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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2011–present Associate Professor of Political Science, Trinity College.
Assistant Professor, 2006–2011.
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2003–2005.

EDUCATION

February 2001 Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University.
Dissertation: “Commerce in Culture: Institutions, Markets, and Competition in the World Film Trade.” Advisers: Lisa Anderson and Helen Milner.

October 1997 M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University.
Subfield Exams: International Relations and Comparative Politics.

June 1992–1993 Fellow, Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA), Cairo, Egypt.
Twelve-month fellowship for advanced Arabic study at the American University in Cairo, funded by the U.S. Department of Education and Andrew Mellon Foundation.

May 1992 M.A., Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia.
Subfield Exams: International Relations and Foreign Policy.
Thesis: “Algeria’s Islamic Salvation Front.”

May 1988 B.A., Government/International Relations, Georgetown University.
Center for Contemporary Arab Studies: Certificate of Arab Studies (16 courses).
Study Abroad: American University in Cairo, Egypt, January–June 1987.
Senior Symposium: “Terrorism and *Intifada* as Strategies of Political Change.”

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Commerce in Culture: States and Markets in the World Film Trade, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

The Road to Baghdad: Power, Ideas, and the Origins of the Iraq War (manuscript under revision; working title).

Articles

“The Consequences of Forced State Failure in Iraq.” *Political Science Quarterly* 128, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 67-95. Also in Editor’s Spotlight: [Iraqi Sectarian Violence](#).

“The Gaza War: Instrumental Civilian Suffering?” *Middle East Policy* 18, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 54-77. Also available [here](#).

“The Road to Baghdad: Ideas and Intellectuals in Explanations of the Iraq War.” *Security Studies* 15, no. 2 (April–June 2006): 310-352.

“National Human Rights Institutions in the Middle East.” *Middle East Journal* 59, no. 3 (Summer 2005): 411-436. (Co-authored with Sonia Cardenas)

“After Saddam: Regional Insecurity, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and Proliferation Pressures in Postwar Iraq.” *Political Science Quarterly* 118, no. 4 (Winter 2003-04): 547-567. Lead article.

* Reprinted in *American Hegemony: Preventive War, Iraq, and Imposing Democracy*, edited by Demetrios James Caraley, 81-101. New York: Academy of Political Science, 2004.

* Reprinted in *Terrorist Attacks and Nuclear Proliferation: Strategies for Overlapping Dangers*, edited by Demetrios James Caraley and Loren Morales Kando, 131-151. New York: Academy of Political Science, 2007.

“The Art of the ‘Impossible’: Writing Peace Agreements During War.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 36, no. 4 (October 2003): 765-768. Also available [here](#) on the American Political Science Association website.

Book Chapters

“The Arab World: Grappling with Multiple Consequences.” In *Assessing the War on Terror*, edited by Mohammed Ayoob and Etga Ugur, 93-112. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2013.

“Ideas and Entrepreneurs: A Constructivist Explanation of the Iraq War.” In *Why Did the United States Invade Iraq?* edited by Jane K. Cramer and A. Trevor Thrall, 73-100. New York: Routledge, 2011. Revised and updated from *Security Studies* 15, no. 2 (April–June 2006).

“The Globalization of Filmmaking in Latin America and the Middle East.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Film and Media Studies*, edited by Robert Kolker, 484-507. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008 and *Oxford Handbooks Online*, 2012. DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780195175967.013.0018

“State and Cinema in Pre-Revolutionary Egypt, 1927-52.” In *Re-Envisioning Egypt, 1919-1952*, edited by Arthur Goldschmidt, Amy J. Johnson, and Barak A. Salmoni, 448-465. Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2005.

Essays and Shorter Items

H-Diplo | International Security Studies Forum, Book Roundtable on Michael MacDonald, *Overreach: Delusions of Regime Change in Iraq*, Harvard University Press, 2014. Volume VIII (No. 5), 30 November 2015. Available [here](#).

H-Diplo | International Security Studies Forum, Article Review No. 27 of Stephen Benedict Dyson, “What Really Happened in Planning for Postwar Iraq?” and Renanah Miles, “After War: Inside the U.S. Civilian Struggle to Build Peace,” *Political Science Quarterly* 128, no. 3 (Fall 2013): 455-488 and 489-516. 9 April 2014. Available [here](#).

“Ideas in War,” Trinity Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies (TIIS), *The Crooked Line*, 6 December 2010 (online).

“Why We Love to Hate Pirates: Truth and Consequences.” *CounterPunch*, May 22-24, 2009 (with Sonia Cardenas).

“North Atlantic Treaty Organization,” Update in *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa*, 2nd edition (Macmillan, 2004).

“Fatin Hamama,” Update in *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa*, 2nd edition (Macmillan, 2004).

Reviews

Ted Spain and Terry Turchie, *Breaking Iraq: The Ten Mistakes That Broke Iraq* (History Publishing, 2013). *Michigan War Studies Review*, 2017-025, 24 March 2017.

Kevin M. Woods, David D. Palkki, and Mark E. Stout, eds., *The Saddam Tapes: The Inner Workings of a Tyrant’s Regime, 1978-2001* (Cambridge, 2011). *Political Science Quarterly* 128, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 170-171.

Dina Shehata, *Islamists and Secularists in Egypt: Opposition, Conflict, and Cooperation* (Routledge Studies in Middle Eastern Politics, 2010). *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44, no. 1 (February 2012): 187-189.

“Norms, Activists, and Legislative Pressure in Strategic Commitment Termination,” a review of C. William Walldorf, Jr., *Just Politics: Human Rights and the Foreign Policy of Great Powers* (Cornell, 2008). *International Studies Review* 11, no. 3 (September 2009): 620-622.

Mohammed Ayoob, *The Many Faces of Political Islam: Religion and Politics in the Muslim World* (Michigan, 2008). *Perspectives on Politics* 6, no. 3 (September 2008): 636-637.

Noah Feldman, *What We Owe Iraq: War and the Ethics of Nation-Building* (Princeton, 2004). *Millennium* 34, no. 2 (February 2006): 593-595.

“The Politics of Industrial Change in Hollywood,” a review of Aida Hozic, *Hollyworld: Space, Power, and Fantasy in the American Economy* (Cornell, 2001). *International Studies Review* 5, no. 1 (March 2003): 119-121.

Geoffrey Kemp and Robert E. Harkavy, *Strategic Geography and the Changing Middle East* (Brookings, 1997). *Political Science Quarterly* 113, no. 2 (Summer 1998): 339-340.

PAST TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2005–Spring 2006	Connecticut College, Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Government, New London, CT.
Spring 2004	Columbia University, Adjunct Professor. Department of Political Science, New York, NY.
Fall 2002–Spring 2004	New York University, Adjunct Professor. Department of Politics, Master of Arts Program, New York, NY.
Fall 2001–Spring 2002	Williams College, Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Williamstown, MA.
Spring 2001	Brown University, Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Providence, RI.
Fall 2000	University of Massachusetts, Lecturer. Department of Political Science, Boston, MA.
Spring 1997–Fall 1998	Columbia University, Teaching Assistant. Department of Political Science, New York, NY.
Fall 1996	Brooklyn College, Lecturer. Core Curriculum, City University of New York, NY.
Fall 1995	Columbia University, Teaching Assistant (Intermediate Arabic). Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, NY.
Fall 1990–Fall 1991	University of Virginia, Teaching Assistant. Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, Charlottesville, VA.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introductory Undergraduate

Introduction to International Relations (Trinity College)
 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Connecticut College)
 World Politics (Williams College)
 First-Year Seminar: International Relations on Film (Trinity College)
 Core Curriculum: The Middle East and North Africa (Brooklyn College/CUNY)

Advanced Undergraduate

International Security (Trinity College)
 American Foreign Policy (Trinity College)
 War and Peace in the Middle East (Trinity College)
 Politics in the Middle East and North Africa (Trinity College)
 International Political Economy (Trinity College, Brown University)

The Politics of International Economic Relations (Columbia University)
 Great Powers and International Order (Williams College)
 Conflict and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East (Williams College)
 The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy (Trinity College)
 Middle East Politics (Connecticut College)
 The Politics of Developing Countries (Trinity College, Connecticut College)
 Comparative Politics of Transitional Societies (UMass–Boston)
 Senior Seminar: War, Peace, and Strategy (Trinity College)
 Senior Seminar: War and Peace in the Modern Middle East (Brown Univ., Connecticut College)
 Senior Seminar: States and Markets in the World Economy (Williams College)

Graduate

International Politics: Concepts and Theories (New York University)
 Political Economy (New York University)

Research Supervision

Undergraduate honors and masters-level theses (political science; public policy); senior exercises (international studies); overseas research; independent studies; integrated internships.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND ACADEMIC HONORS

Research support, Albert L.E. Gastmann Fund in International Organizations and Programs, Trinity College, 2011-14; 2014-17; 2017-20.

Nominee, Arthur H. Hughes Award for Teaching Achievement and Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence, Trinity College, multiple years, 2007-17.

Certificate for “Outstanding Teaching in Political Science,” American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha/ The National Political Science Honor Society, August 2007.

Summit Award, “Best Lecturer,” Trinity College, Student Government Association, May 2007.

Completion Grant, Trinity College, Faculty Research Committee, January 2007.

Professional Development Grant, Trinity College, Office of the Dean of Faculty, September 2006.

President’s Fellow, Columbia University, 1998-2000.

Fulbright/ Institute of International Education Fellow, Dissertation research in Egypt, 1997-1998.

American Research Center in Egypt, Dissertation Research Fellowship (declined), 1997-1998.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Grant (Spanish), Columbia University, 1996.

Ford Foundation Summer Research Grant (in Mexico City), Columbia University, Summer 1996.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellow (Arabic), Columbia University, 1994-1995.

CASA Fellow, American University in Cairo (U.S. Dept. of Education and Mellon), 1992-1993.

Governor's Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1991-1992.

Du Pont Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1991-1992.

Mobil Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1990-1991; 1991-1992.

Conference travel grants: Virginia, UCLA, Columbia, 1992-1999.

Pi Sigma Alpha, 1992.

Kenneth L. Brown Award, 1988.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics, New York University, Spring 2003.

Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES), Harvard University, 2000-2001.

Visiting Fellow, Cairo University and Higher Cinema Institute (via Fulbright/ Institute of International Education) Egypt, 1997-1998.

Student, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico City, Summer 1996.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers

“Entropy and Order in Global Governance,” Academic Council of the United Nations System, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2014.

“Narrating the Iraq War: Futility and Possibility in Film Diffusion,” International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2013.

“America, 9/11 and the Irrelevant Empire,” British International Studies Association–International Studies Association Joint Convention, Edinburgh, June 2012.

Roundtable Participant, “Why Did the United States Invade Iraq? Evaluating Leading Hypotheses,” International Studies Association, Montreal, March 2011.

“Accidental, Incidental, or Instrumental? Democracy, Civilian Suffering, and the Use of Force in the Gaza War,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

“An Eye for an Eyelash? Arguments about Civilian Casualties in Gaza,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, February 2010.

“The Second Image Coerced? Iraq and the Consequences of Forced State Failure,” American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008.

“Who Lost Iraq? Policy Entrepreneurs and the War Decision,” International Studies Association, Chicago, February 2007.

“A Conspiracy of Ideas: Agency and Institutions in the Iraq War Decision,” Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 2006.

“The Power of Ideas? Policy Intellectuals and the ‘War on Terrorism,’” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003.

“What’s So Arab about Arab Politics? Debating the Changing Logic of Area Studies in a Globalizing World,” International Political Science Association World Conference, Durban, South Africa, June 2003.

“Trading Culture: Globalization and the Political Economy of Film,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, March 2002.

“Markets Matter: Globalization and the World Film Trade,” International Studies Association, Washington, D.C., February 1999.

“Commerce and Culture: Internationalization and the Global Film Trade,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 1997.

“Approaches to Regime Change in the Middle East,” Third World Studies Association, Williamsburg, Virginia, October 1994.

“*Les Pères du FIS: The Political and Social Origins of Algeria’s Islamic Salvation Front*,” *Jusur* Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, April 1992.

Chair/ Discussant

Chair, “Things Fall Apart: Entropy, Estrangement, and Trust in Global Governance,” Academic Council of the United Nations System, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2014.

Chair, “The Foreign Policies of Rising and Declining States,” British International Studies Association–International Studies Association Joint Convention, Edinburgh, June 2012.

Chair and Discussant, “Terrorism and Non-State Actors,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

Chair, “Advances in Turkish Foreign Policy,” American Political Science Association, Toronto, Sept. 2009.

Chair, “Discourse, Identity, and International Security,” American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008.

Chair and Discussant, “The Arab-Israeli Conflict Arena,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2007.

Chair and Discussant, “International Political Economy,” Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2001.

Chair and Discussant, “The Middle East: Fertile Soil for Democracy?” Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2001.

INVITED WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

Symposium, Ten Years After 9/11: Analyses and Reflections, including presentation, “The Impact of 9/11 on the Arab World: Analytical Challenges and Ordered Effects,” Michigan State University, E. Lansing, Michigan, 15 September 2011.

Fourth Annual Tel Aviv University Workshop on the Arab-Israeli Conflict, S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, and other locations in Israel, Palestine, and the Golan Heights, 5-16 July 2009.

Basin Harbor Workshop, The Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, held in Vergennes, Vermont, 8-12 June 2009.

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, held at Cornell University, Ithaca, 8-27 July 2007.

College and University Faculty Seminar, “Global Security from Multiple Perspectives,” United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Washington, D.C., 25-30 July 2006.

Workshop, “Peaceful Society in the Islamic World: Rebuilding Afghanistan and Beyond,” Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, January 2002.

Group Leader, Ford Foundation Workshop, “Research and Research Methods in the Developing World,” Columbia University, September 1998–May 1999.

Participant, Ford Foundation Workshop, “Research and Research Methods in the Developing World,” Columbia University, September 1994–May 1995 and September 1995–May 1996.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant. Comparative Defense Studies Program, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, New York, May–September 1997.

Maghreb Analyst. U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR). Near East and South Asia Division, Washington, D.C., May–August 1991.

Middle East Analyst. U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR). Geographic and Global Issues Division; Iraq/Kuwait Task Force, Washington, D.C., June–August 1990; January 1991.

Intern (full time). U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA). Office of North African Affairs, Washington, D.C., January–June 1989.

Intern (full time). U.S. Department of State, Bureau of African Affairs (AF). Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., January–June 1988.

SERVICE

Professional

Mentor, American Political Science Association, Mentoring Initiative (2009–present) and Middle East and North Africa Fellows Program (2014).

External Assessor for *Demande de subvention*, Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines (CRSH)/ Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Subventions Savoir/ Insight Grants, 2014-15.

External Evaluator, Promotion to Full Professor, National LAC, 2014.

Committee Member and Chair, Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences, Middle East Studies Association, 2010 and 2013.

Article Manuscript Reviews, 2001-

Canadian Journal of Political Science
Comparative Political Studies
Criminology
European Journal of International Relations
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Organization
International Security
International Studies Quarterly

International Studies Review
Journal of Human Rights
Journal of Peace Research
Political Science Quarterly
PS: Political Science and Politics
Security Dialogue
Security Studies

Book Manuscript Reviews, 2001-

Cambridge University Press
 Macmillan
 McGraw-Hill

Oxford University Press
 Routledge
 Rowman & Littlefield

Trinity College

Faculty Coordinator, Pi Gamma Mu (International Honor Society in the Social Sciences), 2008-16.

Juror, Academic Honor Council hearings, 2007-13.

Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations group, 2010-.

Graduate Mentoring group, 2010-2011.

Assistant Marshal, 184th Commencement, May 22, 2010.

Academic Affairs Committee, 2007-09.

Selection Committee, Kathryn Wasserman Davis 100 Projects for Peace, Spring 2007.

Department of Political Science

Ferguson Prize Committee, 2009-12; 2014; 2016.

Coordinator, Senior Honors Theses, 2007-11.

Co-Coordinator, Senior Honors Theses, 2006-07.

Faculty Search Committees, 2007-.

International Political Economy (chair), 2012.

Political Theory visiting, 2012.

Comparative Politics, 2011.

Comparative Politics visiting, 2011.

Political Theory, 2008.

International Relations visiting, 2008.

John R. Reitemeyer Professor, 2007.

On-Campus Speaking

Invited Talk, "The Islamic State and the American Way of War," House of Peace, 26 September 2014.

Invited Speaker, "International Relations and Government Service," *Faculty Panel Series*, Career Development Center, April 15, 2014.

Invited Speaker, "Writing and the Politics of Danger," *Writers on Writing Series*, Allan K. Smith Center for Writing and Rhetoric, April 21, 2010.

Faculty Discussant, "U.S. Presidential Candidates and Middle East Policy," INTS Faculty-Student Brownbag, February 12, 2008.

Faculty Commentator, *The Devil Came on Horseback*, Human Rights Program film series, November 7, 2007.

Guest Lecturer, "Terrorism and Asymmetric Warfare," in HIST 107, December 1, 2006.

Guest Lecturer, "Competing Conceptualizations of Security in the War on Terror," in HRST 301, October 17, 2006.

Community and Alumni Engagement

Invited Panelist, "9/11 Anniversary Panel, Remembering: 15 Years Later," Robert C. Fischer Institute for Policy and Culture, Nichols College, September 7, 2016.

Invited Speaker, "From Cold War to Counter-Terror: Voices from the Front Lines," Alumni Weekend, Trinity College, June 12, 2010.

Invited Speaker, "America, Iraq, and the Dilemmas of State Failure," Trinity Alumni Association of Boston, October 23, 2008.

Invited Speaker, "The United States and Iraq: From Crisis to Collapse," The Heights, Hartford, October 11, 2007.

Discussant, *No End in Sight* (Dir. Charles Ferguson), Real Art Ways, Hartford, September 9, 2007.

Invited Speaker, “Iraq and the Humpty-Dumpty State,” Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), The Hartford Club, January 11, 2007.

Radio Interview on *The Iraq Study Group Report*, with Colin McEnroe, WTIC, December 6, 2006.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Arabic: Reading, writing, speaking Modern Standard (MSA)
(10 years formal study).

Speaking Egyptian colloquial (*‘ammiyya*)
(2 years formal study and 3 years residence in Egypt).

French: Reading, writing, speaking
(6 years formal study and 6 months residence in France).

Spanish: Reading, speaking
(2 years formal study and 2 months residence in Mexico).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academic Research Institute in Iraq
American Political Science Association
International Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Middle East Studies Association