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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Co-Director, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, 2018-Present

Associate Professor, Department of International Affairs, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, 2016-Present

Associate Professor, Department of Strategy, Air War College, 2014-2016

Assistant Professor, Department of Strategy, Air War College, 2009-2014

Lecturer and Post-Doctoral Fellow, Committee on International Relations (CIR), University of Chicago, 2007-2009

Research Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, 2006-2007

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, 2007

M.A., University of Chicago, Committee on International Relations, 2000

B.A., University of Notre Dame, Government/International Relations, 1999

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

[*The Berlin Airlift and the Making of the Cold War*](#), co-edited with Adam R. Seipp and Thomas D. Sullivan (Texas A&M University Press, 2022).

[*Deceit on the Road to War: Presidents, Politics, and American Democracy*](#) (Cornell University Press, 2015).

- Reviewed by *Choice*; [H-Diplo/ISSF](#); [H-Net Reviews](#); [International Affairs](#); *Journal of Military History*; [Journal of Strategic Studies](#); [Perspectives on Politics](#); [Strategic Studies Quarterly](#); *Survival*.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS)

“[Revisiting Insularity and Expansion: A Theory Note](#)” (with Joshua Shiffrin and David Blagden), *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 21, No. 4 (December 2023), pp. 1304-1318.

“[Ambivalent Offshore Balancer: America in the Middle East and Beyond](#),” *Parameters*, Vol. 53, No. 4 (Winter 2023-24), pp. 53-67.

“[The Shadow of Exit from NATO](#)” (with Joshua Shiffrin), *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (Fall 2019), pp. 38-51.

“Why Does Donald Trump Have So Much Trouble with the Truth?” in Robert Jervis, Francis J. Gavin, Joshua Rovner, and Diane N. Labrosse, editors, [Chaos in the Liberal Order: The Trump Presidency and International Politics in the Twenty-First Century](#) (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2018), pp. 373-379.

“[A Realist Foreign Policy for the United States](#)” (with Sebastian Rosato), *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 9, No. 4 (December 2011), pp. 803-819.

- Reprinted in G. John Ikenberry and Peter Trubowitz, ed., *American Foreign Policy: Theoretical Essays* (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2014).

Seth Johnston, Dan Reiter, John Schuessler, and Richard Ned Lebow, “[Are Democracies Aggressive? Is the United States Aggressive? An Exchange](#),” *St. Antony’s International Review* 7, no. 1 (2011): 166-188.

- A forum on Richard Ned Lebow, “Aggressive Democracies,” *St. Antony’s International Review* 6, no. 2 (2011): 120-133.

“[Should Realism Return to its Roots? A Review Essay](#),” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 12, No. 4 (December 2010), pp. 583-589.

“[Correspondence: FDR, U.S. Entry into World War II, and Selection Effects Theory](#),” *International Security*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (Fall 2010), pp. 176-185.

- Dan Reiter’s letter concerning my article, “The Deception Dividend,” and my reply

“[The Deception Dividend: FDR’s Undeclared War](#),” *International Security*, Vol. 34, No. 4 (Spring 2010), pp. 133-165.

- Reprinted in Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Cote, Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller, eds., *Do Democracies Win Their Wars?* (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2011).

“Absorbing the First Blow: Truman and the Cold War,” *White House Studies*, Vol. 9, No. 3 (2009), pp. 215-232.

- Reprinted in Anthony J. Eksterowicz and Glenn P. Hastedt, eds., *Presidents and War* (New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2010).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (BOOK REVIEWS AND COMMENTARY)

“[Building Foreign Militaries and Learning the Right Lessons from Afghanistan](#)” (with Jasen Castillo), *Newsweek*, August 17, 2021.

“[Why Does Donald Trump Have So Much Trouble with the Truth? A Brief Update](#),” *H-Diplo* | ISSF Policy Series, “America and the World – The Effects of the Trump Presidency” (April 2021), pp. 1-2.

Co-editor, “[Russia Policy Under the Next U.S. President](#),” Albritton Center for Grand Strategy and Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, Published online September 21, 2020.

“[Review of Anne van Wijk](#), ‘Transatlantic Relations in the Run-Up to Pearl Harbor: The Dutch East Indies at Stake,’ *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* 17 (September 2019): 370-391,” *H-Diplo* Article Review 970 (August 2020).

“[Review of Austin Carson](#), *Secret Wars: Covert Conflict in International Politics*,” *H-Diplo* | ISSF Roundtable, Vol. 11, No. 18 (June 2020), pp. 6-9.

“[Democracy, War, and American Grand Strategy](#),” Review of Sarah Kreps, *Taxing Wars: The American Way of War Finance and the Decline of Democracy*, *Texas National Security Review*, Published online January 29, 2019.

“[Making Grand Strategy Grand Again](#)” (with Joshua Shiffrinson), *The National Interest* Online, July 25, 2018.

- Capsule summary included in “[What Good is Grand Strategy? A Whiteboard](#),” War Room/United States Army War College, March 26, 2020.

“Review of David A. Baldwin, *Power and International Relations: A Conceptual Approach*,” *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 79, No. 4 (Fall 2017), pp. 743-745.

[“Author’s Response,”](#) H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable on *Deceit on the Road to War: Presidents, Politics, and American Democracy*, Vol. 9, No. 21 (July 2017), pp. 19-23.

[“Why Does Donald Trump Have So Much Trouble with the Truth?”](#) *H-Diplo* | ISSF Policy Series, “America and the World – 2017 and Beyond” (February 2017), pp. 1-6.

[“Review of Christopher J. Fettweis,](#) *The Pathologies of Power: Fear, Honor, Glory and Hubris in U.S. Foreign Policy*,” *H-Diplo* | ISSF Roundtable, Vol. 7, No. 14 (March 2015), pp. 13-17.

[“Democracy, Deception, and IR Theory,”](#) *H-Diplo* | ISSF Roundtable, Vol. 5, No. 4 (May 2013), pp. 45-47.

“Review of Risa A. Brooks, *Shaping Strategy: The Civil-Military Politics of Strategic Assessment*,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (April 2012), pp. 278-281.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Tension at the Heart of Offshore Balancing: Revisiting the World War II Case,” book manuscript

“Varieties of Restraint,” article manuscript (with Jasen Castillo, Miranda Priebe, and Bryan Rooney)

“A Grand Strategy for Close to Home,” article manuscript (with Aileen Teague)

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Distinguished Achievement Award College Level (Teaching), The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, 2021

Award for Meritorious Civilian Service, Department of the Air Force, 2016

Award for Teaching Excellence, Air War College, 2016

Award for Lecturing Excellence, Air War College, 2014

Air Education and Training Command Educator of the Year Nominee, Air War College, 2013

General Muir S. Fairchild Educational Achievement Award Nominee, Air War College, 2012

Pre-doctoral Fellowship, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, 2006-2007

Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Graduate Fellowship, The Eisenhower Institute, 2006-2007

Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, Fall 2004

Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2000-2004

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer, Foundations of Strategy Course, Air War College, August 2023

Invited Panelist, “U.S. Retrenchment in the Middle East: Prospects and Implications,” Workshop at Brasenose College, University of Oxford, August 2022

Invited Panelist, “The Ongoing Impact of the Russo-Ukrainian Conflict,” MSC Wiley Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, August 2022

Invited Panelist, “Emergency in Eastern Europe,” MSC Wiley Lecture Series, Texas A&M University, March 2022

Invited Panelist, “Reimagining U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East and North Africa,” Aronson Center for International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, December 2020

Invited Speaker, The Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame, March 2020

Invited Panelist, “The Next Phase in the Restraint Debate,” Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, February 2020

Keynote Address, Restraint and National Security Conference, Clements Center for National Security, The University of Texas at Austin, February 2020

Invited Participant, [The Future of America’s Global Role: A Debate](#), The George W. Bush Institute, Southern Methodist University, May 2018

Invited Speaker, Security Workshop Series, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, January 2018

Invited Panelist, Understanding American Liberty and American Interests in the 21st Century, Institute for Humane Studies Policy Seminar, San Francisco, CA, August 2017

Guest Lecturer, National Security and Decision-Making Course, Air War College, December 2016

Invited Panelist, Commanding the Commons in the Early 21st Century, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, November 2016

Invited Talk, Department of International Affairs, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, February 2016

[Book Forum](#), Cato Institute, Washington, DC, December 2015

Invited Speaker, The Notre Dame International Security Program, University of Notre Dame, February 2014

Invited Speaker, Security Workshop Series, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, December 2010

Invited Speaker, The Notre Dame International Security Program, University of Notre Dame, January 2010

International Security Brown Bag Seminar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, April 2007

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2021

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2023

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2004

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Chair, Panel on “Integrating Economic and Military Access Denial Strategies”; Participant, Roundtable on “Realism and its Critics: Ukraine and the Future of IR Theory,” 2023 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, CA

Chair, Panels on “Understanding Russia” and “U.S. Grand Strategy in a Smaller World,” 2022 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN

Discussant, Panel on “Geography and Strategy: Regions, Balances, Terrains,” 2019 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA

Participant, Roundtable on “How Democratic is American Foreign Policy? How Democratic Should It Be?”; Participant, Roundtable on “Austin Carson’s *Secret Wars: Covert Conflict in International Politics*,” 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA

Program Co-Chair, International Security, 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA

Participant, “Roundtable Honoring Foreign Policy Section Distinguished Scholar Robert Jervis”; Discussant, Panel on “Great Power Politics and Grand Strategy: Bridging Theory, History, and Practice,” 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Propaganda, Race, Secrets, and War,” 2016 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Diverse Approaches to Nuclear Proliferation”; Chair and Co-Discussant, “Grand Strategy of Global and Regional Powers,” 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA

Program Chair, Foreign Policy Section, 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC

Discussant, Panel on “Whither American Influence? Power, Order, and the Future of World Politics,” 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC

Chair, Panel on “How Reputation Matters in International Security”; Discussant, Panel on “Theories and Realities of Grand Strategy,” 2013 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA

Chair, Panel on “Secrecy and World Politics”; Discussant, Panel on the “Alliance Politics of Cohesion and Division,” 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Non-Resident Fellow, Defense Priorities

Co-Organizer, Lone Star National Security Forum, April 2022

Invited Discussant, International Relations Theory Colloquium, January 2021

Contributing Editor, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, 2015-2016

Chair, Foreign Policy Section, American Political Science Association, 2014-2015

Invited Panelist, Summer Institute in American Foreign Policy, Williams College, 2012-2013

Participant, Institute on Qualitative Methods, Arizona State University, January 2003

Participant, Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University, July 2002

External Reviewer, *Columbia University Press*, *Cornell University Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Politics*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Security Studies*, *St. Antony's International Review*, and *Texas National Security Review*

Member, American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Interests: democracy and deception, realism, geography and great power politics, American grand strategy

REFERENCES

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