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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Tulane University, Department of Political Science, 2019-present  
Associate Professor, Tulane University, Department of Political Science, 2012-present  
Assistant Professor, Tulane University, Department of Political Science, 2008-2012  
Assistant Professor of National Security Affairs, US Naval War College, 2005-08  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Tulane University, Department of Political Science, 2004-05  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security, Ohio State University,  
2003-04

## EDUCATION

PhD, 2003, University of Maryland, College Park, Department of Government and Politics  
*Fields of Study:* International Relations, Comparative Politics  
BA, 1994, University of Notre Dame, History, *Magna cum Laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

*Psychology of a Superpower: Security and Dominance in U.S. Foreign Policy*, Columbia University Press, 2018  
*Making Foreign Policy Decisions: A Presidential Briefing Book*, Transactions Press, 2015  
*The Pathologies of Power: Fear, Honor, Glory and Hubris in U.S. Foreign Policy*, Cambridge University Press, 2013  
*Dangerous Times? The International Politics of Great Power Peace*, Georgetown University Press, 2010  
*Losing Hurts Twice as Bad: The Four Stages to Moving Beyond Iraq*, W.W. Norton, 2008

## *Journal Articles*

- "Pessimism and Nostalgia in the Second Nuclear Age," *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Spring 2019), 12-41.
- "Restraining Rome: Lessons in Grand Strategy from Emperor Hadrian," *Survival*, Vol. 60, No. 4 (August-September 2018), 123-150.
- "Unipolarity, Hegemony and the New Peace," *Security Studies*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (Fall 2017), 423-451.
- "Misreading the Enemy," *Survival*, Vol. 57, No. 5 (October-November 2015), 149-172.
- "On Heartlands and Chessboards: Classical Geopolitics, Then and Now," *Orbis*, Vol. 59, No. 2 (Spring 2015), 233-248.
- "Threatlessness and US Grand Strategy," *Survival*, Vol. 56, No. 5 (October-November 2014), 43-68.
- with David Burbach, "The Coming Stability? The Decline of Warfare in Africa and the Implications for International Security," *Contemporary Security Policy*, Vol. 35, No. 3 (Fall 2014), 421-445.
- "Free Riding or Restraint? Examining European Grand Strategy," *Comparative Strategy*, Vol. 30, No. 4 (Fall 2011), 316-332.
- "Threat and Anxiety in US Foreign Policy," *Survival*, Vol. 52, No. 2 (April-May 2010), 59-82.
- "Freedom Fighters and Zealots: Al Qaeda in Historical Perspective," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 124, No. 2 (Summer 2009), 269-296.
- "Dangerous Revisionism: On the Founders, Neocons and Importance of History," *Orbis*, Vol. 53, No. 3 (Summer 2009), 507-523.
- "Credibility and the War on Terror," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 122, No. 4 (Winter 2007-08), 607-633. Reprinted in Robert Jervis and Loren Kands, eds., *The Future of U.S. Foreign Policy*, Academy of Political Science Press, 2008.
- "On the Consequences of Failure in Iraq," *Survival*, Vol. 49, No. 4 (Winter 2007-08), 83-98.
- "A Revolution in International Relations Theory: Or, What if Mueller is Right?" *International Studies Review*, Vol. 8, No. 4 (December 2006), 677-697.
- "Evaluating IR's Crystal Balls: How Predictions of the Future have Withstood Fourteen Years of Unipolarity," *International Studies Review*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (Spring 2004), 79-104.
- "Revisiting Mackinder and Angell: The Obsolescence of Great Power Geopolitics," *Comparative Strategy*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (April 2003), 109-129.
- "War as Catalyst: Moving World War II to the Center of Holocaust Scholarship," *Journal of Genocide Research*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (June 2003), 225-236.

“Sir Halford Mackinder, Geopolitics and Policymaking in the 21st Century,” *Parameters*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Summer 2000), 58-71. Reprinted in two parts in the Taiwanese *National Defense Digest*, Vol. 27, Nos. 8 and 9 (August and September 2000).

### *Book Chapters*

“The Presidency is What Trump Makes of It,” in J.L. Black & Michael Johns, eds., *The New World (Dis)Order*, Lexington Press, 2019 (forthcoming).

“The United States,” in Michael Clarke, Matthew Sussex, Tim Legrand, and Adam Henschke, eds., *Palgrave Handbook on National Security*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2019 (forthcoming).

“Threats and Dangers in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” in Derek S. Reveron, Nikolas K. Gvosdev and John A. Cloud, eds., *Oxford Handbook of U.S. National Security*, Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Geopolitics, Geography and War,” in William Thompson, ed., *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2017.

“Fear Appeals’ and Security in American Foreign Relations,” in Patrick J. Carroll, Robert M. Arkin, and Aaron Wichman, eds., *The Handbook of Personal Security*, Psychology Press (Taylor and Francis), 2015.

“Delusions of Danger: The Persistence of Geopolitical Fear in U.S. Foreign Policy,” in Christopher Preble, ed., *Dangerous World? Threat Perception and U.S. National Security*, Cato Institute Press, 2014.

“Al Qaeda,” in Joel Krieger, ed., *The Oxford Companion to International Relations*, Oxford University Press, 2014.

“Is Oil Worth Fighting For? Evidence from Three Cases,” in Shlomi Dinar, ed., *Beyond Resource Wars: Scarcity, Environmental Degradation, and International Cooperation*, MIT Press, 2011.

“No Blood for Oil: Why Resource Wars are Obsolete,” in Gal Luft, ed., *Energy Security: Challenges for the 21st Century*, Greenwood Publishing, 2009.

“The Fergana Valley,” in Derek Reveron and Jeffrey Stevenson Murer, eds., *Flashpoints in the War on Terrorism*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.

“The Warrior-Diplomats in the Foreign Policy Process,” in Derek Reveron, ed., *America's Viceroy: The Military and U.S. Foreign Policy*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.

### *Other Publications*

Regular blogger for *Psychology Today*, beginning May 2018

Review of William J. Brenner, *Confounding Powers: Anarchy and International Society from the Assassins to Al Qaeda*, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 132, No. 4 (Winter 2017-18), 786-787

- Review of Reveron, Owens and Gvosdev, *US Foreign Policy and Defense Strategy: The Evolution of an Incidental Superpower*, in H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, October 2017, <https://issforum.org/essays/33-incidenta>
- Review of *Choosing War: Presidential Decisions in the Maine, Lusitania, and Panay Incidents* by Douglas Carl Peifer, *Michigan War Studies Review*, April 2017
- Review of Blackwill and Harris, *War by Other Means: Geoeconomics and Statecraft*, in H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, December 2016, <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=47497>
- "Is Michael Flynn Trump's Machiavelli?" *The National Interest* blog, November 29, 2016, <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/michael-flynn-donald-trumps-machiavelli-18544?page=show>
- "Don't Blame NATO for Libya," *The National Interest* blog, October 23, 2016, <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/dont-blame-nato-libya-18152?page=show>
- "Geopolitics, Then and Now," *NGA Pathfinder*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (2016), 10-11.
- "Joe Biden, the Realist, for President?" *The National Interest* blog, September 27, 2015, available at <http://www.nationalinterest.org/feature/joe-biden-the-realist-president-13947>
- "Relabeling: How to Diminish Armenian-Turkish Tensions," *The National Interest* blog, April 15, 2015, available at <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/relabeling-how-diminish-armenian-turkish-tensions-12725>
- "What's Really Stalling the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process," *Los Angeles Times*, April 28, 2014.
- Review of Gregory D. Miller, *The Shadow of the Past: Reputation and Military Alliances Before the First World War*, in *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (December 2012), 1130-1131.
- Review of Mitchell D. Silber, *The Al Qaeda Factor: Plots Against the West*, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 127, No. 4 (Winter 2012-13), 718-719.
- "Afghanistan and the Karzai Connection," *Los Angeles Times*, June 6, 2012.
- "The World is Actually Safer than It Used to Be ... And It Keeps Getting Safer," History News Network, September 30, 2011, available at <http://hnn.us/articles/142159.html>.
- Review of James F. Dobbins's *After the Taliban: Nation-Building in Afghanistan*, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 124, No. 2 (Summer 2009), 358-359.
- "Post-Traumatic Iraq Syndrome," *Los Angeles Times*, June 12, 2007.
- "With Guerrilla Warfare Come Atrocities, Torture," *Baltimore Sun*, June 13, 2006.
- "When People Elect the Wrong Leaders: The United States and Elections in Algeria, 1991-92," Georgetown Institute for the Study of Diplomacy Pew Case Study No. 277, 2005.

“Elephant and Whale Colliding: The Berlin Blockade and the Beginning of the Cold War.” Center for International Development and Conflict Management, Project ICONS, 2004. Case study for the undergraduate classroom.

“The Politics of National Security: The ‘Stealth Tank’ Hearings.” Center for International Development and Conflict Management, Project ICONS, 2003. Case study for the undergraduate classroom.

Group Assessments, Ethnic Groups of Russia and the Caucasus, Minorities at Risk Project, University of Maryland, 2001-2002.

Review of Luis Martin’s *Algerian Disaster, Western Disgrace: The Algerian Civil War, 1990-1998* in *Low Intensity Conflict and Law Enforcement*, Vol. 98, No. 1 (Spring 2000).

### **INVITED TALKS**

“Psychology of a Superpower,” Cato Institute, May 14, 2018

“Unipolarity, Hegemony and the New Peace,” Virginia Military Institute, March 8, 2017

“Warfare in Africa, and its Relation to US Foreign Policy Beliefs,” Transcending Our Origins: Violence, Humanity, and the Future,” Arizona State University, April 5, 2014

“Delusions of Danger,” Cato Institute, October 24, 2013

“The Power of Nightmares: Fear in U.S. Foreign Policy,” Mershon Center for International Security, Ohio State University, February 21, 2013

“Examining European Grand Strategy,” U.S. Naval War College, January 5, 2012

“Losing Hurts,” Center for Global Affairs, New York University, November 20, 2008

“Balancing Power and Threat: Geopolitics in a World Free of Major War,” Mackinder Forum of the Naval War College, Newport, RI, May 20, 2002

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Research Support Grant, Charles Koch Foundation, \$22,800, 2018

Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award, Tulane University, 2013

Honor’s Professor of the Year, Tulane University, 2011

Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Competition, International Studies Association, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, May 2001

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Tulane University, 2004-05, 2008-18: International Security, American Foreign Policy, Strategy and Policy, Introduction to International Relations, War in Film, National Security Policy in Film, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Political Development

Tulane in Dublin, Summer 2018: The Troubles in Northern Ireland and The Irish

## Diaspora

Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, Summer 2009: Introduction to Western Civilization

US Naval War College, 2005-2008 (2013-14): Strategy, Security and Forces; Military Strategy; Strategy and Theater Security; Theater Security Decision Making (Security Strategies/Policy Analysis/Leadership – College of Distance Education, 2013-14)

Ohio State University, Winter 2004: The United States and the World

George Washington University, 2002-2003: U.S. Foreign Policy

US Naval Academy, 2001-2003: National Security Decision Making, U.S. Foreign Policy

University of Maryland, Winter 2001: Introduction to International Politics

## **OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Program on Global Security and Disarmament (PGSD), Research Assistant, 1998-2003

Minorities at Risk (MAR) project, Research Team Co-Leader, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, College Park, 2001-2002

Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, Intern, Washington DC, Summer 1999

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

“Perception and Misperception in Asymmetric Politics,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2018

“The Horror of Nuclear: Pessimism and Nostalgia in the Second Nuclear Age,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2018

“Unipolarity and the Enemy Image,” International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 2016

“Unipolarity, Hegemony and the New Peace,” International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 2016

“The Case for Technological Optimism: Science, Barbarism and International Society,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2014

“On Heartlands and Chessboards: Classical Geopolitics, Then and Now,” International Studies Association, Toronto, CA, March 2014

“Anarchy Never Came: The Decline of African Warfare and Its Implications for National Security,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2013

“Superpower as Superhero: Hubris in U.S. Foreign Policy,” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2012

“Revisiting the Kingpin Strategy: The Death of Bin Laden and the End of the War on Terror,” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2012

- “Superpower as Superhero: Hubris in U.S. Foreign Policy,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2011
- “The Glory that Is America: Hypercompetitiveness and U.S. Foreign Policy,” International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2011
- “Free Riding or Restraint? Examining the Grand Strategy of Europe and Japan,” International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2011
- “Where Are the Warriors? Honor and Conflict in the Twenty-First Century,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010
- “The Unnecessary Sheriff: Grand Strategy for a Golden Age,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2010
- “Madmen in Authority: Threats, Pathology and Grand Strategy,” International Society of Political Psychology, Dublin, Ireland, July 2009
- “Political Pathology and US Foreign Policy,” International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 2009
- “A Brief History of the Future of International Politics,” International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 2009
- “Grand Strategy after Iraq: Restraint and Its Critics,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2008
- “On Freedom Fighters and Zealots: A Simple, Useful Typology of Terrorism,” International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March 2007
- “Examining the Chessboard: A Century of International Political Geography,” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2007
- “Terrorism in the Fergana Valley,” Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, October 2006
- “Misunderstanding Terrorism: The War in Strategic Perspective,” Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, October 2006
- “The Need for Enemies: Exploring the Connections between Power and Paranoia,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006
- “Resolute Eagle or Paper Tiger? Credibility, Reputation and the War on Terror,” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2005
- “When the People Elect the Wrong Leaders: The United States and Elections in Algeria, 1991-92,” International Studies Association, Montreal, March 2004
- “Militarizing Diplomacy: CINCs and U.S. Foreign Policy,” International Studies Association, Montreal, March 2004
- “*Quo Vadis* Major War?” International Studies Association, Portland, OR, February 2003
- “Revisiting Mackinder and Angell: The Obsolescence of Great Power Geopolitics,” International Studies Association, Portland, OR, February 2003
- “Is Oil Worth Fighting For? On the Geopolitics and Geo-Economics of the Persian Gulf,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2002

“Central Asia as *Tabula Rasa*: A Case Study in the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy,”  
International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 2001

“Great Games on the New Silk Road: Analogy and Models in the Formation of U.S. Foreign  
Policy Toward Central Asia,” New England Political Science Assn, Hartford, CT, May  
2000

“The War as Catalyst: Moving World War II to the Center of Holocaust Scholarship,” 20th  
Annual Conference on the Holocaust, Millersville, PA, April 2000

“Sir Halford Mackinder, Geopolitics and Policymaking in the 21st Century,” International  
Studies Association, Los Angeles, CA, March 2000

“The Benevolent Empire? U.S. Grand Strategy at Century's End,” New York State Political  
Science Association, Queens, NY, May 1999

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept of Political Science, 2012-2018

Chair, International Relations Search Committee, 2010-2011

Chair, International Relations Search Committee, 2012-2013

Chair, International Relations Search Committee (Corasiniti-Zondorak Chair), 2016-2017

Interim Editor, Presidential Briefing Book Series, Transactions Press, 2013-2015

President of the Board, World Affairs Council of New Orleans, 2011-present

Associate Fellow, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security

Article Reviewer for *Security Studies*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Review of International  
Studies*, *Comparative Strategy*, *Millennium*

Professional Association Memberships: American Political Science Association,  
International Studies Association, Southern Political Science Association,  
International Society of Political Psychology

### **NATIONAL MEDIA APPEARANCES**

National Public Radio: *On Point*, *To the Point*, *Weekend Edition*

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