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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

Books

- 2023 *Dynamics of Power Politics*, Oxford University Press, under contract [with Stacie E. Goddard and Paul K. MacDonald]
- 2021 *Undermining American Hegemony: Goods Substitution in World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming [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] 
 – Reviewed in the *New York Review of Books*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and *Foreign Affairs*
- 2009 *The Struggle for Power in Early Modern Europe: Religious Conflict, Dynastic Empires, and International Change*. Princeton University Press
 – Reviewed in *Foreign Affairs* and a number of academic journals
- 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>
- “Hegemony Studies 3.0: Hegemonic-Order Theory” [with John Ikenberry], *Security Studies* 28,3 (2019): 395-421, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2019.1604981>
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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/ogv03>
- 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/S1049006518000628>
- 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> doi.org/10.1080/09692290500240438
- “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* 10 1, 1 (2001): 21 pp. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S777777702000079>

“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

2021 “Goods Substitution and the Logics of International Order Transformation,” [with Alexander Cooley and Morten Skumsrud Andersen] in *Undermining American Hegemony: Goods Substitution in World Politics*, eds. Morten Skumsrud Andersen, Alexander Cooley, and Daniel H. Nexon. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

“Goods Substitution and Counter-Hegemonic Strategies,” [with Alexander Cooley] in *Undermining American Hegemony: Goods Substitution in World Politics*, eds. Morten Skumsrud Andersen, Alexander Cooley, and Daniel H. Nexon. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

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, Near to Notional

- “The Outsider Advantage: Why Liminal Actors Rise to System-Wide Domination” [with Michael Glosny and Woojeong Jang]
- “What’s at Stake in the British Empire Debate” [with Paul Musgrave]
- “Hegemonic Norms and the Concentration of Power” [with Dani Nedal]
- “The Immateriality of the Distinction between Ideational and Material forces”

Selected Other Publications

- 2021 “The Illiberal Tide: Why the International Order Is Tilting Toward Autocracy,” [with Alexander Cooley] *Foreign Affairs*. March 26, 2021. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2021-03-26/illiberal-tide>
- “Against Great Power Competition: The U.S. Should Not Confuse Means for Ends,” *Foreign Affairs*. February 15, 2021. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2021-02-15/against-great-power-competition>
- “To Re-Establish U.S. Influence, Biden Should Play Rope-a-Dope, Not Compete Globally,” [with Alexander Cooley], *The National Interest*. January 31, 2021. <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/re-establish-us-influence-biden-should-play-rope-dope-not-compete-globally-177380>
- “Exit from a Sparse Hegemony: Central Asia’s Place in a Transforming Liberal Order,” [with Alexander Cooley], *Central Asia Papers*, January 21, 2021. <https://www.fpri.org/article/2021/01/exit-from-a-sparse-hegemony-central-asias-place-in-a-transforming-liberal-international-order/>
- 2020 “Fear of Trump’s Populism Might Save American Alliances,” [with Jeffrey A. Stacey] *Foreign Affairs*. December 2, 2020. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/china/2020-12-03/fear-trumps-populism-might-save-american-alliances>
- “How Hegemony Ends,” [with Alexander Cooley] *Foreign Affairs*. 99(4). July/August, 2020, pp. 143-156. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/united-states/2020-06-09/how-hegemony-ends>
- “Why Populists Want a Multipolar World,” [with Alexander Cooley], *Foreign Policy*, April 25, 2020. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/04/25/populists-multipolar-world-russia-china/>

- 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*, 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-hes-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*, 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*, April 5, 2011.

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/67700/alexander-cooley-and-daniel-h-nexon/bahrains-basepolitics>.

Reprinted in *The New Arab Revolt: What Happened, What it Means, and What Comes Next* (New York: Council on Foreign Relations, 2011).

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)

Co-presenter and producer, [Whiskey and IR Theory](#) podcast.

Teaching Areas & Experience

Recent

Undergraduate International Order, Grand Strategy & International Order, Politics of Science Fiction, Introduction to International Relations

PhD Advanced International Relations Theory, State Formation and International Change, Politics of International Hierarchy

Past

Undergraduate Introduction to Culture and Politics, Mass Violence and Genocide, Introduction to Political Theory, Contemporary Cavillation (Columbia University Core Curriculum)

MSFS Introduction to International Relations

Training and Additional Experience

Managing diversity in the classroom

Teaching undergraduate writing

Debate instruction and coaching

Selected PhD Committees

Louis-Alexandre Berg (Georgia State University), Devin Finn (Universidad de los Andes), Peter Henne (University of Vermont), Christina Lai (Global Taiwan Institute), Ji-Young Lee (American University), Rebecca Gibbons (University of Maine), Jaclyn A. Kerr (U.S. Department of State), Rebecca Lissner (Naval War College, NSC), Meghan McConaughy (American Political Science Association), Jonathan Monten (UCL), Jeppe Mulich (City University of London), Dani Nedal (Carnegie Mellon), Zachary Ritter (Gallup), Megan Stewart (American University), Stephen Ward (Cornell, moving to University of Cambridge), Thomas Wright (Brookings)

Selected University Service

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)

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Tenure Committees (2014, 2017)
Committee to Evaluate Business/SFS Degree Program (2015-2016)
Transfer Admissions Committee (2016).
Lepgold 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 Research Awards Committee (2020-)
Main Campus Executive Committee (2010-2011)
University Honor Council (2004-2005, 2006-2007)

Selected Service to the Discipline

Memberships International Studies Association
American Political Science Association (on and off)
Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member (2010-2014)

Leadership Positions: Co-editor, Columbia Series in International Order and Politics, Columbia University Press (2019-present); Lead Editor of *International Studies Quarterly* (2014-2018); Member of the Global South Task Force, International Studies Association; Chair of the Theory section of the International Studies Association (2013-2015); Member of the Executive Committees of the Historical International Relations (2013-2016) and International Political Sociology (2004-2006, 2010-2012) sections of the International Studies Association; President (2013-2014) and Member of the Executive Committee of the International Studies Association-Northeast (2003-2014); Program officer for the International Political Sociology section of the International Studies Association (2004-2005); Program Chair for International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Convention (2011); former member of the Editorial Communications Team, *International Political Sociology*; various journal editorial boards, currently including *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *World Politics*.

Peer Reviewer Lots of places

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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