Military Personnel and Affiliations at Princeton University

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Princeton lists commissioned Army officers serving in instructional roles in its ROTC program. It has also appointed retired senior military officers to academic positions. These categories should be distinguished from civilian faculty mentors and active-duty graduate students.

1. Commissioned officers with ROTC teaching appointments

Name	Rank	Position
Jared Nichols	Lieutenant Colonel	Professor of Military Science; Director
Kaitlyn Gaffney	Captain	Assistant Professor of Military Science
James D. Reeves	Major	Assistant Professor; Assistant Director
Daniel Keyes	Major	Assistant Professor of Military Science
Burkhart Keith	Captain	Assistant Professor of Military Science

2. Retired officers with Princeton appointments

Mark A. Milley, a retired four-star Army general and former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was appointed a Charles and Marie Robertson Visiting Professor and visiting lecturer at the School of Public and International Affairs in February 2024. William H. Kale III, a retired Air Force brigadier general, serves as associate vice president for capital projects; his position is administrative, not academic.

3. Civilian faculty affiliated with ROTC

Princeton’s ROTC Fellows program lists Michael A. Reynolds (Near Eastern Studies), Jacob N. Shapiro (Politics and International Affairs), and Sarah M. Anderson (English). Their roles as mentors do not establish military membership.

4. Active-duty military graduate students

Princeton reported in March 2026 that 12 active-duty military graduate students were enrolled, including ten at the School of Public and International Affairs. Examples identified in the preceding response were K. Merlin Boone, Peter Loftus, and Jared Wigton. Enrollment does not make these individuals Princeton faculty.

5. Interpretation and limits

The strongest identified examples of serving officers with teaching appointments are the ROTC cadre. Military membership, academic employment, research funding, and collaboration with defense institutions are distinct relationships. The preceding response did not establish that any regular tenure-track Princeton professor currently serves as an active-duty officer or reservist.

Sources and further verification

Princeton Army ROTC cadre: https://rotc.princeton.edu/army-rotc/cadre

Princeton ROTC Fellows: https://rotc.princeton.edu/rotc-fellows

Note: This PDF preserves the substance of the previous answer. Personnel listings and appointments can change; verify current status with Princeton’s official directories.