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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, VA, Department of Political Science & Geography:

Associate Professor (2020-present)

- Director (interim), Graduate Program in International Studies (Fall 2025)
- U.S. Foreign Policy Concentration Coordinator, Graduate Program in International Studies

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

Associate Professor (2019-2020), 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

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**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

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### 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? Across 23 detailed case studies 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. Contrary to theories prioritizing the profitability of conquest or histories depicting a clean break between U.S. territorial and commercial expansion, it finds U.S. leaders consistently worried about annexation's domestic political and normative consequences.

### Reviews:

*H-Diplo* (Stacie Goddard, Joseph Parent,

Dale Copeland, Kenneth Schultz,

Bartholomew Sparrow)

*International Affairs* (Hilde Restad)

*Political Science Quarterly* (Jay Sexton)

*Perspectives on Politics* (Paul MacDonald)

### Books (Edited)

*American Exceptionalism  
and U.S. Foreign Policy*

co-edited w/ Hilde Eliassen Restad  
(Georgetown University Press,  
forthcoming January 2027)

This book aims to rejuvenate the study of American exceptionalism and U.S. foreign policy. Conceiving exceptionalism as a meta-narrative rather than an empirical fact, early chapters examine how it relates to familiar concepts including nationalism, liberalism, religion, race, and status. Later chapters explore how exceptionalism has played roles in policy areas including security, economics, international law, and the Global South.

### Authored Chapters:

"American Exceptionalism: The Meta-Narrative of U.S. Foreign Policy"

(w/ Hilde Eliassen Restad)

"Race and American Exceptionalism"

"Conclusion: The Future of American Exceptionalism" (w/ Hilde Eliassen Restad)

### Books (Edited), continued

#### [Alliances and Partnerships in a Complex and Challenging Security Environment](#)

co-edited w/ Regina Karp  
(Norfolk, VA: NATO Allied Command Transformation, 2024)

This compendium of essays was published by NATO during the lead-up to the alliance's 2024 Washington Summit. It brings together insights from participants in the 2024 NATO Academic Conference, hosted by Old Dominion University, on topics including the roles of alliances, the China-Russia partnership, Sub-Saharan Africa, and NATO's out-partnering function.

#### Author Chapter:

"NATO at 75 Years" (w/ Regina Karp)

#### [The United States and International Law: Paradoxes of Support across Contemporary Issues](#)

co-edited w/ Lucrecia García Iommi (University of Michigan Press, 2022)

Why does the United States support international law in some ways while undermining it in others? Using a new 5-part conceptualization of support, this book examines U.S. international legal policies in areas including conquest, international courts, nuclear proliferation, use of force, trade, human rights, war crimes, torture, targeted killings, law of the sea, environmental politics, and cybersecurity.

#### Author Chapters:

"The United States and International Law: Five Dimensions of Support"

(w/ Lucrecia García Iommi)

"Enforcing Territorial Integrity: U.S.

Support for the Prohibition of Conquest in International Law"

"Understanding U.S. Support for International Law"

(w/ Lucrecia García Iommi)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

["Racialization in History and Theory: World War II, Ethiopia, and Colorblindness in International Relations,"](#) *European Journal of International Relations*, OnlineFirst: October 9, 2025 (w/ Robbie Shilliam)

["Legal Deterrence By Denial: Strategic Initiative and International Law in the Gray Zone,"](#) *Texas National Security Review* 8, no. 3 (Summer 2025): 54-73.

["Whitewashing American Exceptionalism: Racialized Subject-Positioning and U.S. Foreign Policy,"](#) *International Studies Quarterly* 68, no. 3 (September 2024): sqae085.

["Racialization and International Security,"](#) *International Security* 48, no. 2 (Fall 2023): 91-126.

["DiploSim: A Flexible Framework for Diplomatic Simulations in International Relations,"](#) *International Studies Perspectives* 24, no. 1 (February 2023): 20-38

["Salami Tactics: Faits Accomplis and International Expansion in the Shadow of Major War,"](#) *Texas National Security Review* 5, no. 1 (Winter 2021/2022): 33-54

["Difficult to Relinquish Territory Which Had Been Conquered': Expansionism and the War of 1812,"](#) *Diplomatic History* 39, no. 1 (January 2015): 70-97

["Groupthink and Terrorist Radicalization,"](#) *Terrorism and Political Violence* 26, no. 5 (October 2014): 735-58 (w/ Eteri Tsintsadze-Maass)

["Political Society and Cicero's Ideal State,"](#) *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History* 45, no. 2 (2012): 79-92

### Other Research Articles

["NATO's Enlargement: An Opportunity to Enhance Collective Resilience,"](#) NATO OPEN Publications 8, no. 6 (2023): 1-24 (w/ Paul Pepi and Jared Sykes)

### Published Scholarly Correspondence

["Correspondence: NATO Non-expansion and German Reunification,"](#) *International Security* 41, no. 3 (Winter 2016/17): 197-200 (w/ Joshua R. Itzkowitz Shiffrinson)

["Correspondence: The Profitability of Primacy,"](#) *International Security* 38, no. 4 (Spring 2014): 188-205 (w/ Carla Norrlof and Daniel W. Drezner)

### Research-Based Online Posts

[“The 51st State That Never Was: Why the United States Didn’t Annex Canada,”](#) *War on the Rocks* (2/14/25)

- **Recognized as #6** on the most-read *War on the Rocks* articles of 2025

[“U.S. Foreign Policy Was Once All About Race. If the U.S. Isn’t Careful, Race May Come Back,”](#) *The Monkey Cage at the Washington Post* (9/23/21, 7:45am)

[“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)

[“Teaching the American Empire Debate,”](#) *H-Diplo Teaching Roundtable XXI-20*, December 2019

[“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, 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)

### Reviews

[Review of Megan Black, “Empire Underground: The Stakes of U.S. Claims to Vertical Power,”](#) *Diplomatic History* 48, no. 4 (2024): 495-519, H-Diplo Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum

[Review of Mark Shirk, \*Making War on the World: How Transnational Violence Reshapes Global Order\*,](#) *Journal of Strategic Security* 15, no. 4 (2022): 129-32

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

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

### Works-in-Progress

[“Saying the Quiet Part Loud: Liberalism, Racialization, and Benign Hegemony”](#) (revise-and-resubmit, *International Political Science Review*)

[“The Strategic Implications of International Norms: The Territorial Integrity Norm in U.S. Foreign Policy”](#) (w/ *Kenneth A. Schultz*, under review)

*Race and Racial Justice in U.S. Foreign Policy* (Routledge, under contract)

[“Space Colonialism: Corporate Activities and International Security Implications”](#) (w/ *Chase Plante*)

[“Racialized Dynamics in Grand Strategy”](#)

### Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Theory Team Lead, Department of Defense Minerva Grant, “Complex Deterrence in an Interconnected World,” (\$119,907 of \$1.67 million project total proposed over 3 years 2026-2028; finalist after passing white paper stage but eliminated when DoD defunded the Minerva program in March 2025)

[Top 40 Under 40 Award](#), *Inside Business (The Virginian-Pilot)*, Norfolk, VA, October 2024

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)

### **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships, continued**

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)  
[Best Post of 2015 Award](#), Online Media Caucus of the International Studies Association (2016), for  
    “Want to Help the Islamic State Recruit? Treat All Muslims as Potential Terrorists,” *The Monkey Cage*  
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

### **Conference Presentations**

“Monroe Doctrine Lawfare,” American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, September 2026  
“Racialized Dynamics and Grand Strategy,” APSA, Boston, September 2026  
“Space Colonialism: Corporate Activities and International Security Implications,” International Studies Association (ISA), Columbus, March 2026  
“Racial Dynamics and Grand Strategy,” ISA, Columbus, March 2026  
“Author Meets Critics: *American Conquest: The Northwest Indian War and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy*,” ISA, Columbus, March 2026  
“Space Colonialism: Corporate Activities and International Security Implications,” International Security Studies Section of ISA and International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA (IS-ISSS) Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2025  
“Racial Dynamics and Grand Strategy,” IS-ISSS, Washington, DC, October 2025  
“Grand Strategy Through Colored Glasses,” Race and International Relations Workshop (R&IR), University of Notre Dame, March 2025  
“The Return of Territorial Conflict: A Grand Strategic Perspective,” ISA, Chicago, March 2025  
“Racialized Liberalism and Benign Hegemony: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Roots of International Order,” ISA, Chicago, March 2025  
“Race and Racism in IR: Advancing Empirical Research,” ISA Workshop, Chicago, March 2025  
“Racialization in History and Theory: World War II and International Relations,” APSA, Philadelphia, September 2024  
“Racialization in History and Theory: World War II and International Relations,” R&IR, Notre Dame, May 2024 (virtual)  
“American Exceptionalism and U.S. Foreign Policy: A Scientific Re-Founding,” ISA, San Francisco, April 2024  
“Territorial Conflict: Occupation and Exit in Contemporary Geopolitics,” ISA, San Francisco, April 2024  
“The Territorial Integrity Norm in U.S. Foreign Policy,” ISA, San Francisco, April 2024  
“The Territorial Integrity Norm in U.S. Foreign Policy,” West Point Security Seminar, West Point, NY, February 2024 (virtual)  
“The Territorial Integrity Norm in U.S. Foreign Policy,” APSA, Los Angeles, September 2023 (virtual)  
“Strategic Initiative and International Law in the Gray Zone,” APSA, Los Angeles, August 2023 (virtual)  
“Whitewashing American Exceptionalism,” R&IR, Notre Dame, May 2023 (virtual)  
“Strategic Initiative and International Law in the Gray Zone,” ISA, Montreal, March 2023 (couldn’t attend due to family emergency, comments transmitted online)

### **Conference Presentations, continued**

- "Whitewashing American Exceptionalism," APSA, Montreal, September 2022
- "Whitewashing American Exceptionalism," ISA, Nashville, April 2022
- "Maintaining International Relations: Constructing a Sustainable U.S. Grand Strategy," ISA, Nashville, April 2022
- "Race and Liberal Foreign Policy," APSA, virtual, October 2021
- "The Benign Hegemon's Dilemma: Racism, Liberalism, and the Roots of International Order," Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), virtual, April 2021
- "American Exceptionalism in the Age of Trump and Beyond," ISA, virtual, April 2021
- "Trump v. International Law? Paradoxes of Support across Contemporary Issues," ISA, virtual, April 2021
- "Salami Tactics: Faits Accomplis and International Expansion in the Shadow of Major War," ISA, virtual, April 2021
- "Salami Tactics: Faits Accomplis and International Expansion in the Shadow of Major War," International Studies Association-Midwest (ISA-Midwest), virtual, November 2020
- "Command and Conquer: Ideologies of Superiority and Democratic Restraint," ISA-Midwest, virtual, September 2020
- "Salami Tactics: Faits Accomplis and International Expansion in the Shadow of Major War," International Studies Association-Northeast, virtual, November 2020
- "Salami Tactics: Faits Accomplis and International Expansion in the Shadow of Major War," International Studies Association-West (ISA-West), virtual, September 2020
- "Command and Conquer: Ideologies of Superiority and Democratic Restraint," ISA-West, virtual, September 2020
- "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," IS-ISSS, Purdue University, November 2018
- "*Twilight of the Titans: Authors Meet Critics*," IS-ISSS, Purdue University, November 2018
- "Annexation: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion," ISA-Midwest, St. Louis, November 2018
- "Annexation: How Democracy and Xenophobia Limited U.S. Territorial Expansion," VI International Scientific Conference, Ivane Javakishvili 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," APSA, San Francisco, August 2017
- "Testing Hypotheses on Great Power Annexation," IPSA, Evansville, March 2017
- "Salami Tactics: Faits Accomplis 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," IS-ISSS, Notre Dame, November 2016
- "Salami Tactics and the Future of U.S.-Russian Relations," IS-ISSS, 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

### **Conference Presentations, continued**

- “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,” 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

### **Invited Talks and Media Appearances**

- NATO Ambassadors Lunch, *World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads*, moderated discussion with Ambassador Anniken Huitfeldt (Norway), Deputy Chief of Mission Takehiro Shimada (Japan), Deputy Chief of Mission Janna van der Velde (Netherlands), and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation Pierre Vandier, April 24, 2026
- “America and the World: Trump 2.0 Foreign Policy,” with Ambassador Piper Campbell and Dr. Susan Colbourn, Great Decisions Series, *World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads*, February 28, 2026
- The Trillion Dollar War Machine* book discussion w/ Ben Freeman, Old Dominion University, February 12, 2026
- “Space Colonialism: Corporate Activities and International Security Implications,” GPIS Research Workshop series, Old Dominion University (ODU), November 2025
- “Early Steps to Prepare for the Job Market,” GPIS Professional Development series, ODU, September 2025
- “Liberalism and Benign Hegemony: How Racialization Shapes the Resonance of Great-Power Legitimation Narratives,” Freie Universität Berlin (virtual participation), May 15-16, 2025
- NATO Ambassadors Lunch, *World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads*, moderated discussion with Ambassador Jesper Møller Sørensen (Denmark), Defense Attaché Juha Helle (Finland), Defense Attaché Taivo Rõkk (Estonia), and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation Pierre Vandier, May 2, 2025
- “La guerre de 1812” by Marc Thibodeau, *La Presse*, April 27, 2025
- “Donald Trump à l’aune de l’histoire” by Marc Thibodeau, *La Presse*, April 27, 2025
- “Why Didn’t the United States Annex Canada in the Past?” *The Insider* podcast @ War on the Rocks, March 13, 2025
- “Racialized Liberalism and Benign Hegemony: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Roots of International Order,” Freie Universität Berlin Virtual Workshop, January 9-10, 2025
- “U.S. Foreign Policy after the 2024 Elections,” *Current Events in Context*, GPIS, ODU, November 13, 2024
- “Racialized Liberalism and Benign Hegemony: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Roots of International Order,” Freie Universität Berlin, May 23-24, 2024
- NATO Ambassadors Lunch, *World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads*, moderated discussion with Ambassadors Audra Plepytė (Lithuania), Andrei Muraru (Romania), Marek Magierowski (Poland), and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation Philippe Lavigne, April 19, 2024

### **Invited Talks and Media Appearances, continued**

- "The 2024 Presidential Election and U.S. Foreign Policy," *Current Events in Context*, GPIS, ODU, February 27, 2024
- "The Prohibition of Conquest in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: What Does a Bedrock UN Principle Look Like after Ukraine and Gaza?" ODU Model UN Conference Faculty Forum, Norfolk, VA, February 2024
- "NATO's Future," Great Decisions Series, *World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads*, January 27, 2024
- "Race, Politics, & International Relations," Boston University, September 15, 2023
- "Israel, Palestine, and Conflict in the Middle East," *Current Events in Context*, GPIS, ODU, October 24, 2023
- "American Foreign and Security Policy after Ukraine," ODU Model UN Conference Faculty Forum, Norfolk, VA, February 2023
- "Salami Tactics: Faits Accomplis and International Expansion in the Shadow of Major War," Center for Security and Strategic Research, National Defence Academy of Latvia, June 20, 2022
- [Conversation Six](#) with Alexander Lanoszka on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, June 1, 2022
- "Biden's Agenda," Great Decisions Series, *World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads*, February 26, 2022
- "War in Europe," Pop-Up Zoom Discussion, GPIS/History Department/Center for Faculty Development, ODU, February 25, 2022
- "International Court of Justice Decision: Maritime Delimitation in the Indian Ocean (Somalia v. Kenya)," *Current Events in Context*, GPIS, ODU, November 3, 2021
- [New Books Network](#), hosted by Grant Golub, September 14, 2021
- [The Past, The Promise, The Presidency: Race & The American Legacy, Episode 8: William McKinley](#), hosted by Lindsay Chervinsky, Sharron Conrad, and Jeffrey Engel, sponsored by the Center for Presidential History at Southern Methodist University, November 2020
- [Teaching World Politics Project](#) interview, organized by Daniel Nexon, August 2020
- "[Hegemon: American Territorial Expansion and the Creation of the Liberal International Order](#)," virtual event with Emma Ashford and Patrick Porter, CATO Institute, July 30, 2020
- "[1869: The Cornell University Press Podcast](#)," Ep. 93 (May 20, 2020)
- "[Brad Byrd InDEPTH: COVID-19 and the Election](#)," WEHT/ABC Eyewitness News, April 27, 2020
- "[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

### **Invited Talks and Media Appearances, continued**

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

“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**

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### **Old Dominion University, Graduate Program in International Studies**

*Law in the International System*: Spring 2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022

*American Foreign Policy and World Order*: Spring 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

*U.S. Grand Strategy*: Fall 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

### **Old Dominion University, Department of Political Science and Geography (undergraduate)**

*International Relations Theory*: Spring 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

*International Law*: Fall 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

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

*Introduction to International Relations*: Fall 2014 – Fall 2020 (all semesters except Spring 2018+2019)

*U.S. Foreign Policy*: Fall 2020, Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2014

*International Law & Organization*: Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

*Terrorism and Counterterrorism*: Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

*International Security*: Fall 2019, Fall 2016, Spring 2015

*Historical and Contemporary Political Thought*: Fall 2020, 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015

*Senior Seminar in Political Science*: Fall 2020, Fall 2017

*Research Methods in Political Science*: Spring 2018, Spring 2017

*ChangeLab: Designing an Anti-Bullying Board Game*: Fall 2018

### **Harlaxton College (Spring 2019)**

*Introduction to International Relations, Terrorism and Counterterrorism, U.S. Foreign Policy,*

*ChangeLab: Designing an Anti-Bullying Board Game*

**Cornell University, Department of Government**

*Terrorism, Comparative Foreign Policy* (Spring 2014)

*American Foreign Policy, Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies* (Fall 2013)

**University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science**

*U.S. Foreign Policy, Terrorism and Counterterrorism* (Spring 2013)

*International Security, Power and Conquest in the Modern World* (Fall 2012)

**Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (Summer 2010, graduate-level)**

*Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis, Research Design, Research Methods*

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

*On War*, Professor Sebastian Rosato, Spring 2012

*Introduction to International Relations*, Professor Sebastian Rosato, Fall 2011

*International Political Economy*, Professor Regina Baker, Spring 2010

*Introduction to International Relations*, Professor Dan Lindley, Fall 2009

*Intelligence and National Security Decision-making*, Professor Michael Desch, Spring 2009

*U.S. Foreign Policy*, Professor Michael Desch, Fall 2008

*War and the Nation-state*, Professor Keir Lieber, Spring 2008

*Introduction to International Relations*, Professor Keir Lieber, Fall 2007

**Additional Teaching Experience**

"Research Methods in the Social Sciences," 2-day workshop, American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC), virtual, Summer 2021

ISA Pandemic Pedagogy Virtual Workshop, August 2020

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

"Research Design and Research Methods in the Social Sciences," 2-day workshop, ARISC and Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia, Summer 2019

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, Notre Dame, Summer 2008

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

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

**Teaching-Related Scholarship, Workshops Led, Etc.**

"[DiploSim: A Flexible Framework for Diplomatic Simulations in International Relations](#)," *International Studies Perspectives* 24, no. 1 (February 2023): 20-38

"DiploSim: A Simulation Design Workshop," TLC @ APSA, Montreal, September 2022

[Teaching World Politics Project](#) interview, organized by Daniel Nexon, August 2020

"[Teaching the American Empire Debate](#)," H-Diplo Teaching Roundtable XXI-20, December 2019

"Pandemic Pedagogy: Syllabus Considerations for Synchronous and Asynchronous Course Design," Eykamp Center for Teaching Excellence (ECTE) workshop, University of Evansville, August 2020

"Learning By Doing: Simulations in the Classroom," ECTE Lunch & Learn workshop, University of Evansville, October 2019

## 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

## Dissertations, Theses, and Independent Studies Supervised

“Legitimacy, War, and the State: A Framework for Understanding Legitimation Strategies in U.S. Foreign Policy,” M.A. thesis by Daniel Palomino (Old Dominion University [ODU], July 2025)  
“The Aid Impact Theory: A Theoretical Framework for Maximizing the Impact and Sustainability of Foreign Education Aid in Ghana,” M.A. thesis by Jonas Bensah (ODU, June 2025)  
“Norms and Feminist Foreign Policy,” Independent Study with Guljannat Huseynli (ODU, Fall 2024)  
“Legitimacy at Sea: Expanding Considerations of Sea Control,” Ph.D. dissertation by Ian Birdwell (ODU, October 2024)  
“How Has US Foreign Policy Militarization Affected Political Stability in Africa?” Ph.D. dissertation by Christopher Korkor (ODU, July 2024)  
“Reputation in International Relations,” Independent Study with Casey Reca (ODU, Fall 2023)  
“United States Foreign Policy and the Additions of Sweden and Finland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization,” M.A. thesis by Kara Broene (ODU, May 2023)  
“The Carrot vs. The Stick: A Comparative Analysis of Secondary Sanctions vs. Positive Inducements in Gaining European Support for a U.S.-led Sanction Regime,” M.A. thesis by Andy Gomez (ODU, May 2022)  
“Complacency: An Analysis of Environmental Policy Stringency,” senior thesis by Cody Smith (University of Evansville [UE], Fall 2020)  
“NGO Operation and Structural Development,” senior thesis by Audrey Cuellar (UE, Fall 2020)  
“Economic Interdependence and State Stability,” senior thesis by Jonathon Hoernschemeyer (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 by Kurt Kurman (UE, Fall 2018)  
“Post-Cold War U.S. Military Intervention Planning: The Cost of Multilateralism,” senior thesis by Grace Myer, winner of the 2017 Arthur B. Aarstad Scholar Award (UE, Fall 2017)  
“Intergovernmental Organizations and Civil War Recurrence, 1993-2004,” senior thesis by 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 by Joshua Easton (UE, Fall 2017)  
“International Factors in Nation-Building,” senior thesis by Joseph Estes (UE, Fall 2015)  
“The Nuclear Attitude,” senior thesis by Levon Gibson (UE, Fall 2015)  
“Terrorism” Independent Study 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)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Board Member, World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads, 2023-present

- Chair, Norfolk NATO Festival Committee (2023-present)
  - Organized the annual Ambassadors Lunch event, where I moderated a panel discussion involving NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Transformation and visiting diplomats from three countries:
    - April 2026: Norway, Japan, Netherlands
    - May 2025: Denmark, Finland, Estonia
    - April 2024: Lithuania, Romania, Poland
- Member, Great Decisions Lecture Series Committee (2023-present)
  - Helped organize an annual series of 8 lectures by experts on current topics in world affairs
- Helped organize other public events including a June 2025 lecture by sanctions expert Edward Fishman and a December 2025 lecture by internet governance expert Fiona Alexander

### University Service

Director (interim), Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS), Old Dominion University (ODU), Fall 2025

Coordinator, U.S. Foreign Policy concentration, GPIS, ODU, 2021-present

Chair, Promotion & Tenure Committee, Department of Political Science & Geography, ODU, 2022-2025 (member, 2021-present)

Founder + Coordinator, *GPIS Research Workshops* series, GPIS, ODU, 2025-present

Founder + Coordinator, *Current Events in Context* series, GPIS, ODU, 2021-present

Member, Program Assessment Committee, GPIS, ODU, 2021-present

New Faculty Mentor, Department of Political Science & Geography, ODU, 2025-2026

Chair, Asian Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science & Geography, ODU, 2024-2025 (hired Dr. Charmaine Willis)

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, ODU College of Arts & Letters, Fall 2025

Member, Career Pathways Steering Committee, ODU, Fall 2025

Member, Research & Publications Committee, ODU College of Arts & Letters, 2024-2025

Member, Model UN Ad Hoc Committee, Department of Political Science & Geography, ODU, Fall 2025

Chair, Faculty Professional Affairs Committee, University of Evansville (UE), Fall 2019-Summer 2020, Summer-Fall 2018, Summer-Fall 2017

Member, Faculty Professional Affairs Committee, UE, 2015-2020

Member, Academic Services Committee, UE, 2015-2020

New Faculty Mentor, UE, 2019-2020, 2018-2019, 2016-2017

Commencement Marshall, UE, 2015-2019

Faculty Advisor, UNICEF Campus Initiative student organization, UE, 2018-2020

Faculty Advisor, Independent Political Forum student organization, UE, 2017-2020

Member, Ad Hoc Committee for the Evaluation of Student Course Evaluations, UE, Spring 2017

### Professional Association Service

Secretary/Treasurer, American Political Science Association (APSA) International History and Politics section, 2024-2026

Co-Program Chair, APSA International History and Politics section, 2024 Annual Conference

Award Committee Member, APSA International Security Section's Catherine McArdle Kelleher Best Article Award published in 2021

Member, Local Arrangements Committee, Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences 2015 Annual Conference, Evansville, IN, October 2015

## **Conference Service**

Discussant, "Great Powers in History," American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, September 2026

Discussant, "Poster Session: International History and Politics," APSA, Boston, September 2026

Discussant and Chair, "U.S. Grand Strategy & International Aid," Graduate Research Conference, Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS), Old Dominion University (ODU), March 2026

Discussant and Chair, "Law, Governance, and International Order," Graduate Research Conference, GPIS, ODU, March 2025

Chair, "Race, Multilateral Institutions, and International Order," International Studies Association (ISA), Chicago, IL, March 2025

Discussant, Race and Multilateralism in the International Order Virtual Workshop, January 9-10, 2025

Discussant, Race and Multilateralism in the International Order Workshop, Freie Universität Berlin, May 2024

Chair, Race and International Relations Workshop panel, University of Notre Dame, May 2024 (virtual)

Chair, "New Dates & Underexplored Themes in Historical IR," ISA, San Francisco, CA, April 2024

Discussant and Chair, "Law & Order of Movements & Resistance," Graduate Research Conference, GPIS, ODU, March 2024

Organizing Committee Member and Breakout Session Chair, "Current Russia and China Partnership Dynamics," NATO Academic Conference 2024, Norfolk, March 2024

Discussant, "Elites and Foreign Policymaking in the U.S.," APSA, Los Angeles, August 2023 (virtual)

Discussant, "Legacies of Race and Colonialism in IR and World Politics," APSA, Los Angeles, August 2023 (virtual)

Discussant and Chair, "Security in a World of Uncertainty," Graduate Research Conference, GPIS, ODU, March 2023

Discussant, "Domestic Politics and the Shaping of U.S. Foreign Policy," ISA, Montreal, March 2023 (couldn't attend due to family emergency, comments transmitted online)

Chair, "Imperial Relations and Colonial Legacies in IR," APSA, Montreal, September 2022

Discussant, "U.S. Foreign Policy History & IR: Racial and Material Sources of Expansion and Restraint," ISA, Nashville, April 2022

Discussant, "The Impact of U.S. Politics, Identity, and Public Perception on American Foreign Policy," ISA, Nashville, April 2022

Discussant and Chair, "Symbols of Assertion: Constructing Chosen Reality," GPIS, ODU, March 2022

Chair, "Race and Liberal Foreign Policy," APSA, virtual, September 2021

Discussant, "Crisis and Conflict," Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), virtual, April 2021

Discussant, "Domestic Dimensions of American Foreign Policy," Graduate Research Conference, GPIS, ODU, February 2021

Discussant, "Countries I," ISA-Midwest, virtual, November 2020

Attendee and 2x Stand-in Host, Virtual Practice Job Talk series organized by Danielle Lupton, Fall 2020

Discussant, "Foreign Policy Decision-Making," Junior Scholar Symposium, ISA, Honolulu, March 2020 (canceled by coronavirus, comments transmitted online)

Chair, "Global Order and U.S. Hegemony under President Trump," ISSS-IS, Purdue University, November 2018

Chair, Social Sciences Poster Session 3, Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, 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

**Peer Reviewer**

*American Political Science Review, International Security, Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, International Politics, International Theory, International Studies Perspectives, Journal of Global Security Studies, Review of International Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence, Review of International Political Economy, Global Policy, Political Studies, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, Ethnopolitics, Congress and the Presidency, Cornell University Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, CQ Press, Routledge*