



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL (DR.) CHRISTOPHER K. MCCLERNON

Lieutenant Colonel Chris McClernon is a Behavioral Scientist serving as International Program Officer, Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), European Office of Aerospace Research & Development (EOARD), London UK.

Lieutenant Colonel McClernon graduated from the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Behavioral Sciences. He then conducted aircraft testing at the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland AFB, NM providing Human Factors expertise for many DoD weapon systems including the C-130J, T-6 Texan II, T-38C, F-22, and F-35 aircraft. Lieutenant Colonel McClernon was then selected for the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Civilian Institution program where he attended the Industrial Engineering graduate school at North Carolina State University. After earning his Master's degree, Lieutenant Colonel McClernon served as Assistant Professor and Executive Officer in USAFA's Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership (DFBL) where he taught and directed numerous Human Factors courses. Following his faculty tour, Lieutenant Colonel McClernon was selected for the AFIT PhD program and earned a PhD in Human Factors from the Naval Postgraduate School. Lieutenant Colonel McClernon then served as a Deputy Branch Chief, research team lead and Executive Officer to the Commander at the Air Force Research Laboratory before deploying in support of the War on Terror. Following two deployed assignments supporting detainee operations in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel McClernon served as the Technical Advisor for the Human Systems Integration Directorate, 711th Human Performance Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. He then returned to DFBL as Research Director and Associate Professor prior to his selection as an International Program Officer.



Lieutenant Colonel McClernon is an adjunct faculty member at the Air Force Test Pilot School. He is a commercial pilot with an instrument rating and over 1,100 flight hours.

EDUCATION

1999 Bachelor of Sciences degree in Behavioral Sciences--Human Factors, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO

2003 Master of Sciences degree in Industrial Engineering--Ergonomics, North Carolina State University

2006 Squadron Officer School by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL

2009 Doctor of Philosophy in Modeling and Simulation--Human Factors, Naval Postgraduate School, CA

2011 Air Command and Staff College by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Aug 1999 - Jun 2002, Human Factors Scientist, Air Force Operational Test & Evaluation Center, Human Factors Test Support Directorate, Kirtland AFB, NM
2. Jun 2002 - Dec 2003, graduate student, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.
3. Dec 2003 - Jun 2006, Executive Officer/Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership, USAF Academy, CO
4. Jun 2006 - Jun 2009, graduate student, MOVES Institute, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA
5. Jun 2009 - May 2010, Behavioral Scientist, 711th Human Performance Wing, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
6. May 2010 - Jun 2011, Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
7. Jun 2011 - Jun 2012, Case Research Officer and Personal Representative, Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants, Bagram AB Afghanistan and Pentagon, VA
8. Jun 2012 - May 2013, Technical Advisor, 711th Human Performance Wing, Air Force Research Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
9. May 2013 - June 2016, Research Director/Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral Sciences & Leadership, USAF Academy, CO
10. July 2016 - present, International Program Officer, European Office of Aerospace Research & Development, London UK

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
2006 Dept. of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Teaching Excellence Award
2009 Air Force Association Top Air Force Graduate, Naval Postgraduate School
2010 Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Alphonse Chapanis Best Student Paper Award
2014 United States Air Force Academy Outstanding Academy Educator

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jun 2, 1999
First Lieutenant Jun 2, 2001
Captain Jun 2, 2003
Major Jan 1, 2009
Lieutenant Colonel Jun 1, 2014

(Current as of 1 Jul 2016)