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Abstract:

As a former combat helicopter aircraft commander in the United States Marine Corps, flying over 50 missions and logging more than 1,000 combat hours over Iraq and Afghanistan, Dr. Garnier provides a unique perspective correlating qualities and strategies synonymous with effective leadership from the battlefield to executive global educational leadership. After his service in the US military, Dr. Garnier earned a Doctorate in Global Education and began serving international executive educational roles to include Dean of Ace International Business School in Katmandu, Nepal and Dean of Student Affairs at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand. Effective leaders, both in the education space and on the battlefield, are responsible for their people, i.e. troops, students and staff and the adjustment of leadership styles and interpersonal relationships upon situational demand is vital. Leaders in both spaces are expected to engage socially across cultures – to build, read intentions, create alliances, influence and understand people and their motivations. In addition to identifying cultural competency needs and gaps, Dr. Garnier offers guidance and first-hand insight into building social-cultural competencies while leading within the global education space. His lecture provides a testament of servitude, its correlation to effective leadership both as a combat helicopter aircraft commander and a global education executive.