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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  
Committee on International Relations – The University of Chicago

## EDUCATION

- 2000–2004 THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
Ph.D., Political Science  
Subfields: International Relations and Political Theory  
Committee: Duncan 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 Morality from an  
Augustinian Perspective”
- 1993–1998 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* (2010 forthcoming)

“International Order the American Way: Selective Multilateralism and European Consternation” in Roger E. Kanet, ed., *The United States and Europe in a Changing World* (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## UNPUBLISHED PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS

- “Reforming the Global Security Order: Analysis of Two Complementary Approaches” (article in preparation)
- “The Functioning of International Law: Forgotten Optics” (research project)
- “Realism, Morality, and International Relations: Explaining the Decision-Making Principles Underlying Augustine’s Just War Criteria” (research project)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2009 Calvin Summer Research Fellowship – Calvin College (\$1,500 stipend + research expenses)
- 2009 Interim Study Leave – Calvin College
- 2008 Provost’s Supplemental Travel Grant – Calvin College (\$1,500 for travel expenses)
- 2008 Calvin Summer Research Fellowship – Calvin College (\$3,000 stipend)
- 2008 McGregor Summer Research Fellowship – Calvin College (\$3,300 for research assistance)
- 2007 Provost’s Supplemental Travel Grant – Calvin College (\$1,000 for travel expenses)
- 2005–2007 John G. Tower Center Research Grant – Southern Methodist University (\$10,000 over two years)
- 2003–2004 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000)
- 2003 Dolittle–Harris Travel Grant – The University of Chicago (\$500 for travel expenses)
- 2002–2003 Program on International Security Policy Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 1998–2002 University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship (tuition + \$32,000 over four years)
- 1998–1999 Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship (\$7,000)

## 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 Presidential Scholar semi-finalist
- 1993 National Merit Scholar

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007–*present* INSTRUCTOR, Department of Political Science – Calvin College
- POLS 390: Post-Cold War International Order (tutorial)
- POLS 390: US–China Relations (tutorial)
- POLS 390: Theories of International Law (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 295: Use of Force & International Law (interim tutorial)  
 POLS 207: Introduction to International Politics  
 IDIS W80: The Human Experience of War (interim course)
- 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: Analysis of Two Complementary Approaches”  
 Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA) – New Orleans, LA  
 February 19, 2010
- “International Order the American Way: Selective Multilateralism and Prudential Restraint”  
 Paper presented at the World International Studies Committee (WISC) Global Conference – Ljubljana, Slovenia  
 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  
 June 14, 2007
- “Realism, Morality, and International Relations: Explaining the Decision-Making Principles Underlying Augustine’s Just War Criteria”  
 Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA) – Chicago, IL  
 March 1, 2007 – Available from [http://www.allacademic.com/meta/p179353\\_index.html](http://www.allacademic.com/meta/p179353_index.html)
- “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, PA  
 September 1, 2006  
 Earlier version presented at the ISA Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Conference – The Hague, Netherlands  
 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, IL  
April 18, 2004

Earlier version presented at the Program on International Security Policy (PISP) – Chicago, IL  
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, IL  
March 11, 2004

“Law, Power, and the UN Security Council”  
Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) – Chicago, IL  
April 3, 2003  
Earlier version presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (ISA) – Portland, OR  
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, IL  
November 21, 2002

## OTHER CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

PANEL PARTICIPANT, Reformed Mission in an Age of World Christianity Conference – Grand Rapids, MI  
“Christian Worldviews and Classical Pagan Thought” (sponsored by Department of Classics – Calvin College)  
June 16, 2010 – Available from <http://www.calvin.edu/scs/2010/conferences/rcc/breakout/>

PANEL CHAIRMAN, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – New Orleans, LA  
“Plus ça change?: 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, MI  
“Religion and the Perception of Others”  
April 25, 2008

PANEL DISCUSSANT, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – Chicago, IL  
“International Institutions, Ethics, and Accountability”  
March 1, 2007

PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, IL  
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, IL  
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, IL  
Alexander Downes – “Barbarism and War: Why States Target Civilians”  
November 1, 2001

PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, IL  
Alexander Wendt – “Rationalism and Constructivism in International Relations Theory”  
May 24, 2001

PAPER DISCUSSANT, The University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop – Chicago, IL  
Andrew Rehfeld – “Legitimacy and Political Representation”  
November 27, 2000

PAPER DISCUSSANT, Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES) – Chicago, IL  
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  
Herb Meyer – “What in the World Is Going on?: An Intelligence Briefing”  
October 21, 2009 – Available from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGkYfsb4jq0>

SIMULCAST LECTURE HOST, World Affairs Council of Western Michigan – Grand Rapids, MI  
Thomas Novotny – “Health Care: It’s a Global Issue”  
October 1, 2009

PRESENTATION – “Envisioning Peace in the Middle East”  
Amnesty International film event – Calvin College  
April 30, 2009

PANELIST – “Understanding the Economic Stimulus Package”  
Democracy Matters panel discussion – Calvin College  
March 16, 2009

PANELIST – “Policy Objectives of the Obama Administration”  
Pi Sigma Alpha panel discussion – Calvin College  
February 9, 2009

PANELIST – “Race, Religion, and the 2008 US Presidential Elections”  
College-wide panel discussion – Calvin College  
December 1, 2008

PARTICIPANT – “Christian Perspectives on Political, Social and Economic Thought”  
Byker Chair Reading Group, 2008–09 – Calvin College

PARTICIPANT – “US Global Policy and the Future of International Institutions”  
The Next Generation Project Southwest Assembly – Dallas, TX  
October 19–21, 2006

KEYNOTE ADDRESS – “The UN Charter and Major-Power Military Intervention”  
St. Ursuline Model United Nations Conference – Dallas, TX  
October 14, 2006

PRESENTATION – “The Importance of Augustine to the Realist Tradition”  
Kuyper Club Discussion Group – Chicago, IL  
March 18, 2002

PARTICIPANT – “Great Men and Liberty”  
Liberty Fund Colloquium on Politics and Literature – Columbia Falls, MT  
July 23–28, 2001

PRESENTATION – “The Moral Basis of Political Realism in International Politics”  
IR Reading Group – The University of Chicago  
January 21, 2001

## MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS

“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

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

American Society of International Law

## EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Routledge, Pearson Longman

## THESES SUPERVISED AND REVIEWED

THESIS SUPERVISOR, Department of Political Science - Calvin College

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)

## ACADEMIC COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

2010	COMMITTEE MEMBER Assessment Committee - Calvin College
2009–present	BOARD MEMBER CCCS Governing Board - Calvin College
2008–present	BOARD MEMBER Henry Institute Governing Board - Calvin College
2009	SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER Carnegie Junior Fellows Program - Calvin College

- 2009 COMMITTEE MEMBER  
SafeAssign Pilot Program - Calvin College
- 2008 COUNCIL MEMBER  
FEN Council, Office of Multicultural Affairs - Calvin College
- 2005 SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Jack C. and Annette K. Vaughn Foreign Service Internship - Southern Methodist University
- 2001-2003 COORDINATOR  
Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES) - The University of Chicago
- 1997-1998 COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Academic Honesty Standing Committee, College of Social Sciences - University of Houston
- 1997-1998 COUNCIL MEMBER  
Undergraduate Council - University of Houston

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2008-present COORDINATOR  
Peace and Justice Scholarship, Dept. of Political Science - Calvin College
- 2008 AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Departmental Methods Requirement, Dept. of Political Science - Calvin College
- 2007-08 FACULTY SECRETARY  
Department of Political Science - Calvin College
- 2007 AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Enrollments (Curricular Proposals), Dept. of Political Science - Calvin College

### STUDENT ADVISING AND RELATED SERVICE

- 2009-present FACULTY SPONSOR  
Democracy Matters, local chapter - Calvin College
- 2008-present COORDINATOR/ADVISOR  
Pre-Law Program - Calvin College
- 2008-present FACULTY SPONSOR  
Student Pre-Law Society - Calvin College
- 2005-2007 FACULTY SPONSOR  
International Relations Club/Model UN - Southern Methodist University

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2008-present FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE  
Educational Advisory Board - World Affairs Council of Western Michigan
- 2006 SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Bickel & Brewer International Essay Contest - World Affairs Council of Greater Dallas
- 2005-2006 FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE  
Education Initiative - Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations

## VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2007–*present* COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Housing Committee – Eastown Community Association (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2009 COMMITTEE MEMBER  
“Growing U” Planning Committee – LaGrave Christian Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2008 PARTNER  
Kids Hope – Sigsbee Elementary School / Calvin Christian Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2008 VOLUNTEER  
Neighbor’s Night – Calvin Christian Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2007–2008 VOLUNTEER  
Interfaith Hospitality Network – Calvin Christian Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2007–2008 VOLUNTEER  
Community Men’s Basketball – Calvin Christian Reformed Church (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2007 VOLUNTEER  
Inner City Christian Federation (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 2006–2007 SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
Long-Range Planning Committee, Downtown Task Force – First Presbyterian Church (Dallas, TX)
- 2006–2007 SPONSOR  
Presbyterian Youth Connection – First Presbyterian Church (Dallas, TX)
- 2005 VOLUNTEER  
Quad Cities Greyhound Adoption (Maysville, IA)
- 2003–2004 TUTOR/MENTOR  
Mid-Town Educational Center for Boys (Chicago, IL)
- 2001–2004 CHAIRMAN  
Worship Committee – Loop Christian Ministries (Chicago, IL)
- 2000–2001 COMMITTEE MEMBER  
Worship Committee – Loop Christian Ministries (Chicago, IL)
- 1996–1997 FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN  
Senior Challenge – University of Houston
- 1995–1996 TUTOR/MENTOR  
Communities in Schools (CIS) Program – Houston READ Commission
- 1994–1998 AMBASSADOR/TOUR GUIDE  
Office of Admissions – University of Houston

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born 3 October 1975, Nebraska (USA)  
Married to Julie Marie Jeffrion Westra  
No children