



BIOGRAPHY

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Dr. Kristina Giannotta is the Director of the Strategic Plans and Requirements Directorate, Headquarters Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M. She is responsible for test and acquisition policy, resource programming, strategic planning, and test requirements for AFOTEC's headquarters, detachments, and operating locations.

Prior to this assignment, Dr. Giannotta was the Chief of the Integration and Resources Division, Test and Assessment Department, Research and Development Directorate, Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Kirtland AFB, N.M. The Integration and Resources Division included 11 civilian and contractor personnel. RD-TSI provides end-to-end integration and resources for a wide variety of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) test events focused on countering Weapons of Mass Destruction in various locations with a multitude of partners including Combatant Commands, Department of Defense Service Components and Agencies, and Interagency and International Partners.



Dr. Giannotta earned her Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from the University of California at San Diego with a double major in Anthropology and Classical Studies. As an undergraduate, Dr. Giannotta participated in archaeological excavations at Aschelon, Israel and Uruf, Turkey. Dr. Giannotta also obtained a Masters in Philosophy from the University of Glasgow in archaeology and received her doctorate from Johns Hopkins University in Classical Studies. Her awards include a Fulbright and a Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Scholarship. Dr. Giannotta became a certified PMP (Project Management Professional) in 2016.

Upon completing her PhD, Dr. Giannotta worked as a fellow for the Department on Energy from 2006-2008 at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC). She joined the Federal Service with the Navy in February 2008, continuing her work at JPAC as a research analyst. In 2009 she was promoted to the Branch Head of the World War II Research and Investigation Branch, and participated in more than 13 investigative missions world-wide, including Poland, Croatia, Bulgaria, and China.

In 2013, Dr. Giannotta took a position at the Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC), serving as the Histories Branch Head before transitioning to Executive Analyst for the Director's Action Group at the NHHC in 2017. In 2019, Dr. Giannotta was promoted to the Assistant Director for Histories and Archives at the Naval History and Heritage Command. She was responsible for managing the NHHC Archive, Library and Histories Branch, overseeing long range historical programs, records collection, and library holdings.

EDUCATION:

- 1993 Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude), anthropology and classical studies, University of California at San Diego
- 1997 Master of Philosophy degree, archaeology, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland
- 2003 Doctorate in Classical Studies, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.
- 2016 Certified Project Management Professional

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

1. 2006 – 2008, fellow, Department of Energy, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
2. 2008 – 2009, research analyst, U.S. Navy, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
3. 2009 – 2013, Branch Head, World War II Research Investigation Branch, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii
4. 2013 – 2017, Histories Branch Head, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
5. 2017 – 2019, Executive Analyst, Director's Action Group, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
6. 2019 – 2022, Assistant Director for Histories and Archives, Naval History and Heritage Command, Washington Navy Yard, Washington D.C.
7. 2022 – 2026, Chief, Integration and Resources Division, Test and Assessment Department, Research and Development Directorate, Defense Threat Reduction Agency at Kirtland AFB, N.M.
8. 2026 – present, Director, Strategic Plans and Requirements, Headquarters AFOTEC, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Fulbright Scholarship
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Scholarship
Lemmerman Fellowship
Spellman Fellowship
Department of Navy Superior Service Award