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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2007–present ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Department of Political Science – Calvin College
- 2005–2007 POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW
John G. Tower Center for Political Studies – Southern Methodist University
- 2004–2005 VISITING LECTURER
The Committee on International Relations – The University of Chicago

EDUCATION

- 2000–2004 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Ph.D., Political Science
Subfields: International Relations, Political Theory, and Methodology
Committee: Duncan J. Snidal (chair), Robert A. Pape, Jack L. Goldsmith III
Dissertation: “Law, Power, and Argumentation: The UN Charter and
Uses of Armed Force by Major Powers since 1945”
- 1998–2000 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
M.A., Social Sciences
Committee: Jean Bethke Elshtain (advisor), Lloyd Rudolph
Thesis: “Morality beyond the Polity: Political Realism and International Society from an
Augustinian Perspective”
- 1993–1998 THE HONORS COLLEGE – UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
B.A., Political Science (Summa Cum Laude)
University Honors and Honors in Political Science
Minors in Chemistry and Mathematics
Committee: Ross M. Lence (advisor), Paul D. Cooke, Ted L. Estess
Thesis: “On the Moral Dilemma of Strategic Nuclear Weapons Targeting:
An Exhumation of *Jus in Bello* Theory”

PUBLISHED BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND CHAPTERS

- “Cumulative Legitimation, Prudential Restraint, and the Maintenance of International Order: A Re-examination of the UN Charter System” *International Studies Quarterly* 54, no. 2 (2010): 513–33.
- “International Order the American Way: Selective Multilateralism and European Consternation” in *The United States and Europe in a Changing World*, edited by Roger E. Kanet, 3–24. Dordrecht: Republic of Letters, 2009.
- International Law and the Use of Armed Force: The UN Charter and the Major Powers*. New York: Routledge, 2007.

UNPUBLISHED PAPERS, MANUSCRIPTS, AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

- “Reforming the Global Security Order: Complementary Approaches to Security Governance and Institutional Legitimacy” (research project)
- “Peace, Order, Justice: Examining the Competing Goals of UN Reform” (research project)
- “International Institutions in an Era of Declining US Hegemony” (research project)
- “Hegemonic Multipolarity and Nonhegemonic Unipolarity” (research project)
- “The Functioning of International Law: Forgotten Optics” (manuscript)
- “Rethinking International Order: An Augustinian Perspective” (research project)
- “From Just War Thinking to Foreign Policy Decision-Making: An Examination of the Ordering Principles Underlying Augustinian Realism” (manuscript)
- “Justice, Morality, and Restraint in Thucydides’ *Peloponnesian War*: Reluctant Moral Skepticism?” (manuscript)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2010 McGregor Research Fellowship – Calvin College (\$1000 stipend + \$3450 for research assistance)
- 2009 Calvin Research Fellowship – Calvin College (\$1500 stipend + \$1500 research expenses)
- 2009 Interim Study Leave – Calvin College
- 2008 Provost’s Supplemental Travel Grant – Calvin College (\$1500 for travel expenses)
- 2008 Calvin Research Fellowship – Calvin College (\$3000 stipend)
- 2008 McGregor Research Fellowship – Calvin College (\$3300 for research assistance)
- 2007 Provost’s Supplemental Travel Grant – Calvin College (\$1000 for travel expenses)
- 2005–2007 John G. Tower Center Research Grant – Southern Methodist University (\$10000 over two years)
- 2003–2004 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$15000)
- 2003 Dolittle–Harris Travel Grant – The University of Chicago (\$500 for travel expenses)
- 2002–2003 Program on International Security Policy Dissertation Fellowship (\$5000)
- 1998–2002 University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship (tuition + \$32000 over four years)
- 1998–1999 Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship (\$7000)

OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2009 Professor of the Year nominee – Calvin College
- 2005 Faculty Honoree, Political Science Symposium – Southern Methodist University
- 1998 Areté Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Leadership – University of Houston
- 1993 National Merit Scholar
- 1993 Presidential Scholar semi-finalist

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007–present INSTRUCTOR, Department of Political Science – Calvin College
- IDIS W83: The Human Experience of War (interim course)
 - IDIS W80: The Human Experience of War (interim course, with William R. Stevenson)
 - IDIS W51: The Changing Faces of War (interim course, with Simona Goi)
 - POLS 390: Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and International Law (tutorial)
 - POLS 390: Use of Force & International Law (interim tutorial)
 - POLS 390: Theories of International Law (tutorial)
 - POLS 390: Foundations of Law (tutorial)
 - POLS 390: Laws of War (tutorial)
 - POLS 390: Collective Identity and International Relations (tutorial)
 - POLS 390: Post-Cold War International Order (tutorial)
 - POLS 390: US-China Relations (tutorial)
 - POLS 390: Middle East Peace Process (tutorial)
 - POLS 319: International Political Economy (also as tutorial)
 - POLS 309: International Organizations & Law (also as tutorial)
 - POLS 308: Principles of American Foreign Policy
 - POLS 304: International Peace and Security (also as tutorial)
 - POLS 207: Introduction to International Politics
- 2005–2007 INSTRUCTOR, Department of Political Science – Southern Methodist University
- PLSC 4381: National Security Policy
 - PLSC 3382: International Organizations
 - PLSC 1380: Introduction to International Relations (also as honors course)
- 2004–2005 INSTRUCTOR, Committee on International Relations – The University of Chicago
- INRE 497: Peacekeeping in International Relations (master's-level tutorial)
 - INRE 437: Use of Force and International Law (master's-level seminar)
- 2001 TEACHING ASSISTANT, Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy – The University of Chicago
- PUBP 334: US National Security Policy (master's-level course taught by Charles L. Glaser)
- 2000–2001 TEACHING ASSISTANT, Department of Political Science – The University of Chicago
- POLS 289: Military Strategy after the Cold War (course taught by Robert A. Pape)
 - POLS 276: War & the Nation-State (course taught by John J. Mearsheimer)
 - POLS 270: Theories of International Relations (course taught by Alexander Wendt)
- 2000 SEMINAR LEADER, Department of Political Science – The University of Chicago
- POLS 294: Perspectives on Conflict & Cooperation (course supervised by S. Paul Kapur)
- 1997 TEACHING ASSISTANT, Department of Political Science – University of Houston
- POLS 3310: Introduction to Political Theory (course taught by Ross M. Lence)

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Reforming the Global Security Order: Complementary Approaches to Security Governance and Institutional Legitimacy”

Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Convention – Chicago, IL in April 2012

Earlier versions presented at the Calvin College Social Sciences Seminar Series – Grand Rapids, Michigan on December 2, 2011

and at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA) – New Orleans, Louisiana on February 19, 2010

“From Just War Thinking to Foreign Policy Decision-Making: An Examination of the Ordering Principles Underlying Augustinian Realism”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South (CAMWS) – Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 9, 2011

Earlier version presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA) – Chicago, Illinois on March 1, 2007 – Available from http://www.allacademic.com/meta/p179353_index.html

“Justice, Morality, and Restraint in Thucydides’ *Peloponnesian War*: Reluctant Moral Skepticism?”

Paper presented at the Calvin College Seminar on Christian Scholarship – Grand Rapids, Michigan on June 16, 2010

“International Order the American Way: Selective Multilateralism and Prudential Restraint”

Paper presented at the World International Studies Committee (WISC) Global Conference – Ljubljana, Slovenia on July 24, 2008

“To Enhance or To Unravel? Assessing the Incompatible Aims of UN Reform”

Paper presented at the ISA Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Conference – Buçaco, Portugal on June 14, 2007

“The UN Charter as a Restraint on State Action: The Cuban Missile Crisis Reconsidered”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 1, 2006

Earlier version presented at the ISA Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Conference – The Hague, Netherlands on July 3, 2006

“The UN Charter and the Use of Armed Force by Major Powers: An Initial Assessment”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) – Chicago, Illinois on April 18, 2004

Earlier version presented at the Program on International Security Policy (PISP) – Chicago, Illinois on January 6, 2004

“The UN Charter and United States Intervention in the Caribbean, 1953–1962”

Paper presented at the Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, Illinois on March 11, 2004

“Law, Power, and the UN Security Council”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) – Chicago, Illinois on April 3, 2003

Earlier version presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA) – Portland, Oregon on March 1, 2003

“A Power-Based Theory of International Law and the Prohibition of Force”

Paper presented at the Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, Illinois on November 21, 2002

OTHER CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

PANEL CHAIRMAN, Bavink Conference 2011: “After 9/11/11” – Grand Rapids, Michigan

“The Political Challenge of Islam”

October 13, 2011

- PANEL CHAIRMAN, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – New Orleans, Louisiana
 “The United States and the Laws of War after Bush”
 February 20, 2010
- PANEL CHAIRMAN, World International Studies Conference – Ljubljana, Slovenia
 “The EU and Its Eastern Neighbors in the Changing World Order”
 July 24, 2008
- PANEL CHAIRMAN AND DISCUSSANT, Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics – Grand Rapids, Michigan
 “Religion and the Perception of Others”
 April 25, 2008
- PANEL DISCUSSANT, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – Chicago, Illinois
 “International Institutions, Ethics, and Accountability”
 March 1, 2007
- PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, Illinois
 Kal Raustiala – “Police Patrols, Fire Alarms, and the Structure of Information in International Agreements”
 October 2, 2003
- PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, Illinois
 Elizabeth DeSombre – “Flagging Standards: Competition and Convergence on the High Seas”
 May 16, 2002
- PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, Illinois
 Alexander Downes – “Barbarism and War: Why States Target Civilians”
 November 1, 2001
- PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, Illinois
 Alexander Wendt – “Rationalism and Constructivism in International Relations Theory”
 May 24, 2001
- PAPER DISCUSSANT, The University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop – Chicago, Illinois
 Andrew Rehfeld – “Legitimacy and Political Representation”
 November 27, 2000
- PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, Illinois
 Susan Sell – “Private Power, Public Law”
 November 16, 2000

INVITED SEMINARS, PANELS, AND TALKS

- ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies – Grand Valley State University
 Juan R.I. Cole – “War and Peace: Obama’s America and the Muslim World”
 April 1, 2010 – Available from <http://main.gvsu.edu/hauenstein/?id=BEF4CE20-AA43-BA5A-83FA5AAD700D61BA>
- ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANT, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies – Grand Valley State University
 Herb Meyer – “What in the World Is Going on?: An Intelligence Briefing”
 October 21, 2009 – Available from <http://main.gvsu.edu/hauenstein/?id=7CDB5430-BEA4-1870-ABFA67E87A8CA7C8>
- PARTICIPANT – “US Global Policy and the Future of International Institutions”
 The Next Generation Project Southwest Assembly – Dallas, Texas
 October 19-21, 2006
- PARTICIPANT – “Great Men and Liberty”
 Liberty Fund Colloquium on Politics and Literature – Columbia Falls, Montana
 July 23-28, 2001
- PRESENTATION – “The Moral Basis of Political Realism in International Politics”
 IR Reading Group – The University of Chicago
 January 21, 2001

LECTURE – “Understanding Conflict: New Types of War”
Conflict & Cooperation Seminar – The University of Chicago
November 28, 2000

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS

- “Was It Necessary To Kill bin Laden?” (unpublished)
(with Todd Cioffi) Myrna Anderson, *Calvin College News & Stories* – May 24, 2011
- “Q&A: Wikileaks”
(with Joel Adams) Myrna Anderson, *Calvin College News & Stories* – December 13, 2010
Available from www.calvin.edu/news/detail.html?id=880c2709-a135-4028-b3c8-95d0e22173fe
- “Bush set to nominate ambassador to Baghdad, Zalmay Khalilzad, as new ambassador to UN”
Edith M. Lederer, *International Herald Tribune* – January 4, 2007
- “Who will replace John Bolton at the UN?”
Guest Commentary on *Think!* KERA 90.1 FM (Dallas, TX) – December 12, 2006
Available from <http://smu.edu/audio/joel-westra-ker-12dec2006.mp3>
- “Bolton receiving mixed reviews”
Caitlin Legacki, *Daily Tarheel* (Chapel Hill, NC) – September 30, 2005

THESES SUPERVISED AND REVIEWED

- THESIS SUPERVISOR, Department of Political Science – Calvin College
Griffin P. Jackson – “Social Identity and the Levels of Loyalty: A Social Psychological Approach to International Relations” (B.A., 2011)
Joy Lee – “The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe: A Changing Security and Normative Context” (B.A., 2009)
Corey Velgersdyk – “The Role of Identity in US-China Relations” (B.A., 2009)
Austin Knappe – “Empire ‘On the Cheap’: Privatization, Outsourcing, and Post-Cold War US Foreign Policy” (B.A., 2008)
Joseph Sung – “International Trade Cooperation and the WTO: Assessing the Doha Impasse” (B.A., 2008)
- THESIS SUPERVISOR, Department of Political Science – Southern Methodist University
Mitchell London – “War Powers in a Post-9/11 World” (B.A., 2007)
- THESIS READER, Department of Political Science – Southern Methodist University
Benjamin Hatch – “Locke and Order: A Liberal Critique of the International Criminal Court” (B.A., 2007)
Lydia Butts – “The Missing International Regime: Why Human Trafficking Continues” (B.A., 2006)
- THESIS SUPERVISOR, Committee on International Relations – The University of Chicago
Duncan Isaac – “The Function of Peacekeeping in Great Power Politics” (M.A., 2005)

EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Pearson Longman, Westview Press, Journal of Conflict Resolution, American Review of Politics, Melbourne Journal of International Law

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)