Texts and Technology by 25 percent; recruited distinguished specialists in Shakespeare and African-American literature; and achieved the highest faculty satisfaction survey results in a decade. The Department also rated 9th in the country for graduate Faculty Scholarly Productivity in 2007, as rated by Academic Analytics/SUNY-Stony Brook. Before moving to UCF, he served 22 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force as a regular commissioned officer, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He commanded a flight of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles in North Dakota followed by military-academic assignments on the faculty of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, as a Senior Military Fellow of the Institute for National Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C., and as Vice Director of the National Defense University Press. He was the founding Director of the Air Force Humanities Institute and Deputy Head of the Department of English and Fine Arts at the Air Force Academy, also serving as president of the faculty senate there.

His academic interests focus on early Caribbean, early American, and 17th- and 18th-century British literature. He has served as General Editor of the McNair Papers monograph series and Managing Editor of *War, Literature, and the Arts: An International Journal of the Humanities*. He has published numerous articles and other works, including *Caribbeana: An Anthology of English Literature of the West Indies, 1657-1777* (University of Chicago Press). He won a Fulbright Fellowship to teach at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. He was President of the Society of Early Americanists 2007-09, founder of the Early Caribbean Society, and the 2002 Conference Director for the American Society for 18th-Century Studies.

The son and grandson of Army medical service officers, he was born at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, and spent his early childhood in Washington, D.C., and on military posts across the U.S. and in Germany. He lived aboard a sailboat for nearly two years and then attended high school on the island of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. He is married to Patricia Love Krise, a native of Indianapolis, who earned a B.A. from Hanover College and an M.B.A. from Miami University of Ohio. She has been a Fortune-50 manager and executive for more than 20 years, currently with the Ford Motor Company. They live in Stockton, California, close to the Pacific campus.