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Education

Ph.D., Government, Georgetown University, December 2014
Dissertation topic: "Divided States: How Bargaining at Home Affects U.S. Foreign Policy"
Adviser: Professor Andrew Bennett

M.A., Politics, University College Dublin, 2005

B.A., Political Science and History, Indiana University, 2004

Professional Employment

Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts (Amherst, Mass.), Department of Political Science and Legal Studies, Fall 2015–present.

Visiting Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor, Dickinson College (Carlisle, Pa.), Department of Political Science and International Studies, Fall 2014–Spring 2015.

Research

Book Manuscript (In Preparation)

Divided States: The Making of Informal Institutions and U.S. Foreign Policy

Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

"Defending Hierarchy from the Moon to the Indian Ocean: Symbolic Capital and Political Dominance in Early Modern China and the Cold War." With Daniel Nexon. 2018. *International Organization* 72(3): 591-626.

"Beyond Anarchy: Logics of Political Organization, Hierarchy, and International Structure." With Daniel Nexon and Meghan McConaughy. 2018. *International Theory* 10(2): 181-218.

"Synthetic Experiences: How Popular Culture Matters for Images of International Relations." 2017. With J. Furman Daniel. *International Studies Quarterly* 61(3): 503-516.

"The Global Transformation: More than Meets the Eye." With Daniel Nexon. 2016. *International Theory* 8(3):436-447.

"Oil, Autocratic Survival, and the Gendered Resource Curse: When Inefficient Policy is Politically Expedient." With Yu-Ming Liou. 2016. *International Studies Quarterly* 60(3): 440-456.

"Fair And Balanced? Experimental Evidence on Bias in Grading." With Mark Carl Rom. 2015. *American Politics Research* 43(3): 536-554.

"Refining the Oil Curse: Country-Level Evidence from Exogenous Variations in Resource Income." With Yu-Ming Liou. 2014. *Comparative Political Studies* 47(11): 1558-83. (Received Frederick Hartmann Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, ISA-Northeast, 2012.)

"Political Bias in Grading: Identifying Problems, Proposing Solutions." With Mark Carl Rom. 2014. *Journal of Political Science Education* 10(2): 136–54.

"The Making of the Pundit, 2010: When Strong Ties Trump Weak Ones." 2012. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45(2): 265–9.

"A Primitive Method of Enforcing the Law': Vigilantism as a Response to Bank Crimes in Indiana, 1925–1933." 2006. *Indiana Magazine of History* 102(3): 187–219.

Chapters

"States of Empire: Liberal Ordering and Imperial Relations." 2013. With Daniel Nexon. In Tim Dunne and Trine Flockhart (Eds.), *Liberal World Orders* (Oxford UP/British Academies).

"American Liberalism and the Imperial Temptation." 2013. With Daniel Nexon. In Noel Parker (Ed.), *Empire and International Order* (Ashgate).

"The Highs and Lows of Support for Marijuana Legalization Among White Americans." 2013. With Clyde Wilcox. In Katherine Tate, James Lance Taylor, and Mark Q. Sawyer (Eds.), *Something's in the Air: Race, Crime, and the Legalization of Marijuana* (Routledge).

Working Papers

"Asymmetry, Hierarchy, and the Ecclesiastes Trap" (Review essay, revise-and-resubmit at *International Studies Review*)

"Taking Parties Seriously: American Party Development Meets American Hegemony" (Part of a special issue submission currently conditionally accepted at *Security Studies*)

"The Missing Links: When Congress Won't Let Presidents Link Issues In International Negotiations" (Revise-and-resubmit at *Presidential Studies Quarterly*)

"Bringing The State Police Back In: Explaining the Diffusion of Statewide Policing Agencies, 1905–41" (Being revised for submission)

"The Myth of the Tripwire Effect: Forward Military Deployments and U.S. Public Support for War" (with Steven Ward; under review)

"Federation of Liberty: International Society and Hierarchy Among United States"

"Solving the Energy Security Dilemma: Why International Oil Politics are Cooperative, Not Conflictual" (with Yu-Ming Liou; currently being revised for submission)

"Highly Polarized or Sorted at the Grassroots? What Public Opinion Toward Marijuana Legalization Suggests About the Mechanism of Issue Evolution" (With Clyde Wilcox; being revised for submission)

"The Resource Purse: Resource Endowments and State Formation" (with Luis Felipe Mantilla Rehder and Yu-Ming Liou; being revised for submission)

Articles (Non-Peer-Reviewed)

"Teaching Counterfactuals From Hell." With Anjali Kaushlesh Dayal. 2018. *Peace Review*. 30: 23–31.

"The Grim Fantasia of a Civilizational War." *Cato Unbound*, online 8 February 2017.

"The Imitation Game: Why Don't Rising Powers Innovate Their Militaries More?" With Yu-Ming Liou and J. Furman Daniel. 2015. *The Washington Quarterly* 38(3): 157–174.

"Singularity or Aberration? A Response to Buzan and Lawson." With Daniel Nexon. 2013. *International Studies Quarterly* 57(3): 637–9.

"Coming Attractions: An in-class group exercise for teaching theoretical concepts," *The Political Science Educator*, Spring 2011.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Institutions Curse: Natural Resources, Politics, and Development* by Victor Menaldo (Cambridge University Press, 2016) in *Perspectives on Politics* 16(2): 553-555.

Review of *The Fix: How Nations Survive and Thrive in a World in Decline* by Jonathan Tepperman (Tim Duggan, 2016) in *Governance* 31(1): 192-193.

Review of *Diplomacy and the Making of World Politics* edited by Ole Jacob Sending, Vincent Pouliot, and Iver B. Neumann (Cambridge University Press, 2015) in *International Studies Review* 19(2): 318-320.

Review of *Petro-Aggression* by Jeff Colgan (Cambridge University Press, 2015) in *Energy Research & Social Science* 6: 167-168.

Review of *The Rise of Global Powers: International Politics in the Era of the World Wars* by Anthony D'Agostino in *Political Science Quarterly* 127(4): 730-731.

Public Commentary

"Conspiracy theories are for losers. QAnon is no exception." *The Washington Post*. Online, 2 August 2018.

"How do we know if U.S. troops in South Korea are a viable tripwire? A new survey suggests it's not that simple." With Steve Ward. *The Monkey Cage* on *The Washington Post*. Online, 8 June 2018.

"Theorizing about the Trump administration has become our national pastime." *The Washington Post*. Online, 15 May 2018.

"Seven Reasons We Use Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI)." With Sebastian Karcher. *The Duck of Minerva*. Online, 15 May 2018.

"What 'The West Wing' Tells Us About the West Wing". With J. Furman Daniel. *The Monkey Cage* on *The Washington Post*. Online, 22 January 2018.

"There Is No Secret Master Plan. Trump is the WYSIWYG President." *The Washington Post*, online and in print, 3 January 2018.

"Sorry, an Oil Embargo Won't Lead to North Korea's Capitulation". *The Diplomat*, online, 9 September 2017.

"President Trump Should Stop Tweeting. Now." *The Washington Post*, online, 8 June 2017.

"Democracy Requires Trust. But Trump is Making Us All into Conspiracy Theorists." *The Washington Post*, online 7 March 2017.

"Donald Trump is Normalizing Paranoia and Conspiracy Thinking in U.S. Politics." *The Washington Post*, online 12 January 2017.

"If You're Even Asking if Russia Hacked the Election, Russia Got What it Wanted." *The Washington Post*, online 28 November 2016.

"Why Would Russia Interfere in the U.S. Election? Because It Sometimes Works." *The Washington Post*, online and in print, 26 July 2016.

"Here's Why Saudi Arabia Is Loosening Its Restrictions on Women." With Yu-Ming Liou. *The Monkey Cage* on *The Washington Post*. Online, 27 June 2016.

"The First Nixon Library." *Prologue* 41.2 (Summer 2009).

"In Praise of Patronage," *Slate*, 2 December 2008.

Presentations

Conference Presentations

ISA	2013, 2014, 2016, 2017	APSA	2010, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
SPSA	2013	MPSA	2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017
ISA-Northeast	2012, 2016	ISSS-ISAC	2015

Invited Talks and Lectures

"Memes, Bots, and Tweets: International Relations In the Social Media Age", Texas Tech University, 16 October 2018

"Myths of The Tripwire Effect", Texas Tech University, 16 October 2018

"Federation of Liberty", Boston University, 28 September 2018

"The End of an Elite Consensus? Domestic Political Polarization an US Foreign Policy", Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 27 April 2018

"The Politics of the End of the World," Indiana Political Science Association annual meeting (keynote), 16 March 2018

"Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy", Carleton University (Ottawa), April 2017

Teaching Experience

University of Massachusetts at Amherst

POLSCI 499C/D, Energy & Global Politics (yearlong senior honors thesis seminar), AY 2015-16 and AY 2016-17

POLSCI 390, The Politics of the End of the World, Fall 2018

POLSCI 255, American Foreign Policy, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, and Spring 2018

HONS K391, The Politics of the End of the World (1-credit), Fall 2016

HONS K391, Empire and Politics (1-credit), Fall 2017

Dickinson College

Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2014 and Spring 2015

U.S. Foreign Policy, Spring 2015

History and International Relations, Spring 2015

Energy & Global Politics, Fall 2014

Georgetown University

Fundamentals of Foreign Policy, Summers 2013, 2014 (two sections), and 2015

Introduction to International Relations, Summers 2011, 2012, and 2013

Scope & Methods of Political Science (Quantitative Methods for Honors Students), Spring 2013

Interstellar Relations: Political Science and Science Fiction, Summer 2012

Service

Department Service

International Relations Field Clerk, AY 2017-18, AY 2018-19

Honors Program Director, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18, AY 2018-19

Faculty Advisor to UMass chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honors society, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18, AY 2018-19

Undergraduate Studies Committee, AY 2015-16, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18

Manuscript Reviewer

American Political Science Review
International Studies Quarterly
Security Studies
Journal of Global Security Studies
American Politics Review
PS: Political Science and Politics

American Journal of Political Science
European Journal of International Relations
Comparative Political Studies
Political Studies
Research and Politics

International Organization
Journal of Politics
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of International Development
SAGE Open

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Lilly Teaching Fellowship, UMass Amherst, 2017–18

Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development Flex Grant, UMass Amherst, 2015, 2016, 2017

Department Best Self-Taught Course Teaching Award (awarded jointly with Jennifer R. Dresden for developing Fundamentals of Foreign Policy), Georgetown Government Department, 2014

Research Fellow, Georgetown School of Foreign Service in Qatar, 2013–14

Jill Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Georgetown Government Department, 2012–2013

Best Graduate Paper Award, Georgetown Government Department, 2012

Dissertation Summer Research Grant, Georgetown Government Department, 2011 and 2012

Theodore C. Sorensen Research Fellowship, Kennedy Presidential Library, 2011

Korea Research Grant, Scowcroft Institute on International Affairs, 2011

Archival Research Grant, Ford Presidential Library, 2011

Clogg Fellowship, Inter-University Consortium on Social and Political Research, 2010

Other Professional Experience

Special Assistant to the Director, Richard Nixon Presidential Library, October 2006–November 2009

Oversaw nationally competitive internship programs, managed special projects, and coordinated staff activities at a nonpartisan federal institution run by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Assistant Editor, Foreign Affairs, August 2005–August 2006

Extensively edited articles for a journal of international relations and foreign policy with more than 100,000 subscribers.