**Michael R. Oakes, PhD**

Dr. Oakes is the newest faculty member in the Flight Department.

He has a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, an M.S. in Aeronautical Science, an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies and a PhD in Engineering Management.

He is a retired Air Force pilot and a former squadron commander. He flew T-37s and T-38s as an Instructor Pilot and as a Flight Test Pilot followed by multiple worldwide assignments in the F-15 Eagle as a Fighter Weapons Instructor Pilot. He retired out of Langley Air Force Base and transitioned to commercial aviation at Delta Air Lines where he became an International Captain flying the Boeing 767 and the 757. He retired from Delta in June 2020.

Mike has nearly 20,000 flight hours and is a current Flight Instructor. He is looking forward to sharing his flight knowledge and experiences with our Hampton University students.

Mike and his wife, Lori, have lived in the Tidewater area for the past 32 years. They have two daughters (Stevie – Rochester, NY and Kelly – Austin, TX).