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Gleason has presented his space policy research at conferences in Europe, Canada and in the United States and has many publications to his credit. He taught international relations, geopolitics, U.S. national space policy, american government and national security at the U.S. Air Force Academy and was the Political Science Department's international relations division chief.

Gleason is an experienced spacecraft operator with expertise in meteorological (DMSP), telecommunication (Milstar, DSCS), and missile warning (DSP) satellite operations. He also worked as an Air Force geopolitical officer in the Asia-Pacific region where he served as desk officer for China, Indonesia, and Australia. In addition, Gleason held positions as a C-130 Hercules airlift wing executive officer and chief of public affairs. He has augmented U.S. air attaché support at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China and Copenhagen, Denmark.

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Education

Gleason earned a bachelor's degree from the United States Air Force Academy, a master's degree in international relations from Troy State University, and a Ph.D. in international relations from George Washington University.

Honors and Awards

Gleason received the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Department of State Superior Honor Award, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

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