

I was born and raised in Amarillo, TX, and I started flying after moving to Alaska in 2001 for university. I needed an elective in my junior year, and Private Pilot Ground School was available. I enjoyed the class and moved on to flying. Getting a private certificate was interesting, but when I started instrument training, I was hooked. One year later, I became a flight instructor and taught in Anchorage, AK, for two years.

I took a three-year break from flying to move to Japan in 2006. I returned to Alaska in 2009 and started flying the Beech 1900 for a 121 operator in Anchorage. During my three years in the Beech, I also became a certified flight attendant and an aircraft systems instructor for the airline. In 2012, I upgraded and began flying a Dash 8. I continued teaching ground school and joined the Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) Event Review Committee as a pilot representative. I also became a Line Operations Safety Audit (LOSA) observer, Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) gatekeeper, and later the FOQA program manager.

In 2018, I joined the FAA Anchorage Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) and, after training, became an inspector trainer and Principle Operations Inspector (POI) for Part 91, 135, and 141 operators. In 2021, I moved to the Denali Certificate Management Office (CMO) as an Aircrew Program Manager (APM) with oversight of the MD-80 for a cargo operator in Alaska. In January 2023, I joined FAA Flight Program Operations as a flight inspection pilot. Plans for 2023 and 2024 include training for Beech 300 and Challenger 605 type ratings and becoming a fully qualified flight inspection SIC, followed by an Airspace System Inspection Pilot (ASIP).