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Miguel's primary research examines the German army's application of the principles of military necessity and *Auftragstaktik* during the *Wehrmacht's* war of annihilation against the Soviet Union. His dissertation, tentatively titled "The Interplay of Military Necessity and *Auftragstaktik* during the Soviet Counteroffensive in the Battle for Moscow, December 1941 to January 1942," will examine the interaction of military necessity and *Auftragstaktik*.

Miguel has also published in *The Journal of Military History*, arguing that German field commanders continued to practice *Auftragstaktik* during the Soviet counteroffensive. The *Society of Military History* awarded his article the Vandervort Prize for Outstanding Articles in Military History in 2021.

Miguel is originally from the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Southern California. He is a 20-year Air Force Veteran who served as a 13B Air Battle Manager and deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He is an avid Los Angeles Kings fan and continues to play ice hockey.

