

Seth Cantey, PhD  
[canteys@wlu.edu](mailto:canteys@wlu.edu) (540) 458-8019

## Appointments

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

## 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

## Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2022 (*forthcoming*). “Violent Non-State Actors, Terrorism, and the War Paradigm Revisited” in *Fighting War as Crime and Crime as War: Normative Frameworks for National Security*. C. Finkelstein, C. Fuller, J. Ohlin, and M. Regan (Eds). Oxford University Press.

2020. “Sensemaking for 21<sup>st</sup> 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* (52<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

2017. *The Middle East and South Asia, 2018-2019* (51<sup>st</sup> Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

2016. *The Middle East and South Asia, 2018-2019* (50<sup>th</sup> Edition). Rowman & Littlefield.

## Book Reviews

2019. Review: Lo, Mbaye (2019). Political Islam, Justice and Governance. *Sociology of Islam* 7(2).

2016. Review: Smith, M.L.R. and David Martin Jones (2015). The Political Impossibility of Modern Counterinsurgency. Columbia University Press. *CHOICE* 53(12).

2016. Review: Vatanka, Alex (2015). Iran and Pakistan: Security, Diplomacy, and American Influence. I.B. Tauris. *CHOICE* 53(11).

2015. Review: Russell, Glenn (2015). W. Rethinking Western Approaches to Counterinsurgency: Lessons from Post-Colonial Conflict. Routledge. *CHOICE* 53(4).

2015. 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. Review: Rajan, V. G. Julie (2015). *Al Qaeda's Global Crisis: the Islamic State, Takfir, and the Genocide of Muslims*. Routledge. *CHOICE* 53(2).

### **Other Publications (Op-eds, academic blog posts, etc.)**

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).

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).

### **Work in Progress**

*Parsing Parley: Strategy's Role in Conflict Negotiation Outcomes*. (book manuscript)

"Linguistics and Applied Theology in Jihadi Media" (with Nico Prucha and Ali Fisher). (article)

### **Conferences, Lectures, Presentations**

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." Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. 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." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September 2.

2015. "The Other Battle for Hearts and Minds: A Comparative Study of English-Language Jihadi e-Magazines." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. 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." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 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. John Hope Franklin Center. Duke University. Durham, NC. November 3.

2012. "Israel and Iran: Countdown to War?" Public interview with Johns Hopkins Professor Steven David. West Union, Old Trinity Room. Duke University. Durham, NC. April 3.

2010. "The Strategic Logic of Suicide What?: A New Research Design to Explain Suicide Attacks." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 23.

## Teaching

POL 384: Middle East Politics  
POL 287: 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

Core Faculty Member, MESA Studies Cohort	8/14 – present
Faculty Advisor, Amnesty International	2/16 – present
Faculty Advisor, The Political Review	8/15 – present
Faculty Member, Committee on Teaching Evaluations	9/20 – 5/21
Faculty Member, Int. Education Committee	8/17 – 6/20
Advisory Board, Mudd Center for Ethics	7/15 – 6/18

## Professional Workshops

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, Awards

Lenfest Summer Research Grants (x7)	W&L Univ.	Summers, 2015-2021
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 Fondation	Summers, 2012-2014
Academic Scholarships and Fellowships (x2)	Georgetown Univ.	2006 & 2007
Helen E. Sprague Prize in Spanish	Bucknell Univ.	2003

## Media Appearances

US recognition of the Golan Heights as Israeli territory, *El Clarín*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 25, 2019  
US political climate two years into Trump presidency, Anadolu Agency, Bogotá, Colombia, January 20, 2019  
US withdrawal from Syria, Anadolu Agency, Bogotá, Colombia, December 21, 2018  
US presidential election, Virginia Talk Radio Network, September 24, 2016  
ISIS attacks on Brussels, Virginia Talk Radio Network, March 26, 2016  
ISIS attacks on Brussels, ABC 13, Lynchburg, VA, March 23, 2016  
ISIS Recruitment, Corresponsales en Línea, Buenos Aires, Argentina, February 28, 2016  
Online Extremist Propaganda, Radio IE, WLUR, February 8, 2016

US Response to ISIS, Virginia Talk Radio Network, November 21, 2015  
ISIS attacks on Paris, ABC 13, Lynchburg, VA, November 17, 2015  
ISIS appeal to youth, ABC 13, Lynchburg, VA, May 8, 2015

### **Language Proficiency**

Spanish (Argentine, Fluent)  
Arabic (Modern Standard, Proficient)  
Portuguese (Brazilian, Proficient)

### **International Experience**

Residence in Morocco (3 months in 2011 and 2019)  
Residence in Colombia (4 months in 2007 and 2016)  
Residence in Syria (3 months in 2010)  
Residence in Mozambique (3 months in 2009)  
Residence in Argentina (10 months in 2002 and 2005)  
Residence in Ecuador (10 months 2003 and 2004)  
Travel in >50 countries