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PROFESSIONAL AREAS OF INTEREST

General: International Relations, War & Peace, U.S. Foreign & Defense Policy, Teaching & Learning

Specific: rivalries, revisionism, power transitions, great-power competition, foreign policy decision-making

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, 2006. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Dissertation: "Shock and Thaw: War and Rapprochement in International Rivalries." Adviser: Jack S. Levy.

B.A., Political Science, 1994, *summa cum laude*. Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Director, International Affairs M.A. program, Middle Tennessee State University, 2023–present.

Professor (tenured), Middle Tennessee State University, Department of Political & Global Affairs, 2021–present; **Associate Professor**, 2018–2021. Member of the Graduate Faculty and the Honors Faculty.

Visiting Professor, Sapienza University of Rome, May–June 2023.

Editorial Board, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 2021–2023.

Senior Fellow, TransResearch Consortium, 2019–present; Board of Advisers, 2024–present.

Director, International Relations program, Canisius College, 2011–2018.

Associate Professor (tenured), Canisius College, Department of Political Science, 2012–2018;
Assistant Professor, 2006–2012.

Visiting Scholar, George Mason University School of Public Policy, Spring 2014.

Lecturer, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Department of Political Science, 2006.

Associate Director, Center for Global Security and Democracy, Rutgers University, 2000–2003.

Visiting Lecturer, Lehigh University, Department of International Relations, 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2025 *Handbook of European Strategic Autonomy* (co-editor, with Lorenzo Termine, Matteo Mazziotti di Celso, and Antonella Ercolani). Milan: McGraw-Hill Education (Italy), 2025.

2017 *International Relations: Introductory Readings*. Fifth revised printing. (co-editor, with Edward Rhodes and Dalia Fahmy). Dubuque, Ia.: Kendall Hunt, 2017. DiCicco lead editor.
Fourth revised printing (co-edited with Edward Rhodes), 2010. DiCicco lead editor.
Third revised printing (co-edited with Edward Rhodes), 2006. Rhodes lead editor.

2004 *Presence, Prevention, and Persuasion: A Historical Analysis of Military Force and Political Influence* (co-authored with Edward Rhodes, Sarah S. Milburn, and Tom Walker). Lexington Books, 2004.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (PR=Peer Reviewed; R=Refereed)

- 2025 "Baltic Regional Security: A Critical Test of European Strategic Autonomy" (with Edward Rhodes). In Lorenzo Termine, Matteo Mazzotti di Celso, Antonella Ercolani, and Jonathan M. DiCicco, eds., *Handbook of European Strategic Autonomy*. Milan: McGraw-Hill Education (Italy), 2025: 95–114.
- 2024 "Sustainable Strategic Adjustment: Confronting Climate Change and Rethinking Restraint in U.S. Grand Strategy" (with Fahad Rajput). In J. Patrick Rhamey Jr. and Spencer D. Bakich, eds., *The Sources of Great Power Competition: Rising Powers, Grand Strategy, and System Dynamics* (Routledge, 2024), pp. 219–250. (R)
- 2023 "Trump and U.S.-China Strategic Competition as the 'New' Normal." In Robert L. Jervis, Diane N. Labrosse, Stacie Goddard, and Joshua Rovner, eds., *Chaos Reconsidered: The Liberal Order and the Future of International Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2023). (R)
- 2023 "Whose Status Quo Is It, Anyway? Regions, Hierarchies, and Satisfaction." In William R. Thompson and Thomas J. Volgy, eds., *Turmoil and Order in Regional International Politics* (Singapore: Springer Nature, 2023), pp. 11–35. (R)
- 2023 "Great-Power Competition" (with Tudor A. Onea). In Nukhet Sandal, ed., *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, Oxford University Press, 2023. (PR)
- 2021 "The Security Dilemma Exercise: Hawks, Doves, and Moles." *Journal of Political Science Education Journal of Political Science Education* 17, Supplement 1 (December 2021): 40-50. (PR)
- 2021 "Revisionism in International Relations" (with Victor M. Sanchez). In Nukhet Sandal, ed., *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, Oxford University Press, 2021. (PR)
- 2018 "International Rivalry and National Security" (with Brandon Valeriano). In Derek S. Reveron, Nikolas K. Gvosdev, and John A. Cloud, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. National Security*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018. (R)
- 2018 "The Things They Carried: Generational Effects of the Vietnam War on Elite Opinion" (with Benjamin O. Fordham). *International Studies Quarterly* 62, 1 (March 2018): 131–144. (PR)
- 2018 "Power Transition Theory and the Essence of Revisionism." In William R. Thompson, ed., *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), Vol. 3, 188–214. Also online as a World Politics entry in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. (PR)
- 2014 "National Security Council: Simulating Decision-making Dilemmas in Real Time." *International Studies Perspectives* 15, 4 (November 2014): 438–458. (PR)
- 2011 "Fear, Loathing, and Cracks in Reagan's Mirror Images: Able Archer 83 and an American First Step toward Rapprochement in the Cold War." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 7, 3 (July 2011): 253–274. (PR)
- 2011 "Avalanches and Olive Branches: A Multimethod Analysis of Disasters and Peacemaking in Interstate Rivalries" (with Seden Akcinaroglu and Elizabeth Radziszewski). *Political Research Quarterly* 64, 2 (June 2011): 260–275. (PR)
- 2011 "International Organizations and Preventing War" (with Martin S. Edwards). *International Studies Association Compendium Project*, edited by Robert Denemark, et al. Oxford: Wiley- Blackwell, 2011. (PR)
- 2003 "Power Transition Theory: A Lakatosian Analysis" (with Jack S. Levy). In Colin Elman and Miriam Fendius Elman, eds., *Progress in International Relations Theory*. Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2003, 109–157. (PR) Reprinted with modifications in *Realism Reader*, edited by Colin Elman and Michael Jenson. New York: Routledge, 2014. Pp. 211-17.

- 2000 “Forward Presence and Engagement: Historical Insights into the Problem of ‘Shaping’” (with Edward Rhodes, Sarah S. Milburn, and Tom Walker). *Naval War College Review* LIII, 1 (Winter 2000): 25–61. Excerpted and reprinted as “Forward Presence and the Problem of Shaping: Insights from History,” in Sam J. Tangredi and Antonios Clapsis, eds., “Globalization and Naval Forward Presence: Issues and Insights,” *Global Forum* 2, 1 (April 2001), Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University.
- 1999 “Power Shifts and Problem Shifts: The Evolution of the Power Transition Research Program” (with Jack S. Levy). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 43, 6 (December 1999): 675–704. (PR) Reprinted in *War*, Volume III, edited by Paul F. Diehl. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage Publications (2004).

ONLINE SCHOLARLY WORKS (EDITORIAL REVIEW)

- 2021 “Sino-American Rivalry in the Shadow of Trump: Images and Impressions.” For *H-Diplo*, The H-Diplo/ISSF Policy Series: America and the World: The Effects of the Trump Presidency, edited by Diane Labrosse (June 23, 2021), <https://issforum.org/roundtables/policy/ps2021-41>.
- 2020 Introductory essay for H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable XII-2 reviewing Steve Chan, *Thucydides’s Trap? Historical Interpretation, Logic of Inquiry, and the Future of Sino-American Relations* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2020), <https://issforum.org/roundtables/12-2-Thucydides>.
- 2020 “Shock and Thaw? The Limited Prospects for US-Iran De-Escalation.” Post in online magazine *Political Violence @ a Glance*, January 15, 2020.
- 2018 “Fifty years ago, American troops abandoned Khe Sanh. Here’s how the U.S. got over ‘Vietnam syndrome’” (with Benjamin Fordham). Monkey Cage blog, *The Washington Post* online, July 5, 2018.

BOOK REVIEWS & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES (EDITORIAL REVIEW)

- 2026 Review of *America’s Great Power Opportunity: Revitalizing U.S. Foreign Policy to Meet the Challenges of Strategic Competition* (by Ali Wyne) for H-Diplo/RJISSF Roundtable; prepared 2024, forthcoming 2026.
- 2023 Review of *Ascending Order: Rising Powers and the Politics of Status in International Institutions* (by Rohan Mukherjee) for *Review of International Organizations*, August 2023.
- 2017 Review of *Able Archer 83: The Secret History of the NATO Exercise That Almost Triggered Nuclear War* (Nate Jones, ed.) for *H-Diplo*, August 2017.
- 2013 “Colin Powell,” “Iraq War, Planning of,” and “Realism in International Relations.” In *The Encyclopedia of Military Science*, edited by G. Kurt Piehler. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage, 2013.
- 2005 “Disarmament and Arms Control, 1898–1945.” In *Americans at War: Society, Culture, and the Homefront*, edited by John P. Resch. New York: Macmillan, 2005.
- 2000 Review of *Risk Taking and Decisionmaking: Foreign Military Intervention Decisions* (by Yaacov Vertzberger). *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* 8, 1 (March 2000): 60–61.
- 1999 Review of *Why Wars Happen* (by Jeremy Black) for *Millennium Journal of International Studies* 28, 3 (1999): 746–747.
- 1997 Review of *Revolution and War* (by Stephen Walt) for *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 28, 2 (Autumn 1997): 251–252.

OP-EDS/MEDIA OUTREACH

- 2023 Guest appearance on *Whiskey & International Relations Theory* podcast, July 17, 2023. Episode title: “Great Balls of Power” (subject: great-power competition).
- 2020 “Coronavirus, Communal Violence, and the Politics of Rivalry in India and Pakistan” (with Elizabeth Radziszewski). Guest blog post, *Duck of Minerva*, May 18, 2020.

OP-EDS/MEDIA OUTREACH *continued*

- 2020 “Targeted killing of Iranian general Qassim Suleimani creates high risks for US.” Opinion, *The Tennessean*, January 10, 2020. Reprinted in the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and the *Knoxville News Sentinel*.
- 2019 “The Trump administration needs a diversion. Iran will do, and Congress will fold.” Opinion, *The Tennessean*, May 16, 2019. Reprinted in abbreviated form in *USA Today*, *Yahoo! News*, *The Coloradoan*, and others under the title, “Congress is barely a speed bump to Trump, Bolton on road to war with Iran: Today's talker.”
- 2019 “Donald Trump is withdrawing troops from Syria; the question is not why, but why now?” Featured opinion, *The Tennessean*, January 3, 2019.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Spheres of Influence in Great-Power Competition” (with Tudor A. Onea). Presented at ISA 2024 and 2025, and at IS-ISSS conference in Washington, D.C., October 2025. Revisions in progress.
- “Sino-Soviet Border Clashes as (Manufactured) Shock to Sino-American Rivalry.” Presented at ISSS-IS joint conference, October 2019, and ISA 2021 (virtual), and at IS-ISSS conference in Washington, D.C., October 2025. Revisions in progress.
- “Retrenching Globally, Mending Fences Locally: Preserving System Leadership in Relative Decline through Conflict Reduction.” Presented at NYSPSA; nominated for best paper award.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2025 *IS-ISSS*: “Spheres of Influence and Great-Power Competition” (with Tudor Onea); “Sino-Soviet Border Clashes as (Manufactured) Shock to Sino-American Rivalry.” Panel chair and discussant, “Sino-American Competition.” Annual Meeting of the IS-ISSS, Washington D.C., October 2025.
- 2025 *ISA*: “Spheres of Influence and Great-Power Competition” (with Tudor Onea). Presenter on two roundtables, MD20 ISA-SSIP Distinguished Scholar Panel Honoring Jacek Kugler and WC28 “India as a Rising Power.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, March 2025.
- 2024 *ISA*: “Spheres of Influence and Great-Power Competition” (with Tudor Onea). Panel chair, “Perspectives on Grand Strategy.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2024.
- 2022 *ISA*: “Whose Status Quo Is It, Anyway? Regions, Hierarchies, and Satisfaction.” Panelist, ISSS 2022 Distinguished Scholar Award Panel Honoring Jack S. Levy; and panel chair and discussant, “Conflict Delegation and Proxy Wars.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, March-April 2022.
- 2022 *SPSA*: “Whose Status Quo Is It, Anyway? Regions, Hierarchies, and (Dis)satisfaction in Emergent System(s);” panel chair and discussant, “Alliances and Interstate Relations.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, January 2022 (virtual/hybrid).
- 2021 *SISP*: Panel discussant, “Revisionism in International Politics,” Società Italiana di Scienza Politica (virtual), September 2021.
- 2021 *ISA*: “Revisionism in Nested Hierarchical Orders: Dissatisfaction and Danger in the Emergent International System;” “Sino-Soviet Border Clashes as (Manufactured) Shock to Sino-American Rivalry.” Presented at the International Studies Association’s 2021 conference (virtual), April 2021.
- 2019 *ISSS-IS*: “Sino-Soviet Border Clashes as Shock to Sino-American Rivalry.” Invited panel chair, “Explaining Trends in International Conflict.” ISSS-IS joint conference of the APSA and ISA on International Security, Denver, Colorado, October 2019.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES *continued*

- 2019 TRC: "Status Quo Evaluations and Revisionism in Nested Hierarchical Orders." TransResearch Consortium Summer Conference, Portland, Oregon, August 2019.
- 2019 ISA: "Microfoundations of International Rivalries;" "It Takes Practice to Tango: Elite Influencers and the Roots of Rivalry" (with Emily Meierding). Panel chair and discussant, "War and its Winners and Losers." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2019.
- 2018 ISA: "Ethnic Group Bargaining as a Determinant of Interstate Rivalry" (with Douglas M. Gibler). Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2018.
- 2017 ISA: "Power Transition Theory and the Essence of Revisionism." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017.
- 2016 ISA: "The Things They Carried: Generational Effects of the Vietnam War on Elite Opinion" (with Benjamin O. Fordham); "Microfoundations of Peaceful Change in International Rivalries." Panel chair and discussant, "Hegemony;" panel co-discussant, "Negotiations, Settlement, and Future Peace." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 2016.
- 2015 ISA: Invited Participant, Roundtable: "The Study of Rivalry: History, Science, Synthesis?" Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2015.
- 2014 ISA: "Do Not Leave Baggage Unattended: Formative Events, Leaders' Generational Identities, and Peacemaking between Rivals." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014.
- 2012 ISA: National Security Council: Simulating Decision-making Dilemmas in Real Time;" "More Mature with Age? Generational Turnover and Stable Peace between Former Rivals;" Panel chair and discussant, "War and Rivalry." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2012.
- 2011 ISA: "Wars, Rapprochement, and Stable Peace: From Rivalry to Institutional Partnership." Panel chair, "Methodological Advances in Studying the International System." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, March 2011.
- 2011 EPSC: "Third Party Wars and Rapprochement in International Rivalries." Eurasian Peace Science Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, January 2011.
- 2010 ISA: "Vicarious Learning as Catalyst of Peacemaking: Third-Party Wars and Rapprochement in International Rivalries." Panel chair and discussant, "International Conflict and Rivalry Dynamics." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2010.
- 2009 APSA: "Third-Party Wars and Rapprochement in International Rivalries." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 2009.
- 2008 PSS(I): "Avalanches and Olive Branches: Natural Disasters and Peacemaking between Interstate Rivals." With Elizabeth Radziszewski and Seden Akcinaroglu. Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Claremont, California, October 2008.
- 2008 ISA: "Fear, Loathing, and Cracks in the Mirror Images: The Able Archer 83 Crisis and Peacemaking in the Soviet-American Rivalry." Panel discussant and chair, "Capability, Power, and Polarity." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California, March 2008.
- 2007 ISA: "Avalanches and Olive Branches: Natural Disasters and Peacemaking between Interstate Rivals." With Elizabeth Radziszewski and Seden Akcinaroglu. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 2007.
- 2006 APSA: "Shock and Thaw: War as a Catalyst of Peace in International Rivalries." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2006.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES *continued*

- 2004 ISA: "War and Rapprochement in the Argentine-Brazilian Rivalry." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montréal, Canada, March 2004.
- 2003 APSA: "After War, Peace? Assessing the Impact of War on the Persistence of International Rivalries." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2003.
- 2002 ISA: "Born under a Bad Sign: State Independence and the Origins of Persistent International Rivalries." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2002. (Panel Chair)
- 2001 APSA: "Comparing the Sources of Rivalry Persistence: Interests, Identities, and Investments." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September 2001.
- 2001 ISA: "The Origins and Persistence of International Rivalries: Toward a New Research Agenda;" also panel chair, "Multilateral Action and Intervention." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 2001.
- 2000 APSA: "Shifting Power and the Politics of Blame: A Multilevel Explanation for the Roots of Interstate Rivalry." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2000.
- 1999 APSA: "The Domestic Politics of Status Quo Evaluations" (poster session). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, September 1999.
- 1999 PSS(I): "The Power Transition Research Program: Theoretical Development, Empirical Corroboration, and Metatheoretical Implications." Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 1999.
- 1998 PSS(I): "Parity, Transitions, and the Onset of War: A Review of Empirical Tests of Power Transition Theory." Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), East Brunswick, New Jersey, October 1998.
- 1998 ISA: "Power Transitions, Parity, and War Onset: A Critical Review;" and panel discussant, "Intervention: Who Does It, When Does It Happen, and How Does It Work?" Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 1998.

INVITED CONFERENCES, REGIONAL MEETINGS, AND OTHER EVENTS

- 2024 CFR Educators Workshop. Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY, March 14-15, 2024.
- 2023 "NATO and the future: a view from the United States." Third Annual Festival of Geopolitics & International Relations, UNINT University of International Studies of Rome, May 18, 2023.
- 2023 "Great-Power Competition in International Relations: a feature, or a bug?" Sapienza University of Rome, May 17, 2023.
- 2023 "Great Power Competition, Regional Orders, and Restraint: Peering Over the Horizon" (virtual). West Point SOSH Seminar: "Order, Counter-Order, Disorder? Regional and Global Security Orders in the Shadow of Sino-American Competition," U.S. Military Academy at West Point, February 9-10, 2023.
- 2021 "Great Power Competition, Regional Orders, and Restraint: Peering Over the Horizon." Conference on Rising Powers: History & Strategy, Virginia Military Institute, November 2021.
- 2020 *COVID-19, Spring 2020: *papers accepted onto the programs of two conferences that were later canceled: NYSPSA (also invited discussant); Asian Studies Conference (University of West Florida).*
- 2017 Moderator, Library Town Hall featuring New York State Assembly Member Crystal Peoples-Stokes and State Senator Tim Kennedy, Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, September 2017.

INVITED CONFERENCES, REGIONAL MEETINGS, AND OTHER EVENTS *continued*

- 2017 Panel discussant, "Problems in International Relations." Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Nazareth College, Rochester, April 2017.
- 2015 "Generation Effects, Rivalry, and Elite Opinion on Foreign Policy: The Case of the 'Vietnam Syndrome'" (presented by Benjamin Fordham). World Politics Workshop, Binghamton University, October 2015.
- 2014 Invited participant, 15th Berlin Colloquium on Contemporary History (*Berliner Colloquien zur Zeitgeschichte*), a project of the Hamburg Institute for Social Research in cooperation with the Einstein Forum of Potsdam. Topic: "Was 1983 the Most Dangerous Year of the Cold War?" Berlin, Germany, May 2014.
- 2014 "Retrenching Globally, Mending Fences Locally: Preserving System Leadership in Relative Decline through Conflict Reduction." Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, New York City, April 2014. Best Paper Award Nominee.
- 2014 Panel discussant and chair, "Economic and Environmental Issues." Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, New York City, April 2014.
- 2014 "Do Not Leave Baggage Unattended: Formative Events, Generational Identities, and Foreign Policy." George Mason University School of Public Policy Brown Bag Series, April 2014.
- 2013 "More Mature with Age? Generational Turnover and Stable Peace between Former Rivals." Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Syracuse, April 2013. Also at NYSPSA 2013: Panel discussant and chair, "Military and Foreign Policy."
- 2013 "US-Iran Relations." With Sean Santiago (student). Great Decisions Series (Foreign Policy Association). Invited by the International Institute of Buffalo. Buffalo, New York, February 25, 2013.
- 2012 "Ronald Reagan and the Able Archer Affair: Nuclear Crisis in 1983?" Invited by the University Express Lifelong Learning program, Erie County Department of Senior Services, May 2012.
- 2012 "Promoting Democracy." Great Decisions Series (Foreign Policy Association). Invited by the International Institute of Buffalo. Buffalo, New York, February 6, 2012.
- 2011 "Rumors of War, Redacted? Fear, Secrets, and Nuclear Crisis during the Reagan Administration." Invited for the Canisius College Archives Speaker Series, September 29, 2011.
- 2011 "Third Party Wars and Rapprochement in International Rivalries." Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Lewiston, New York, April 2011.
- 2011 Panel discussant and chair, "American Foreign Policy." Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Lewiston, New York, April 2011.
- 2009 "One Plus One Equals Three? Third-Party Effects on International Rivalries." With Santino Galizio (student). Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, NYC, April 2009.
- 1999 "Power Shifts and Problem Shifts: The Evolution of the Power Transition Research Program" (presented by co-author Jack S. Levy). Conference on Progress in International Relations Theory, Scottsdale, Arizona, January 1999.
- 1998 "Cruiser Diplomacy in the Periphery: A Comparative Case Study of Great Britain in the Eastern Mediterranean." Annual Meeting of the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association, Monterey, California, November 1998.
- 1996 "Kurdish Ethnonationalism in Turkey and Iraq," Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 1996.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Nominee for Faculty Student Success Award, College of Liberal Arts, MTSU, 2026
- Nominee for Faculty Student Success Award, College of Liberal Arts, MTSU, 2025
- Nominee for Faculty Research Award, College of Liberal Arts, MTSU, 2025
- Faculty Development Travel Award, Office of International Affairs, MTSU, 2023
- Visiting Professor Award, Sapienza University, 2022–23
- Freshman Academic Adviser of the Year Award, Canisius College, 2011–12
- Faculty Summer Research/Publication Fellowship, Canisius College, 2010
- Fitzpatrick Institute for Public Affairs and Leadership Conference Travel Award, 2009
- Dean's Grant for Summer Research, Canisius College, 2007
- Dean's Supplemental Travel Award, Canisius College, 2006–8, 2009–12, 2013–14
- Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2002–3
- Rutgers Excellence Fellow, Rutgers University, 1994–97
- Award for Summer Study, Dean's Fellowship Fund, Rutgers University, 1996, 1997
- Hoover Institution Summer Fellowship, 1996
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1994

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Executive Assistant, Center for Global Security and Democracy, 1998–2000.

Co-coordinator, Emerging Trends Lecture Series, 1997–1998 and 1999–2000.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Assistant (to Jack S. Levy), Preventive Motivation for War Project, Summer 2002.

Research Associate, Contract Research (Department of Defense) on Great Powers' Use of Force to Shape the International Environment during Peacetime. With Edward Rhodes, et al., Summer 1998.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN METHODOLOGY

Institute on Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM). Tempe, Arizona, January 2005.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Methodology (Statistics, Formal Models). Ann Arbor, Michigan, June–August 1997.

Hoover Institution Summer Program in International Politics (Game Theory and Formal Modeling). Palo Alto, California, June 1996.

COURSES TAUGHT/INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, Murfreesboro, TN, 2018–present

Graduate-level courses:

- **Theory and Practice I: International Relations** (PS 6100)
- **International Security** (PS 6110)
- **Peace and Conflict Resolution** (PS 6120)
- **Special Topics in International Security and Peace Studies** (PS 6150)

Undergraduate-level courses:

- **International Relations** (PS 3210)
- **International Conflict: Causes, Consequences, and Responses** (PS 4210)
- **Protest, Politics, & the State in Today's World** (PS 4860); adapted for online delivery
- **Research Methods in Political Science** (PS 3001)
- **Model United Nations and Crisis Simulation** (PS 2130)
- **Political Science & International Relations as a Profession** (PS 2000)
- **Introduction to Global Politics** (PS 1010, honors)

COURSES TAUGHT/ INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES *continued*

Independent/specialized student work supervised at MTSU:

- 2025 Undergraduate honors thesis director: V. Grigsby (Political Science)
- 2025 MAIA Practicum supervisor (9): E. Bigler (internship, Freedom Aviation Network); K. Caldwell (internship, United for Peace and Justice); W. Justiss (internship, American Red Cross, Illinois chapter); M. Siciliano (Congressman Mark Green's office); K. Thirakul (internship, Murfreesboro Planning Department); E. Obeng (internship at Metalsa, USA); M. Casey (internship, law firm); A. Duarte (internship, DPGA research assistant); O. Isata (political analyst, MPLA political party in Angola).
- 2025 MAIA Practicum committee member (2): K. Lolow (internship, Everwell); M. Staggs (internship, National Headquarters of the American Red Cross)
- 2024 Dissertation committee (outside reader): M. Rahaman (Public History Ph.D. program); began in 2020
- 2024 MAIA Practicum supervisor (2): D. Dunkley (internship, Summit Government Affairs); C. Wellman (internship, Nashville International Center for Empowerment); MAIA Practicum committee member (1): N. Phillips
- 2023 MAIA Practicum committee member (14): E. Biala (intern, International Rescue Committee); D. Ferris (undergraduate instruction in PS); G. George (intern, Government Accountability Office); A. Hoke (intern, Virtual Student Federal Service Homeland Security Investigations); D. John (Department of Children Services); C. Jordan ((Crabtree Farms); P. Mammadova (intern, Catholic Charities); M. Maroufi (intern, Catholic Charities); P. Ntibonera (Catholic Charities); A. Piacenti (U.S. Army/ROTC); C. Sow (intern, Catholic Charities); J. Swafford (international enrollment at MT One Stop); M. Williams (intern, Nashville Mayor's Office of New and Indigenous Americans); C. Zapata Canut (Mass General Hospital/Harvard International Office)
- 2022 MAIA Practicum supervisor (4): A. Horne (undergraduate instruction in PS); R. Meguiar (judicial system in Smyrna, Tennessee); A. Miller (Tennessee Air National Guard); K. Davis (Tennessee Department of Correction)
- 2021 MAIA Practicum supervisor (4): M. Joak (internship, Nashville International Center for Empowerment), S. Tijani (internship, Free for Life International), A. Wills (internship, Resilient Communities), J. Wood (internship, U.S. State Department VSFS)
- 2021 MAIA Practicum committee member: K. Hansen (internship, Borgen Project)
- 2020 M.A. thesis supervisor: V. Sanchez (MAIA program; topic: nonstate actors and revisionism)
- 2020 Literature review supervisor: V. Sanchez (MAIA program; topic: revisionism and IR)
- 2020 MAIA Practicum supervisor: J. Bosheers (U.S. Census Bureau)
- 2020 MAIA Practicum supervisor: M. Walters (internship and employment, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation)
- 2020 MAIA Practicum supervisor: J. Velasquez (internship, Bramer Group, Washington, D.C.)
- 2020 MAIA Practicum committee member (4): B. Bivens, Y. Castro, D. Dickey, C. Kisenyi.
- 2020 M.A. Thesis committee member: A. Aboud (MAIA program)
- 2019 MAIA Practicum committee member, M. King (internship with Free for Life International)
- 2019 Examination committee member, M. King (MAIA program)
- 2018 MAIA Practicum committee member, J. Ampomah (internship, Free for Life International)
- 2018 Examination committee member, J. Ampomah (MAIA program)

COURSES TAUGHT/ INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES *continued*

CANISIUS COLLEGE*, Buffalo, NY, 2006-2018 (**now Canisius University*)

- **Introduction to International Relations** (PSC 140) (most semesters)
- **American Foreign Policy** (PSC 245) annually (Fall), 2006-2017
- **Senior Seminar in International Relations** (PSC 442) annually (Spring), 2007-2018
- **War: Causes and Consequences** (PSC 244) every other Spring, 2009-2017
- **National Security Council** (PSC 346) approximately every other Fall, 2007-2016; simulation
- **Protest, Politics, and the State** (PSC 249) every other Spring, 2016-2018
- **International Organization** (PSC 242) occasional (Fall), 2008, 2010
- **International Political Economy** (PSC 359) occasional (Spring)
- **London Seminar on Political Violence** (Study Abroad immersion course) January 2009

Supervision/ specialized instructional activities at Canisius College:

2007–18 Supervised 10 undergraduate honors theses; Reader on 17 undergraduate theses

2018 Mentored Fulbright Award winner C. Orgek (English TA-Germany)

2017 Mentored J. Arenos and A. Steiger in preparation for their presentations at the New York State Political Science Association conference

2013 Joint presentation in the community with S. Santiago, an undergraduate student in the International Relations program

2012 Joint research project with students funded by Canisius Earning Excellence Program: “Doing Less with Less”

2010 Mentored Fulbright Award winner N. Photiadis (research-Sweden and Italy)

2010 Independent study course (for K. Barrett, on humanitarian aid and intervention)

2009 Mentored Fulbright Award winners B. Golba (research-Austria) and B. Pinello (English TA-Germany)

2009 Joint presentation at the New York State Political Science Association conference with S. Galizio, undergraduate student

2008 Mentored Fulbright Award winner A. Walters (research-Peru)

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY, Bethlehem, PA

- **U.S. Foreign Policy**
- **International Political Economy**

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, New Brunswick, NJ

- **American Foreign Policy**
- **Causes of War**
- **Research on the United Nations**
- **Expository Writing**
- **Game Theory for Political Scientists** (preceptor)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER (career; recent reviews noted as *)

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>Journal of Conflict Resolution*</i>
<i>American Political Science Review*</i>	<i>Journal of Contemporary European Studies*</i>
<i>Chinese Journal of International Politics*</i>	<i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i>
<i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>	<i>Journal of Peace Research</i>
<i>Expeditions with MCUP</i>	<i>Journal of Politics</i>
<i>Foreign Policy Analysis*</i>	<i>Journal of Political Science Education</i>
<i>Global Change, Peace & Security</i>	<i>New England Journal of Political Science</i>
<i>Indiana Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics</i>
<i>International Interactions</i>	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>
<i>International Politics</i>	<i>PS: Political Science & Politics</i>
<i>International Organization*</i>	<i>Security Studies*</i>
<i>International Relations</i>	
<i>International Security*</i>	Cambridge University Press
<i>International Studies Perspectives</i>	Palgrave Macmillan*
<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>	Rowman & Littlefield
<i>International Studies Review</i>	University of Georgia Press
<i>Journal of American-East Asian Relations</i>	University of Toronto Press

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (current noted as *)

American Political Science Association
 International Studies Association*
 Peace Science Society (International)
 Southern Political Science Association
 TransResearch Consortium*
 New York State Political Science Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Invited external reviewer, applicant for promotion to full professor, Kennesaw State University, 2019.
 Invited judge, writing contest: "NATO at 70: The Past, Present, and Future of the Atlantic Alliance."
The Strategy Bridge (<https://thestrategybridge.org/>), 2019.
 Invited external evaluator, pre-tenure review, the College of Staten Island (CUNY).

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (2018-present)

Director, M.A. in International Affairs Graduate Program, July 2023–present
 Chair, department-level Tenure & Promotion Committee, July 2022–present
 Graduate Studies Committee, M.A. in International Affairs Program, June 2020–present
 Model UN/Society for International Affairs Faculty adviser, August 2018–present
 Search Committees: for Department Chair (November 2025–present; October 2021–April 2022); for
 Administrative Assistant (2023); for Professional Development Coordinator (2024)
 Department-level Institutional Effectiveness (Assessment) Committee, June 2020–July 2022.
 Ad Hoc Committee to Reform the M.A. in International Affairs Program, January 2019–May 2020.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE *continued*

CANISIUS COLLEGE SERVICE ACTIVITIES (2006-2018)

Service profile in final year of employment at Canisius College (2017–2018):

University-level posts:

International Relations Program Director (over 7 years' experience)
Faculty Senator (elected, 2017); member of Governance Committee.
Strategic Planning Committee (over 3 years as elected faculty at-large representative)
Campus Master Plan Committee
International Studies Strategic Planning Committee
Academic Vice President's International Experiences Affinity Group
Faculty Admissions Group
Institute for Global Engagement Advisory Board
Latin American Studies Program Advisory Board
Fitzpatrick Institute for Public Affairs and Leadership Advisory Committee

Student-centered activities:

Senior thesis adviser, All-College Honors Program
Founding faculty adviser, Sigma Iota Rho—Eta Iota chapter (national honor society)
Faculty adviser, Model United Nations Diplomacy Organization (MUNDO)
Faculty co-adviser, Peace Action—Canisius College Chapter

International Relations Program (multidisciplinary academic major and minor)

Director, July 2011–June 2018
Interim Co-Director, Spring 2010
Advisory Council member, 2007–2011

Faculty Senate

Senator, May 2017–May 2018; Governance Committee, 2017–2018

Strategic Planning (university level)

Strategic Planning Committee, elected faculty representative, December 2014–May 2018
Campus Master Plan Committee, 2016–2018
President's Vision Project working group, summer 2015–spring 2016
International Studies Strategic Planning Committee, 2008–2010; 2013–2018

Scholarship, Recruitment, and Student-related Activities (university level)

All-College Honors Program, senior thesis adviser, 2007–2018 (1–2 theses/year)
Fitzpatrick Institute for Public Affairs and Leadership Advisory Committee, 2008–2018
Faculty Admissions Group, 2017–2018
Academic Vice President's International Experiences Affinity Group, 2016–2018
Fulbright Award Preparation Committee, 2007–2013
Model United Nations Diplomacy Organization (MUNDO), faculty adviser, 2015–2018
Peace Action—Canisius College Chapter, faculty co-adviser, 2015–2018
International Affairs Society, faculty adviser, 2006–2014 (succeeded by MUNDO, above)
Study Abroad Selection Committee, 2008

Department-level and other service

Sigma Iota Rho (national honor society), Eta Iota chapter, founding faculty adviser, 2017–2018
Institute for Global Engagement Advisory Board, Spring 2018
Latin American Studies Program Advisory Board, 2015–2018
Assessor, Global Awareness attribute, Core Curriculum, 2015
Assessment Co-coordinator, Political Science Department, 2007–2013

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