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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"*  
*Chair: 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)*

"Cheerleading in Cyberspace: How the American Public Judges Attribution Claims for Cyberattacks." Forthcoming. With Marcelo Mesquita Leal. *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

"Bringing The State Police Back In: Explaining the Diffusion of Statewide Policing Agencies, 1905–41." 2020. *Studies in American Political Development* 34(1): 3–23.

"Democracy and Collective Identity in the European Union and the United States." With Kathleen McNamara. 2020. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 58(1): 172–88.

"The Missing Links: Forging International Issue Linkages in the Presidential Interest." 2019. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49(3): 581–608.

"Asymmetry, Hierarchy, and the Ecclesiastes Trap." 2019. *International Studies Review* 21(2):284–300.

"International Hegemony Meets Domestic Politics: Why Liberals Can Be Pessimists." 2019. *Security Studies* 28(3): 451–78.

"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. (Honorable Mention for the Alexander L. George Article Award from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2019.)

"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." With J. Furman Daniel. 2017. *International Studies Quarterly* 61(3): 503–516. (The subject of a March 2019 *ISQ Online Symposium* entitled "Popular Culture Matters" edited by Meera Sabaratnam.)

"The Global Transformation: More than Meets the Eye." With Daniel Nexon. 2016. *International Theory* 8(3):436–47.

"Oil, Autocratic Survival, and the Gendered Resource Curse: When Inefficient Policy is Politically Expedient." With Yu-Ming Liou. 2016. *International Studies Quarterly* 60(3): 440–56.

"Fair And Balanced? Experimental Evidence on Bias in Grading." With Mark Carl Rom. 2015. *American Politics Research* 43(3): 536–54.

"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

"Highly Polarized or Sorted at the Grassroots? Political Polarization and Cannabis Legalization". 2022. With Clyde Wilcox. In *Stoneover: The Observed Lessons and Unanswered Questions of Cannabis Legalization*. Editors Nikolay Anguelov and Jeffrey Moyer. (Rowman & Littlefield).

"Sharing the End of the World: Students' Perceptions of Their Self-Efficacy in the Creation of Open Access Digital Learning Objects." 2020. With Sarah Hutton and Lisa Di Valentino. In Alexis Clifton and Kimberly Davies Hoffman (Eds.), *Open Pedagogy Approaches: Faculty, Library, and Student Collaborations* (Milne Library/SUNY Geneseo).

"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

"The Elections of Others: U.S. popular support for partisan electoral interventions" (with Dov Levin) (Revise & Resubmit)

"By All Means Necessary? Determinants of partisan electoral interventions and U.S. public support" (with Dov Levin)

"Forward Military Deployments and U.S. Public Support for War" (with Steven Ward)

"Developing the Resource Purse: State Formation, Resource Politics, and Regime Outcomes" (With Luis Felipe Mantilla Rehder and Yu-Ming Liou)

"U.S. Public Opinion, Cybersecurity, and NATO" (With Lindsey Guenther)

"What Makes Cyber Attacks Severe" (With Marcelo Leal)

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

### *Articles (Non-Peer-Reviewed) and Review Essays*

"An Unconventional Alliance." 2021. *The New Rambler* (Online), 31 March.

"Past Presidents, Presidential Legacies, and the Future of the United States." 2020. *Cato Unbound* (Online), 16 November.

"What 'The Cult of the Irrelevant' Neglects (And Gets Right)." 2020. *Political Science Quarterly* 135(1): 131-9.

Introduction (5,000 words) to "Teaching Roundtable 11-6 on The Clash of Civilizations in the IR Classroom". 2019. *H-Diplo/ISSF*. November 6.

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

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

"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." 2011. *The Political Science Educator*, Spring.

### *Policy Papers*

"Imperium in Imperio: Why Chechnya's Internal Empire Makes Russia Fragile." With Meghan McConaughy. 2019. Harriman Institute on Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies.

"Between Two Poles: The Kingdom and U.S. Foreign Policy in an Age of Political Polarization." 2019. King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies.

### *Book Reviews*

*The Price of Prestige: Conspicuous Consumption in International Relations* by Lilach Gilady (University of Chicago Press, 2017) in *Political Science Quarterly* 134(1): 176-78.

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

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

*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.

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

*The Rise of Global Powers: International Politics in the Era of the World Wars* by Anthony D'Agostino (Cambridge University Press, 2012) in *Political Science Quarterly* 127(4): 730-731.

*Public Commentary*

"Richard Nixon's Last Christmas Trick." 2021. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 24 November.

"The Doomed Voyage of Pepsi's Soviet Navy." 2021. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 27 November.

"How Filibusters Moved from Piracy to Congress." 2021. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 19 September.

"There's No Wake-Up Moment on Climate in America." 2021. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 3 September.

"Olympic medals no longer show off nations' cultural power. That's good." 2021. *The Washington Post* (Online and in print), 30 July.

"You Shouldn't Have to Pay for that IR Master's." 2021 *Foreign Policy* (Online), 29 July 2021.

"America's Collapsing Meritocracy Is a Recipe for Revolt." 2021 *Foreign Policy* (Online), 16 July 2021.

"Political Science Has Its Own Lab Leaks." 2021 *Foreign Policy* (Online), 2 July.

"Chernobyl Has Become a Comforting Fable." 2021 *Foreign Policy*, 26 April.

"There's Not Much for the United States Up in Space." 2021 *Foreign Policy*, 12 March.

"The Founding Fathers of International Relations Theory Loved War but Overlooked Sex." 2021 *Foreign Policy*, 14 February.

"America's Currency is as Weirdly Outdated as Its Political Structure." 2021 *Foreign Policy*, 8 February.

"Republican senators want Trump gone. If they say so, they'll be gone, too." 2021. *Washington Post*, 26 January.

"Political Scientists Turned a Blind Eye to America's Democratic Failures." 2021 *Foreign Policy*, 18 January.

"Against Academic Book Reviews." 2021. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 8 January.

"This Is A Coup. Why Were Experts So Reluctant to See It Coming?". 2021. *Foreign Policy*, 6 January.

"The True Meaning of Christmas Movies Is a Cozy American Worldview." 2020. *Foreign Policy*, 24 December.

"The Beautiful, Dumb Dream of McDonald's Peace Theory." 2020. *Foreign Policy*, 27 November.

"Trump's presidential library will be a shrine to his ego." 2020. *Washington Post* (Online and in print), 22 November.

"Moving to Canada Won't Save You from Trump." 2020. *Slate*, 28 October.

"Busy Work: Trump's Secret Political Weapon: Wasting His Opponents' Time." 2020. *The Washington Post* (Online) and in print (lead Outlook Sunday-section piece), 14 August.

"Trump's Covid-19 Response Shows He Has Given Up on Competition With China That Doesn't Involve Guns and Bombs." 2020. *Business Insider* (Online), 20 July.

"Mikhail Gorbachev's Pizza Hut Thanksgiving Miracle." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 28 November.

"America Is Stuck With a Broken President." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 8 October.

"The U.S. Tried to Fix Ukraine's Government. We Exported Our Corruption, Instead." 2019. *The Washington Post* (Online and print), 29 September.

"Don't Expect John Bolton's Abrupt Departure To Change Much about Trump's Foreign Policy." 2019. *The Monkey Cage on The Washington Post* (Online), 10 September.

- "American Imperialists Have Always Dreamed of Greenland." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 16 August.
- "Plato and Proust Can't Solve Silicon Valley's Problems." 2019. *The Washington Post* (Online and print), 15 August.
- "America the Mediocre." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 15 August.
- "John Bolton Is Warning Of A 'Clash Of Civilizations' With China. Here Are The Five Things You Need To Know." 2019. *The Monkey Cage on The Washington Post* (Online), 18 July.
- "Trump Bends Over to Kiss the Blarney State." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 2 June.
- "IR Theory and 'Game of Thrones' are Both Fantasies." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 23 May.
- "Universities Aren't Ready for Trade War Casualties." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 19 May.
- "The Slip that Revealed the Real Trump Doctrine." 2019. *Foreign Policy* (Online), 2 May.
- "Why Were Liberals So Desperate To Believe That Mueller Would Save Democracy?" 2019. *The Washington Post* (Online and print), 28 March.
- "Trump's Birthright Citizenship Proposal Isn't Just An Electoral Stunt." With Philip Rocco. 2018. *The Washington Post* (Online), 31 October.
- "Conspiracy Theories Are For Losers. Qanon Is No Exception." 2018. *The Washington Post*. (Online), 2 August.
- "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. 2018. *The Monkey Cage on The Washington Post* (Online), 8 June.
- "Theorizing About The Trump Administration Has Become Our National Pastime." 2018. *The Washington Post*. (Online), 15 May.
- "Seven Reasons We Use Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI)." With Sebastian Karcher. 2018. *The Duck of Minerva*. (Online), 15 May.
- "What 'The West Wing' Tells Us About the West Wing". With J. Furman Daniel. 2018. *The Monkey Cage on The Washington Post* (Online), 22 January.
- "There Is No Secret Master Plan. Trump is the WYSIWYG President." 2018. *The Washington Post*, (Online and print), 3 January.
- "Zheng He's Voyages and the Symbolism Behind Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative." With Daniel Nexon. 2017. *The Diplomat* (Online), 22 December.
- "Sorry, an Oil Embargo Won't Lead to North Korea's Capitulation." With Yu-Ming Liou. 2017. *The Diplomat* (Online), 9 September.
- "President Trump Should Stop Tweeting. Now." 2017. *The Washington Post* (Online), 8 June.
- "Democracy Requires Trust. But Trump is Making Us All into Conspiracy Theorists." 2017. *The Washington Post* (Online), 7 March.
- "Donald Trump is Normalizing Paranoia and Conspiracy Thinking in U.S. Politics." 2017. *The Washington Post* (Online), 12 January.
- "If You're Even Asking if Russia Hacked the Election, Russia Got What it Wanted." 2016. *The Washington Post* (Online), 28 November.
- "Why Would Russia Interfere in the U.S. Election? Because It Sometimes Works." 2016. *The Washington Post* (Online and print), 26 July.

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

"The First Nixon Library." 2009. *Prologue*, 41(2).

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

## Presentations

### *Invited Talks and Lectures*

"Broken Escalator? Forward Military Deployment, Casualties, and Public Support for Escalation", MIT Security Studies Program seminar series, 29 September 2021

"The Elections of Others", Syracuse University Sovereignty, Order and Conflict series, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at Syracuse University, 1 April 2021.

"Popular Images of International Relations", Cato Restraint and Emergent Technology series, the Cato Institute, 23 November 2020.

"Developing the Resource Purse: State Formation, Resource Politics, and Regime Outcomes", Severyns Ravenholt Talk, University of Washington Department of Political Science, 11 October 2019.

"The Foreign Policy of the 'Divided' States of America", King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1 April 2019.

"Federation of Liberty", Georgetown University International Theory And Relations Seminar (GUITARS), 4 February 2019.

"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 and 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), 4 April 2017

### *Conference Presentations*

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| ISA           | 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 | APSA      | 2010, 2011, 2014–19, 2021                |
| SPSA          | 2013, 2022             | MPSA      | 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2020 |
| ISA-Northeast | 2012, 2016             | ISSS-ISAC | 2015                                     |

## Teaching Experience

### *University of Massachusetts at Amherst*

POLISCI 121, World Politics, Fall 2020 (Online), Summer 2021 (Online)

POLISCI 255, American Foreign Policy, Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019; Fall 2020 (Online); Summer 2021 (Online)

POLISCI 390, The Politics of the End of the World, Fall 2018 and Fall 2020 (Online)

POLISCI 394Z, Russian Foreign Policy (Online), Summer 2019

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

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

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

### *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*

Departmental Honors Program Director, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18, AY 2018-19, AY 2020-21, AY 2021-2022

Faculty Advisor to UMass chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honors society, AY 2016-17, AY 2017-18, AY 2018-19, Spring 2021-. (Received Best Chapter Award, enrollment between 15,000 and 25,000 students, from the national office, 2019.)

International Relations Field Clerk, AY2017-18, Fall 2018

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

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| <i>American Political Science Review</i>         | <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>       | <i>International Organization</i>        |
| <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>           | <i>European Journal of International Relations</i> | <i>Journal of Politics</i>               |
| <i>Security Studies</i>                          | <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>               | <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>    |
| <i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i>        | <i>Political Studies</i>                           | <i>International Security</i>            |
| <i>American Politics Review</i>                  | <i>Research &amp; Politics</i>                     | <i>SAGE Open</i>                         |
| <i>PS: Political Science and Politics</i>        | <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>                | <i>International Political Sociology</i> |
| <i>Conflict Management and Political Studies</i> | <i>Journal of International Development</i>        |  |

### *Manuscript Reviewer*

## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

American Political Science Association Centennial Center grant for research on cybersecurity (PI; Marcelo Mesquita Leal, co-PI), summer 2021.

University of Massachusetts Amherst School of Behavioral Sciences Faculty Research Grant, 2020 (\$7,000)

University of Massachusetts Amherst Spotlight Scholar, 2019–20 (“faculty members who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in research, scholarship or creative activity”)

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship, 2019–20, Washington, D.C.

William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies Visiting Scholar, American Political Science Association, September & October 2019

Lilly Teaching Fellowship, UMass Amherst, 2017–18

Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development Flex Grant, UMass Amherst, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020

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