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Education

PhD, Political Science, Duke University, 2014
MA, Political Science, Duke University, 2011
MA, Latin American Studies, Georgetown University, 2008
BA, Psychology and Spanish, Bucknell University, 2003

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Politics, Washington and Lee University, 2020 – present
Assistant Professor of Politics, Washington and Lee University, 2014 – 2020

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2022. “Non-State Actors, Terrorism, and the War Paradigm Revisited” in *Between Crime and War: Hybrid Legal Frameworks for Asymmetric Conflict*. C. Finkelstein, C. Fuller, J. Ohlin, and M. Regan (Eds). Oxford University Press.

2020. “Sensemaking for 21st Century Intelligence” (with David and Elizabeth Moore and Robert Hoffman). *Journal of Intelligence History*.

2019. “Reading the Lips of Jihadism: Islamic State Theology, Offline Operations, and Online Agitprop” (with Nico Prucha) in *Jihadism Revisited: Rethinking a Well-Known Phenomenon*. R. Lohlker and T. Abu-Hamdeh (Eds.). Logos Verlag Berlin.

2018. “Filmic Representations of Radicalization and Terrorism: The Silver Screen as Catalyst for Social Science.” *Media, War & Conflict*. Vol. 12, No. 3.

2018. “Making Peace: Next Steps in Colombia” (with Ricardo Correa). *Parameters: The US Army War College Quarterly* Vol. 47, No. 4.

2017. “Beyond the Pale? Exploring Prospects for Negotiation with al Qaeda and the Islamic State.” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*. Vol. 41, No. 10.

2017. “Strategies for Undermining the Digital and Physical Caliphates” in *The Risk of Skilled Scientist Radicalization and Emerging Biological Warfare Threats*, M. Martellini and J. Rao (Eds). IOS Press.

Textbook

2018. *The Middle East and South Asia, 2018-2019* (52nd Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.
2017. *The Middle East and South Asia, 2017-2018* (51st Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.
2016. *The Middle East and South Asia, 2016-2017* (50th Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

Other Publications (book reviews, op-eds, etc.)

2022. “Examining the Debate Around Bitcoin’s Role in Palestine” (with Mohammed Mourtaja). *Bitcoin Magazine*. (9/30)

2019. “What if the Caliphate Falls? The IS Outlook in Early 2019.” (with Nico Prucha). *Online Jihad* (onlinejihad.net) (7/17).

2019. “The Era of Recruitment via Twitter: Online Initiation into the Ranks of IS and the Tale of Abu Anwar al-Kuwaiti” (with Nico Prucha). *Online Jihad* (onlinejihad.net) (7/15).

2019. Book Review: Lo, Mbaye (2019). Political Islam, Justice and Governance. *Sociology of Islam* 7(2).
2018. "Third Cinema and Social Science." *Popular Culture and IR* (E-IR.info) (8/17).
2018. "Are Negotiations with al Qaeda and the Islamic State Possible?" *Sustainable Security*, Oxford Research Group (7/16).
2016. "Debate Questions Matter: Here's What to Ask about Foreign Policy." *Huffington Post* (9/21).
2016. "Obama did too much in Syria, not too little." *USA Today* (7/21).
2016. Book Review: Smith, M.L.R. and David Martin Jones (2015). The Political Impossibility of Modern Counterinsurgency. Columbia University Press. *CHOICE* 53(12).
2016. Book Review: Vatanka, Alex (2015). Iran and Pakistan: Security, Diplomacy, and American Influence. I.B. Tauris. *CHOICE* 53(11).
2015. Book Review: Russell, Glenn (2015). W. Rethinking Western Approaches to Counterinsurgency: Lessons from Post-Colonial Conflict. Routledge. *CHOICE* 53(4).
2015. Book Review: Byrne, Malcolm (2014). Iran-Contra: Reagan's Scandal and the Unchecked Abuse of Presidential Power. University Press of Kansas. *Political Science Quarterly* 130(4).
2015. Book Review: Rajan, V. G. Julie (2015). Al Qaeda's Global Crisis: the Islamic State, Takfir, and the Genocide of Muslims. Routledge. *CHOICE* 53(2).

Work in Progress

- "Does the Qur'an Discriminate?" Revisiting Gender and Hermeneutics in Islam's Most Sacred Text" (article)
- "Rethinking Money: How Bitcoin Could Transform Lebanon's Post-Crisis Financial System" (article)
- "The Business of Negotiating with Armed Groups: How States and Non-State Actors Rely on Techniques from the Business World" (article)

Conferences, Lectures, Presentations

2023. "Rethinking Money: How Bitcoin Could Transform Lebanon's Post-Crisis Financial System." ASMEA Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. November 4-6.
2022. "Does the Qur'an Discriminate? Revisiting Gender and Hermeneutics in Islam's Most Sacred Text." ASMEA Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. November 5.
2019. "Terrorism and the War Paradigm Revisited." CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference. Belgrade, Serbia. June 19.
2018. "The End of the FARC: Making Peace and Next Steps in Colombia." ISA-FLACSO Joint International Conference. Quito, Ecuador. July 27.
2017. "In Their Own Words: Prospects for Negotiation with al Qaeda and the Islamic State." APSA Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. January 14.
2016. "Strategies for Undermining the Digital and Physical Caliphates." Fondazione Alessandro Volta Conference on Radicalization and Emerging Biological Warfare Threats. Como, Italy. December 1.
2016. "From al Qaeda to the Islamic State: The Evolution of Violent Extremism in the Middle East." Duke University. Durham, NC. November 3.
2016. "The 2016 Election and Foreign Policy." Bucknell Institute for Public Policy Panel. Bucknell University. Lewisburg, PA. October 22.
2016. "Walking the Talk: Prospects for Negotiation with al Qaeda and the Islamic State." APSA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. September 2.
2015. "The Other Battle for Hearts and Minds: A Comparative Study of English-Language Jihadi e-Magazines." MESA Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 23.
2015. W&L Mock Convention Foreign Policy Panel. Public interview with former US Ambassador to Syria Robert Ford. Stackhouse Theater. Washington and Lee University. Lexington, VA. March 17.

2014. “The Moral and Humanitarian Logic of Controversial Counterterrorism Policies.” APSA Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. August 29.
 2013. “The New Face of Terror: The Evolving Threat of al Qaeda and Extremism in Africa.” Duke University. Durham, NC. November 13.
 2012. “The Arab Spring and the Limits of Social Science.” Presentation to Duke Islamic Studies Center Advisory Board. Duke University. Durham, NC. November 3.
 2010. “The Strategic Logic of Suicide What?: A New Research Design to Explain Suicide Attacks.” MPSA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 23.

Teaching Experience

POL 384: Middle East Politics
 POL 287: The Maghreb: History, Culture, Politics
 POL 278: Intelligence & National Security
 POL 276: Intelligence in Practice
 POL 274: Terrorism
 POL 214: American Foreign Policy
 POL 105: Global Politics

University Service

Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee	7/23 – present
Program Head, Middle East & South Asia Studies	5/23 – present
Faculty Member, University Athletics Committee	7/22 – present
Faculty Member, Faculty Affairs Committee	7/22 – present
Core Faculty Member, MESA Studies	8/14 – present
Faculty Member, Committee on Teaching Evaluations	9/20 – 3/23
Faculty Advisor, Amnesty International	2/16 – 6/21
Faculty Advisor, The Political Review	8/15 – 6/21
Faculty Member, International Education Committee	8/17 – 6/20
Advisory Board, Mudd Center for Ethics	7/15 – 6/18

Professional Development

2024. New Department Chair Training (virtual). Associated Colleges of the South. Feb 5, Feb 29, April 2.
 2023. New Department Chair Training (virtual). Associated Colleges of the South. Sept. 6, Oct. 5, Nov. 2.
 2021. The Bitcoin Conference. Miami, FL. June 4-5.
 2019. Intelligence and National Security Summit. National Harbor, MD. September 4-5.
 2018. Kalaris Intelligence Conference. Georgetown University. Washington, DC. September 27.
 2018. FLACSO-ISA Joint International Conference Pedagogy Workshop, Quito, Ecuador. July 27.
 2016. Ethics of Negotiation in Armed Conflict, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. April 14-16.
 2015. Merrill Center Teachers’ Workshop, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Basin Harbor Club, VT. June 1-5.
 2015. University Educators Workshop, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY. April 16-17.
 2014. International Summer Policy Institute (IPSI), American University, Washington, DC. June 8-12.
 2012. Manfred Wörner Seminar, US-German Marshal Fund, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands. May 4-13.
 2012. New Era Foreign Policy Conference, American University SIS, Washington, DC. March 11-13.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Lenfest Summer Research Grants (x9)	W&L Univ.	Summers, 2015-2023
Lenfest Sabbatical Fellowship	W&L Univ.	2021-2022 Academic Year
Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Grant	Endeavor Foundation	January-February 2016
Mellon Course Development Grant	Mellon Foundation	January 2015
FLAS Academic Year Fellowships (x2)	US Dept. of Ed.	2012-2013, 2013-2014
FLAS Summer Fellowships (x3)	US Dept. of Ed.	2010-2012
Bradley Research Fellowships (x3)	Bradley Foundation	Summers, 2012-2014
Academic Scholarships and Fellowships (x2)	Georgetown Univ.	2006 & 2007
Helen E. Sprague Prize in Spanish	Bucknell Univ.	2003

Media Appearances

El Clarín (Buenos Aires), *Corresponsales en Línea* (Buenos Aires), *Anadolu Agency* (Bogotá), Virginia Talk Radio, ABC 13 Lynchburg (Virginia), Radio IE WLUR (Virginia). Various topics related to international relations.

Languages and International Experience

Arabic (Modern Standard, Proficient)

Portuguese (Brazilian, Proficient)

Spanish (Argentine, Fluent)

Residence in Argentina (10 months), Austria (4 months), Colombia (4 months), Ecuador (10 months), Morocco, (3 months), Mozambique (3 months), and Syria (3 months). Travel in >50 countries.