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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Evansville, Evansville, IN, Department of Law, Politics, and Society:

Associate Professor (2019-present), Assistant Professor (2014-2019)

Harlaxton College, Harlaxton, United Kingdom: Visiting Assistant Professor (Spring 2019)

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Department of Government: Visiting Assistant Professor (2013-2014)

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, Department of Political Science: Instructor (2012-2013)

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia: Visiting Lecturer (Summer 2010)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Political Science), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (2013)

Dissertation: *To Conquer Land or People: Democracy and the Domestic Political Costs of Annexationism*

Committee: Michael Desch (chair), Dan Lindley, Sebastian Rosato, Walter Nugent

M.A. (Political Science), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (2008)

B.A. (Physics, Political Science), Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT (2006)

Thesis: *Measurement of e/k from Current Voltage Characteristics of Commercial Bipolar Junction Transistors*

RESEARCH

Books (Authored)

The Picky Eagle: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion (Cornell University Press, 2020)

Why did the United States stop annexing territory? In contrast to profit-driven theories of international conquest and histories depicting a shift from territorial to commercial expansion, I argue that U.S. leaders consistently worried about annexation's domestic political and normative consequences. Democracy and xenophobia made them refuse to share self-government with populations they saw as alien, revealing how 20th-cent. U.S. advocacy of self-determination had much more selfish roots. Across 23 detailed case studies of U.S. foreign policy between 1774 and 1898, this book explains why the United States expanded where it did and—just as importantly—why it did not expand where it didn't.

Books (Edited)

The United States and International Law: Paradoxes of Support across Contemporary Issues, co-edited with Lucrecia García Iommi (University of Michigan Press, under contract, expected in 2021)

What explains variations in U.S. support for international law? The U.S. relationship with international law is often observed to be paradoxical at best, hypocritical at worst. Using a shared framework and a new five-part conceptualization of support, this book identifies patterns across issue areas including conquest, nuclear proliferation, human rights, war crimes, torture, targeted killings, law of the sea, environmental politics, and cybersecurity.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

[“Difficult to Relinquish Territory Which Had Been Conquered’: Expansionism and the War of 1812,”](#) *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 39, No. 1 (January 2015), pp. 70-97.

[“Groupthink and Terrorist Radicalization,”](#) *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 26, No. 5 (October 2014), pp. 735-58 (with Eteri Tsintsadze-Maass).

[“Political Society and Cicero’s Ideal State,”](#) *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (2012), pp. 79-92.

Book Chapters (in *The United States and International Law*)

“The United States and International Law — Relationship Status: It’s Complicated” (with Lucrecia García Iommi)

“Enforcing Territorial Integrity: U.S. Support for the Prohibition of Conquest in International Law”

“Conclusion” (with Lucrecia García Iommi)

Published Scholarly Correspondence

[“Correspondence: NATO Non-expansion and German Reunification,”](#) *International Security*, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Winter 2016/17), pp. 197-200 (with Joshua R. Itzkowitz Shiffrin).

[“Correspondence: The Profitability of Primacy,”](#) *International Security*, Vol. 38, No. 4 (Spring 2014), pp. 188-205 (with Carla Norrlof and Daniel W. Drezner).

Research-Based Blog Posts

[“The Picky Eagle: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion,”](#) *The Ambassador’s Brief* (5/15/20)

[“Xenophobic Roots of U.S. Foreign Policy,”](#) *Cornell University Press Authors’ Blogs* (5/13/20)

[“Trump’s Coronavirus Response Shows How Much Leaders Matter,”](#) *Duck of Minerva* (3/24/20)

[“Want to Help the Islamic State Recruit? Treat All Muslims as Potential Terrorists,”](#) *The Monkey Cage* at *The Washington Post* (11/30/15, 10:05am)

➤ **Winner of the Best Post of 2015 award**, International Studies Association Online Media Caucus

[“Why Washington and Moscow Keep Talking Past Each Other,”](#) *The Monkey Cage* (3/12/14, 6:00pm)

Book Reviews

[Review of Frank Ninkovich, *The Global Republic: America’s Inadvertent Rise to World Power*](#), Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, Vol. 114, No. 2 (Spring 2016), pp. 263-66

[Review of Jeffrey W. Meiser, *Power and Restraint: The Rise of the United States, 1898-1941*](#), *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 131, No. 1 (Spring 2016), pp. 188-89

[Review of Dale C. Copeland, *Economic Interdependence and War*](#), H-Diplo, *International Security Studies Forum* (February 29, 2016)

[Review of Philippe Le Billon, *Wars of Plunder: Conflicts, Profits and the Politics of Resources*](#), H-War, H-Net Reviews (June 2013)

Article Manuscripts

“Testing Hypotheses on Great Power Territorial Expansion”

“Salami Tactics: Facts Accomplish and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations”

“Command and Conquer: Ideologies of Superiority, Democracy, and Annexation”

Conference Presentations

- "Trump v. International Law? Paradoxes of Support across Contemporary Issues," International Studies Association (ISA), Honolulu, March 2020 (canceled by coronavirus)
- "American Exceptionalism in the Age of Trump," ISA, Honolulu, March 2020 (canceled by coronavirus)
- "Annexation: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion," International Security Studies Section of ISA and International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA (ISSS-IS) Annual Conference, Purdue University, November 2018
- "Annexation: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion," International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, November 2018
- "Annexation: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion," VI International Scientific Conference, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2018
- "Annexation: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion," Indiana Political Science Association (IPSA), Evansville, March 2018
- "The Norm Against Conquest: Origins, Expectations, and U.S. Foreign Policy," American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, August 2017
- "Testing Hypotheses on Great Power Annexation," IPSA, Evansville, March 2017
- "Salami Tactics: Faits Accompli and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations," IPSA, Evansville, March 2017
- "Testing Hypotheses on Great Power Annexation," ISA, Baltimore, February 2017
- "Salami Tactics and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations," ISA, Baltimore, February 2017
- "Testing Hypotheses on Great Power Annexation," ISSS-IS Annual Conference, Notre Dame, November 2016
- "Salami Tactics and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations," ISSS-IS, Notre Dame, November 2016
- "Command and Conquer: Ideologies of Superiority, Democracy, and Annexation," APSA, Philadelphia, September 2016
- "Salami Tactics and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations," Central and East European International Studies Association-International Studies Association (CEEISA-ISA), Ljubljana, Slovenia, June 2016
- "To Hop or To Hold: Island Territories and U.S. Annexation," APSA, San Francisco, September 2015
- "Democracy and Annexationism," ISA, New Orleans, February 2015
- "'Beasts of Prey': American Annexationism and Native American Lands," APSA, Washington, DC, August 2014
- "Command and Conquer: Ideologies of Superiority, Democracy, and Annexationism," ISA, Toronto, March 2014
- "Democracy and the Decline of Annexationism," APSA, Chicago, September 2013
- "Democracy and the Decline of Annexationism," Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 2013
- "The Dark Side of Democratic Foreign Policy," MPSA, Chicago, April 2013
- "To Conquer Land or People: Regime Type and the Targets of Territorial Expansion," MPSA, Chicago, April 2012
- "To Conquer Land or People: Regime Type and U.S. Expansionism toward Canada," APSA, Seattle, September 2011
- "The U.S. Anti-Expansionist Shift," APSA, Washington, DC, September 2010
- "Federalism and the End of U.S. Territorial Expansion," ISA, New Orleans, February 2010
- "Political Society and Cicero's Ideal State," MPSA, Chicago, April 2009
- "Cicero's Immortal State," MPSA, Chicago, April 2008
- "The American Non-Threat: Explaining the Absence of Anti-U.S. Balancing," MPSA, Chicago, April 2008
- "Getting Control of the Counterfactual," APSA, Chicago, August-September 2007

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Best Post of 2015 Award, Online Media Caucus of the International Studies Association, for

“Want to Help the Islamic State Recruit? Treat All Muslims as Potential Terrorists,” *The Monkey Cage*

Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Fellowship, UE, 2019-2020 (\$847)

Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence 2019 Teaching Conference Grant (\$600)

Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Fellowship, UE, 2018-2019 (\$1,020)

Art, Research, and Teaching Grant, UE, 2018-2019 (\$1,000)

Global Scholar Award, Institute for Global Enterprise, University of Evansville (UE), 2016-2017 (\$2,500)

Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Fellowship, UE, 2016-2017 (\$1,000)

Notre Dame International Security Center Book Conference Grant, 2016 (\$2,500)

Alumni Research and Scholarly Activity Fellowship, UE, 2015-2016 (\$1,020)

Departmental Research Fellow, University of Notre Dame (ND), Summer 2011

Departmental Dissertation Year Fellowship, ND, 2010-2011

Joseph F. Downes Memorial Grant to Attend Seminars and Workshops, ND, Summer 2009 (\$1,000)

Graduate Student Professional Development Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, ND,
Summer 2009 (\$500)

Departmental Research Fellow, ND, Summer 2008

Departmental Research Fellow, ND, Summer 2007

Graduate Scholarship and Fellowship, ND, Fall 2006-Spring 2010, Fall 2011-Spring 2013

Invited Talks and Media Appearances

“1869: The Cornell University Press Podcast,” May 2020 (coming soon)

“Brad Byrd InDEPTH: COVID-19 and the Election,” WEHT/ABC Eyewitness News, April 27, 2020

“*Twilight of the Titans*: Authors Meet Critics,” Roundtable Discussion at the ISSS-IS Annual Conference,
Purdue University, November 2018

“Local Connections to Reported Russian Election System Hack,” WNIN 88.3FM NPR, June 8, 2017

“USI Grad on Mission to Help Refugees,” WEHT/ABC Eyewitness News, January 31, 2017

“Political Science Professor at UE Weighs-in on Possible Outcomes of Immigration Order,” WFIE
14News, January 30, 2017

“Inside the Community with Richard Maass,” WEVV 44News This Morning, discussing U.S. foreign
policy and the new administration, January 19, 2017

“Discrimination and Counterterrorism in Syria,” Scholars for Syria Speaker Series, University of
Evansville, March 17, 2016

“Salami Tactics and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations,” Owensboro Area World Affairs Council,
March 15, 2016

“Salami Tactics and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations,” Department of Political Science, University of
Kentucky, March 9, 2016

“Lunch with the League,” League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana, discussing foreign policy
positions of the 2016 presidential candidates, March 8, 2016

“Even in Peaceful Communities, Muslims Feel More Vulnerable,” by Bruce Schreiner and Tammy
Webber, *Associated Press*, December 5, 2015

“Crossing International Borders: Myanmar, Paris, Syria and ISIS,” *The Trend* on WNIN 88.3FM NPR,
November 20, 2015

“Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and Dimensions of Wellness,” Honors Tea, University of Evansville,
November 11, 2015

“Salami Tactics and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations,” Andiron Lecture, University of Evansville,
November 4, 2015

Invited Talks and Media Appearances (continued)

- [“Moderate Muslims Counter ISIS Propaganda With Their Own Media Strategy,”](#) NPR Morning Edition, July 27, 2015
- [“Dr. Richard Maass Talks to Brad Byrd about the ISIS Threat,”](#) WEHT/ABC Eyewitness News, September 10, 2014
- “Putin’s Salami Tactics, Annexation and Ukraine,” Works-in-Progress (WiP) series co-sponsored by the Caucasus Research Resource Centers, American Councils for International Education, and the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, June 2014
- [“Can Russia’s Military Strategy in Ukraine Backfire?”](#) DEFCON 3 with K.T. McFarland, Fox News Live, March 5, 2014
- “To Conquer Land or People: The Peculiar Pattern of American Annexationism,” PSAC, Department of Government, Cornell University, February 2014
- “Life After NATO: A Look at Afghanistan Post-2014,” Cornell International Affairs Review (CIAR), Cornell University, November 2013
- “China-U.S.-Russia: A Modern Complexity,” CIAR, Cornell University, November 2013

Additional Research Training

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, Summer 2009

TEACHING

University of Evansville, Department of Law, Politics, and Society

- Introduction to International Relations:* Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring/Fall 2015-2017, Fall 2014 (~35-student lecture/discussion)
- International Law & Organization:* Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015 (~15-student seminar)
- Terrorism and Counterterrorism:* Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014 (~15-student seminar)
- International Security:* Fall 2019, Fall 2016, Spring 2015 (~15-student seminar)
- U.S. Foreign Policy:* Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2014 (~25-student lecture/discussion)
- Historical and Contemporary Political Thought:* Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2015 (~15-student seminar)
- Research Methods in Political Science:* Spring 2018, Spring 2017 (~15-student seminar)
- Senior Seminar in Political Science:* Fall 2017 (~10-student seminar)
- ChangeLab: Designing an Anti-Bullying Board Game,* Spring 2019 (5-student workshop via videoconference)

Harlaxton College

- Introduction to International Relations,* Spring 2019 (10-student seminar)
- Terrorism and Counterterrorism,* Spring 2019 (6-student seminar)
- U.S. Foreign Policy,* Spring 2019 (10-student seminar)
- ChangeLab: Designing an Anti-Bullying Board Game,* Spring 2019 (2-student workshop)

Cornell University, Department of Government

- Terrorism,* Spring 2014 (100-student lecture)
- Comparative Foreign Policy,* Spring 2014 (18-student seminar)
- American Foreign Policy,* Fall 2013 (27-student lecture/discussion)
- Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies,* Fall 2013 (32-student lecture/discussion)

University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science

- U.S. Foreign Policy,* Spring 2013 (34-student lecture/discussion)
- Terrorism and Counterterrorism,* Spring 2013 (18-student seminar)
- International Security,* Fall 2012 (45-student lecture)
- Power and Conquest in the Modern World,* Fall 2012 (18-student seminar)

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs

Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis, Summer 2010 (30-student master's-level course)

Research Design, Summer 2010 (30-student master's-level course)

Research Methods, Summer 2010 (30-student master's-level course)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

On War, Professor Sebastian Rosato, Spring 2012 (review session, grading)

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Sebastian Rosato, Fall 2011 (discussion sections, grading)

International Political Economy, Professor Regina Baker, Spring 2010 (review, grading)

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Dan Lindley, Fall 2009 (in-class debate, review, grading)

Intelligence and National Security Decision-making, Professor Michael Desch, Spring 2009 (lecture, grading)

U.S. Foreign Policy, Professor Michael Desch, Fall 2008 (guest lecture, review, grading)

War and the Nation-state, Professor Keir Lieber, Spring 2008 (review, grading)

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Keir Lieber, Fall 2007 (sections, review, grading)

Additional Teaching Experience

"Research Design and Research Methods in the Social Sciences," 2-day workshop co-sponsored by the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus and Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, Summer 2019

Phillips Exeter Academy, co-taught *The United Nations* and *Advanced Physics*, Summer 2006

Choate Rosemary Hall, co-taught *Phenomenal Physics* and *Bridge Building*, Summer 2005

Additional Pedagogical Training

Teaching & Learning Conference at APSA, 2019, Simulations & Games working group track

New Faculty Development Working Group, Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Evansville, 2014-2015

Effective and Exciting Teaching in the Social Sciences, Professor George Lopez, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2008

Independent Studies Supervised

"Economic Interdependence and State Stability," senior thesis by Jonathon Hoernschemeyer (University of Evansville [UE], Fall 2019)

"Human Rights Treaties and Human Rights Violations," senior thesis by Nicholas Shulse (UE, Fall 2019)

"A Dangerous Frontier: Explaining Levels of Terrorism in Sub-Saharan Africa," senior thesis for Kurt Kurman (UE, Fall 2018)

"Post-Cold War U.S. Military Intervention Planning: The Cost of Multilateralism," senior thesis for Grace Myer, winner of the 2017 Arthur B. Aarstad Scholar Award (UE, Fall 2017)

"Intergovernmental Organizations and Civil War Recurrence, 1993-2004," senior thesis for Kindrea Wilson (UE, Fall 2017)

"Assessing the Impact and Influence of U.S. Intervention Intensity in the Post-Cold War Period on Human Development and Political Freedom in Invaded Nations," senior thesis for Joshua Easton (UE, Fall 2017)

"International Factors in Nation-Building," senior thesis for Joseph Estes (UE, Fall 2015)

"The Nuclear Attitude," senior thesis for Levon Gibson (UE, Fall 2015)

"Terrorism" with Ph.D. candidate Caitlin Mastroe (Cornell, Spring 2014)

"Realism and Ideology in Nazi Foreign Policy" with undergraduate Mingming Koh (Cornell, Fall 2013)

"The Dark Side of Democratic Foreign Policy" with undergraduates Christopher Newton and Katherine Gordon (Notre Dame, Spring 2013)

Teaching Awards

Leadership in Teaching Excellence Award, Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Evansville, 2019-2020
Teaching Development Certificate, Eykamp Center, University of Evansville, 2019-2020
Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Kaneb Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Notre Dame, 2012-2013
Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Kaneb Center, Notre Dame, 2009-2010
“Advanced Teaching Scholar” Certificate, Kaneb Center, Notre Dame, Spring 2010
“Striving for Excellence in Teaching” Certificate, Kaneb Center, Notre Dame, Fall 2008

Teaching-Related Scholarship

“Research and Role Play: Pairing Simulations with Research Projects for Cumulative Learning,” manuscript in progress
“[Teaching the American Empire Debate](#),” H-Diplo Teaching Roundtable XXI-20, December 2019
“Learning By Doing: Simulations in the Classroom,” Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence Lunch & Learn workshop, University of Evansville, October 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University Service

Chair, Faculty Professional Affairs Committee, University of Evansville (UE), Fall 2019-present, Summer-Fall 2018, Summer-Fall 2017
Member, Faculty Professional Affairs Committee, UE, 2015-present
Member, Academic Services Committee, UE, 2015-present
New Faculty Mentor, UE, 2019-2020, 2018-2019, 2016-2017
Commencement Marshall, UE, 2015-present
Faculty Advisor, UNICEF Campus Initiative student organization, UE, 2018-present
Faculty Advisor, Independent Political Forum student organization, UE, 2017-present
Member, Ad Hoc Committee for the Evaluation of Student Course Evaluations, UE, Spring 2017
International Relations Field Representative, Department of Political Science Graduate Student Organization, University of Notre Dame, 2008-2009

Peer Reviewer

American Political Science Review, Journal of Peace Research, Review of International Political Economy, Terrorism and Political Violence, CQ Press, Routledge

Conference Service

Discussant, “Foreign Policy Decision-Making,” Junior Scholar Symposium, ISA, Honolulu, March 2020 (canceled by coronavirus but comments transmitted online)
Chair, “Global Order and U.S. Hegemony under President Trump,” ISSS-IS, Purdue University, November 2018
Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences (IASS) 2015 Annual Meeting, Evansville, IN, October 2015
Chair, Social Sciences Poster Session 3, IASS, Evansville, IN, October 2015
Chair, “Determinants of U.S. Foreign Policy after 9/11: American Exceptionalism or Domestic Interests?” ISA, Toronto, March 2014
Discussant, “Regional Dynamics in IR,” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2012
Discussant, “Analyzing Nuclear Proliferation,” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2010
Discussant, “Realist Theory and Foreign Policy,” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2009