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“Growing up in Tennessee, the Harvard experience seemed like a distant dream. After learning about the Extension School’s graduate school program, I was immediately drawn to two of its elements: its *accessibility* and *flexibility*. Now that I am a proud Alum, I intend to build relationships and propose initiatives that make the alumni experience both *accessible* and *flexible* to our unique, broad, and diverse alumni community.”

A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Wilson began his A.L.M. while working at a China-focused research institute at the U.S. Naval War College in nearby Newport, Rhode Island. Now a decorated Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve, he has served in a variety of leadership and operational positions during his 15 year career to include Baghdad, Iraq with a counter-IED/bomb demolition team and *Hurricane Katrina* as a relief and recovery leader. Currently, he has been recalled to the Pentagon on the Joint Staff which advises the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Before his recall to the Navy, Wilson pursued a career as a Chinese analyst along with his passion for wine. In college, he studied and lived in Shanghai. Recently, he studied the wine industry in France and worked at vineyards in Bordeaux and Northern Virginia. His research and thoughts on China, wine, climate change, and emerging military technologies (drones, space technology, and cyber strategy) have been published in the *New York Times*, Joint Forces Quarterly, *HuffPost*, and *BBC News* among others.

Married to his classmate, Aline Ibrahim VornDick (A.L.M. '14), they have two young children.