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Education

- 2004 PhD in Political Science, Columbia University, New York.
Dissertation: "Contending Sovereignties: Religious Conflict and State Formation in Early Modern Europe." Supervised by Ira Katznelson and Charles Tilly.
Defended with Distinction.
- 2000 MA and MPhil in Political Science, Columbia University, New York.
Examining Fields: International Relations and Political Theory.
- 1995 AB in Government, Cum Laude, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Recent Employment

- 2002- Department of Government and School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
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| 2020- | Full Professor |
| 2010-2020 | Associate Professor |
| 2003-2010 | Assistant Professor |
| 2002-2003 | Visiting Instructor |
- 2009-2010 Russia, Ukraine, & Eurasia, International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy), Washington, DC
- 2005-2006 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University
- 2001-2002 MacArthur Consortium Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University
- 1999-2001 Preceptor, Contemporary Civilization Program, Columbia University, New York

Awards

- 2012 Joseph Leggold Award, Georgetown University
- 2010 International Security Studies Section Best Book Award for The Struggle for Power in Early Modern Europe

2009-2010 International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations

Books

- 2021 *Undermining American Hegemony: Goods Substitution in World Politics*, Cambridge University Press. Co-Editor [with Morten Skumsrud Andersen and Alexander Cooley]
- 2020 *Exit from Hegemony: The Unravelling of the American Global Order*, Oxford University Press. [with Alexander Cooley]
- 2009 *The Struggle for Power in Early Modern Europe: Religious Conflict, Dynastic Empires, and International Change*. Princeton University Press.
- 2006 *Harry Potter and International Relations*. Rowman and Littlefield. Co-Editor [with Iver B. Neumann]

Articles in Academic Journals

- 2020 “(No) Exit from Liberalism” *New Perspectives* [with Alex Cooley] 28,3 (2020): 280-291, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2336825X20934974>
- 2019 “Repertoires of Statecraft: Instruments and Logics of Power Politics,” [with Stacie E. Goddard and Paul K. MacDonald], *International Relations* 33,2 (2019): 304-321, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0047117819834625>
- “Revising Order or Challenging the Balance of Military Power? An Alternative Typology of Revisionist and Status-Quo States” [with Alex Cooley and Steven Ward], *Review of International Studies*, 45,4 (2019): 689-708, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210519000019>
- “Reclaiming the Social: Relationalism in Anglophone International Studies” [with Patrick Jackson], *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 32,5 (2019): 582-600. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09557571.2019.1567460>
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- “Anarchy and Authority: International Structure, the Balance of Power, and Hierarchy” [with Dani Nedal], *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4,2 (2019): 169-189, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogy03>
- 2018 “Beyond Anarchy: Logics of Political Organization, Hierarchy, and International Structure” [with Meghan McConaughy and Paul Musgrave], *International Theory* 10,2 (2018): 181-218, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971918000040>
- “Defending Hierarchy from the Moon to the Indian Ocean: Symbolic Capital and Status Insecurity in Early Modern China and Cold War America” [with Paul Musgrave], *International Organization*, 72,3 (2018): 591-626, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0020818318000139>
- “International Hegemony: A Field-Theoretic Account” [with Iver B. Neumann], *European Journal of International Relations* 24:3 (2018): 662-686, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066117716524>

- “Gender in the International Studies Quarterly Review Process” [with Dani Nedal] PS: Political Science & Politics. Contribution to a “Special Report” on “Gender in the Journals,” May 25, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096518000628>
- 2016 “The Great Transformation: More than Meets the Eye” [with Paul Musgrave], *International Theory* 8,3 (2016): 436-447, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971916000129>
- “The Dynamics of Global Power Politics: From Realism to the Study of Realpolitik” [with Stacie E. Goddard], *Journal of Global Security Studies* 1,1 (2016): 4-18, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogv007>
- 2013 "The Empire Will Compensate You: The Structural Dynamics of the US Overseas Basing Network" [with Alexander Cooley], *Perspectives on Politics* 11,4 (2013): 1034-1050, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592713002818>
- “International Theory in a Post-Paradigmatic Era: From Substantive Wagers to Scientific Ontologies” [with Patrick Thaddeus Jackson], *European Journal of International Relations* 19,3 (2013): 543-565, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066113495482>
- “‘Things of Networks’: Situating ANT in International Relations” [with Vincent Pouliot], *International Political Sociology* 7,3 (2013): 342-345, http://doi.org/10.1111/ips.12026_4
- “Singularity or Aberration? A Response to Buzan and Lawson” [with Paul Musgrave], *International Studies Quarterly* 57,3 (2013): 637-639, <https://doi.org/10.1111/isqu.12030>
- 2009 “Paradigmatic Faults in International Relations Theory” [with Patrick Thaddeus Jackson], *International Studies Quarterly* 53,4 (2009): 330-359, <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2478.2009.00562.x>
- “The Balance of Power in the Balance” *World Politics* 61,3 (2009): 330-359, <http://doi.org/10.1017/S0043887109000124>.
- 2008 “What’s this, then? ‘Romanes Eunt Domus?’” *International Studies Perspectives* 9,3 (2008): 300-308, <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1528-3585.2008.00336.x>
- 2007 “What’s at Stake in the American Empire Debate” [with Thomas Wright], *American Political Science Review*, 101, 3 (2007): 253-271, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055407070220>
- 2005 "Zeitgeist? Neo-idealism and International Political Change" *Review of International Political Economy*, 12,4 (2005): 700-719, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09692290500240438>
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- “Paradigm Lost? Reassessing Theory of International Politics” [with Stacie E. Goddard], *European Journal of International Relations*, 10,1 (2005): 9-61, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066105050136>
- 2004 "Constructivist Realism or Realist-Constructivism?" in "Bridging the Gap: Towards a Realist Constructivist Dialogue" [with Patrick Thaddeus Jackson], *International Studies Review* 2,6 (2004): 337-341, https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1521-9488.2004.419_2.x

- 2001 “Whence Causal Mechanisms? A Comment on Legro,” [With Patrick Thaddeus Jackson], *Dialogue IO* 1, 1 (2001): 21 pp. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S7777777702000079>
- “Which Historical Sociology?” *Review of International Studies* 27, 2 (2001): 273-280.
- 1999 “Relations Before States: Substance, Process, and the Study of World Politics” [with Patrick Thaddeus Jackson], *European Journal of International Relations* 5, 3 (1999): 291-332, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354066199005003002>

Book Chapters

- 2019 “International Order and Power Politics,” in *International Institutions and Power Politics: Bridging the Divide*, eds. T.V. Paul and Anders Wivel. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2019: 197-214.
- 2016 “Interpersonal Networks and International Security: The Case of US-Georgia Relations during the Bush Administration” [with Alexander Cooley] in *New Power Politics of Networks*, eds. Deborah Avant and Oliver Westerwinter. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016: 74-102.
- 2015 “American Military Diplomacy in Practice” [with Captain Miriam Krieger and Lieutenant Commander Shannon L.C. Souma] in *Diplomacy: The Making of World Politics*, eds. Ole Jacob Sending, Iver B. Neumann, and Vincent Pouliot, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015: 220-255.
- 2013 “One Cheer for Classical Realism” [with Peter Henne] in *Religion and the Realist Tradition*, ed. Jodok Troy. London: Routledge, 2013: 164-176.
- “States of Empire: Liberal Ordering and Imperial Relations” [with Paul Musgrave] in *Liberal World Orders*, eds. Tim Dunne, Trine Flockhart, and Marjo Koivisto. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013: 211-230.
- “Conclusion” [with Peter Henne] in *Battlestar Galactica and International Relations*, eds. Nicholas Kiersey and Iver Neumann. London: Routledge, 2013: 206-218.
- “American Liberalism and Imperial Temptation” [with Paul Musgrave] in *Empire and International Order*, ed. Noel Parker. London: Ashgate, 2013: 131-148.
- 2011 “No Leap of Faith Required” in *Religion and International Relations Theory*, ed. Jack Snyder, New York: Columbia University Press, 2011: 141-167.
- 2010 “Relationalism and New Systems Theory,” in *New Systems Theories of World Politics*, eds. Mathias Albert, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Alexander Wendt, New York: Palgrave, 2010: 99-126.
- 2007 “Discussion: American Empire and Civilizational Practice,” in *Civilizational Identity*, edited by Patrick Thaddeus Jackson and Martin Hall, New York: Palgrave (2007): 109-116.
- 2006 “Religion, European Identity, and Political Contention in Historical Perspective” in *Religion in an Expanding Europe*, eds. Timothy Byrnes and Peter Katzenstein, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006: 256-282.

- “Harry Potter and the Study of World Politics” [With Iver B. Neumann] in *Harry Potter and International Relations*, eds. Daniel Nexon and Iver B. Neumann, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006: 1-23.
- “Children’s Crusade: The Religious Politics of Harry Potter” [With Maia A. Gemmill] in *Harry Potter and International Relations*, eds. Daniel Nexon and Iver Neumann, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006: 79-100.
- 2003 “Representation is Futile? American Anti-Collectivism in the Post-Cold War Era” [With Patrick Thaddeus Jackson] in *To Seek Out New Worlds: Science Fiction and World Politics*, eds. Jutta Weldes, New York: Palgrave, 2003: 143-168.
- 2002 “Globalization, the Comparative Method, and Comparing Constructions” [with Patrick Thaddeus Jackson] in *Constructivist Comparative Politics*, eds. Daniel Green, Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2002: 88-120.

Selected Works in Progress

- The Dynamics of Power Politics* [with Stacie E. Goddard and Paul K. MacDonald]. In process.
- “The Outsider Advantage: Why Liminal Actors Rise to System-Wide Domination” [with Michael Glosny].
- “Hegemonic Norms and the Concentration of Power” [with Dani Nedal].

Selected Other Publications

- 2021 “The Illiberal Tide: Why the International Order Is Tilting Toward Autocracy.” *Foreign Affairs*. March 26, 2021.
- “Against Great Power Competition: The U.S. Should Not Confuse Means for Ends.” *Foreign Affairs*. February 15, 2021.
- “To Re-Establish U.S. Influence, Biden Should Play Rope-a-Dope, Not Compete Globally.” With Alexander Cooley. *The National Interest*. January 31, 2021.
- 2020 “Fear of Trump’s Populism Might Save American Alliances.” With Jeffrey A. Stacey. *Foreign Affairs*. December 2, 2020.
- “How Hegemony Ends.” With Alexander Cooley. *Foreign Affairs*. 99(4). July/August, 2020, pp. 143-156.
- “Why Populists Want a Multipolar World.” With Alexander Cooley. *Foreign Policy*. April 25, 2020.
- 2019 “If the United States Doesn’t Make The Rules, China Will.” With Abraham Newman. *Foreign Policy*, November 17, 2019. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/11/17/beijing-washington-bernie-sanders-warren-american-marketpower-can-serve-progressive-ends/>

- "Trump's a Paper Tiger, and Everyone Knows It." *The Atlantic*, October 17, 2019. <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/10/trumps-foreign-policy-disaster/600181/>
- 2018 "Toward a Neo-Progressive Foreign Policy: The Case for an Internationalist Left" *Foreign Affairs* (online), September 4, 2018. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2018-09-04/toward-neo-progressive-foreignpolicy>
- "Kim Jong Un Gets to Sit at the Cool Table Now" [with Stacie Goddard] *Foreign Policy*. June 21, 2018. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/06/21/kim-jong-un-gets-to-sit-at-the-cool-table-now/>
- 2017 "Zheng He's Voyages and the Symbolism Behind Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative" [with Paul Musgrave] *The Diplomat*. December 22, 2017. <https://thediplomat.com/2017/12/zheng-he-voyages-and-the-symbolismbehind-xi-jinpings-belt-and-road-initiative/>
- "Trump's 'Madman Theory' Isn't Strategic Unpredictability. It's Just Crazy" [with Dani Nedal] *Foreign Policy*. April 18, 2017. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/04/18/trumps-madman-theory-isnt-strategic-unpredictability-itsjust-crazy/>
- "Sebastian Gorka May Be a Far-Right Nativist, but for Sure He's a Terrible Scholar" *Foreign Policy*. March 17, 2017. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/03/17/dr-sebastian-gorka-may-be-a-far-right-nativist-but-for-sure-hes-aterrible-scholar-trump-radical-islam/>
- "Trump says American Allies Should Spend More on Defense. Here's Why He's Wrong" [with Abraham Newman] *Vox*, February 16, 2017. <https://www.vox.com/the-big-idea/2017/2/16/14635204/burden-sharingallies-nato-trump>
- "Trump Won't Get the Best Deals," [with Dani Nedal] *Foreign Affairs* (online), January 31, 2017. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2017-01-31/trump-wont-get-best-deals>
- 2015 "There's a Moral Order Baked into the 'Star Wars' Galaxy that's Far, Far Away" [with Patrick Thaddeus Jackson] *The Monkey Cage* (*Washington Post*), November 26, 2015. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkeycage/wp/2015/11/26/theres-a-moral-order-baked-into-that-star-wars-galaxy-thats-far-far-away/>
- Putin's Potemkin Intervention: the Weakness of Moscow's Syria Adventure" [with Alexander Cooley] *Foreign Affairs*, October 18, 2015. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/syria/2015-10-18/putins-potemkinintervention>
- "The 'Failure' of the 'Reset:' Obama's Mistake? Or Putin's," *The Monkey Cage* (*Washington Post*), March 4, 2015. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/03/04/the-failure-of-the-reset-obamasgreat-mistake-or-putinss/>
- 2012 "Historical Institutionalism and International Relations," *E-International Relations*, April 16, 2012. <https://www.eir.info/2012/04/16/historical-institutionalism-and-international-relations/>
- 2011 "Bahrain's Base Politics," [with Alexander Cooley] *Foreign Affairs* (online), April 5, 2011.

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Founder and Sometimes Contributor, [The Duck of Minerva](#) (a collective international-affairs blog)
Contributor, [Lawyers, Guns and Money](#) (a left-wing politics and policy blog)

Selected Professional Activities

- SFS BSFS Curriculum Reform Committee (2011-2012).
Faculty Search Committees: Security Studies Program (2019), Culture and Politics (2013), Global Issues (2011-2012), Security Studies Program (2008), International Relations (MSFS) (2007), Arab Politics (CCAS) (2004)
Tenure Committees (2014, 2017)
Committee to Evaluate Business/SFS Degree Program (2015-2016)
Transfer Admissions Committee (2016).
Leggold Prize Committee (2012-2013)
- Government Director of Admissions and Fellowships (2011-2013).
IR Field Chair (2019-)
Admissions and Fellowships Committee (2004-2005, 2006-2008, 2010-2013, 2016-2017, 2019-)
Department Executive Committee (2008-2009, 2010-2013, 2019-).
Co-Director of Undergraduate Studies (2008-2009, 2010-2011).
P&B Committee (2015)
Tenure Committee (2012).
Convener, IR Reading Group (2010-2011).
Search Committee: International Relations (2006)
Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Studies (2007-2008)
Ad Hoc Curriculum Review Committee (2004)
- University Main Campus Executive Committee (2010-2011)
University Honor Council (2004-2005, 2006-2007)

Other Professional Experience

Coordinator for Volunteer Foreign Policy Advisory Group, Bernie Sanders Campaign, 2016.
Consultant, National Intelligence Commission (2003-2004, 2008)

References

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