

John Giduck

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Giduck has a Bachelor's Degree from Penn State and a law degree from the University of Denver. He also earned a Master's Degree specializing in Russian studies, from the University of Colorado, which included completion of the Russian Culture and Language Program at St. Petersburg State University in Russia. He holds a Ph.D. in Middle East Studies from King's College in London. His dissertation was on the evolution of jihadist terrorist mass-hostage siege tactics throughout the world and formed the basis for his latest book. In 2016 he completed a master's program in Buddhist Studies.

He has traveled and worked throughout the world, including years working in Russia and the former Soviet Union, and his master's thesis was an examination of the expansion of Russian organized crime after the collapse of the Soviet Union. He has provided training for U.S. state and federal law enforcement, government agencies and special operations military units. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the College of Disaster Medicine and Management of Philadelphia University, where he teaches master's level terrorism courses, in addition to teaching criminology and homeland security courses at Regis University, and doctoral level courses at Colorado Technical University. In 2017 he was selected by the CTU doctoral studies administration as Distinguished Faculty of the Year for Inspiring Success in Students.

PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION

Schools as Targets of Violent Assault

This presentation will address the various types of people and groups that target schools, the reasons therefore, and their ultimate goals. Understanding the tactics, capabilities and limitations of each threat is necessary in order to anticipate, plan against, respond to and even defeat those who will continue to see schools as lucrative targets.

The Spectrum of Extreme Tactical Threats to schools will be covered, examining everything from the lowest tactical threat in the form of Single Student Shooters to the highest, teams of heavily armed, trained terrorists. Events such as Columbine, Platte Canyon High School (both in Colorado), VA Tech and the Beslan School siege in Russia will be examined.

Tools to deter and respond to such assaults will be addressed.