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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Professor, Department of Political Science, 2013-Present

University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2007-2013

Texas Tech University
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2003-2007

University of New Orleans
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 1999-2003

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Lead Editor
International Studies Quarterly, 2019-2024

Faculty Associate, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Center for the Dynamics of Social Complexity, 2018-Present

Global Security Fellow, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Howard Baker Center for Public Policy 2011-Present

EDUCATION

Michigan State University
Ph.D. Department of Political Science, 1995-1999
M.A. Department of Political Science, 1994-1995

University of California, Los Angeles
B.A. Department of Political Science, 1989-1994
B.A. Department of History, 1989-1994

BOOKS

Pirate Lands: Governance and Maritime Piracy (with Ursula Daxecker).
2021. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 97801290097394.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

(2021) "The US-South Korea Alliance: How the Patron Benefits from the Protégé." With Krista Wiegand and Sojeong Lee. *International Area Studies Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/22338659211018325>

(2019) "Deploying to Protect: The Effect of Peacekeeping Troop Deployments on Violence Against Civilians." With Anup Phayal. *International Peacekeeping*.
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- (2019) "Fueling Rebellion: Maritime Piracy and the Duration of Civil War." With Anup Phayal and Ursula Daxecker. Forthcoming in *International Area Studies Review*. DOI: 10.1177/2233865919833975
- (2018) "Domestic Terrorism in Democratic States: Understanding and Addressing Minority Grievances." With Sam Ghatak and Aaron Gold. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(2): 439-467.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002717734285>
- (2016) "When Political Gridlock Reigns in Presidential Foreign Policy: Policy Availability and the Role of Congress." With Bryan Marshall. Special issue of *Presidential Studies Quarterly* on Presidential Use of Force, 46(4): 763-790. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psq.12318>
- (2017) "Financing Rebellion: Piracy as a Rebel Group Funding Strategy." With Ursula Daxecker. Special issue of *Journal of Peace Research* on forecasting. 54(2): 215-230. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343316683436>
- (2017) "Managing Territorial Conflict: Introduction to Special Issue." With Krista Wiegand, Sam Ghatak, and Aaron Gold. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34(2): 121-125.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894216650640>
- (2017) "External Threat and the Limits of Democratic Pacifism." With Aaron Gold and Sam Ghatak. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34(2): 141-159. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894216650429>
- (2017) Enforcing Order: Territorial Reach and Maritime Piracy." With Ursula Daxecker. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34(4): 359-379.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894215594756>
- (2017) "The Homegrown Threat: State Weakness, Grievance, and Domestic Terrorism." With Sam Ghatak. *International Interactions* 43(2):217-242. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2016.1128431>
- (2016) "The Politicization of Crime: Electoral Competition and the Supply of Maritime Piracy in Indonesia." With Ursula Daxecker. *Public Choice* 169 (3-4): 375-393. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-016-0374-z>
- (2015) "Searching for Sanctuary: Government Power and the Location of Piracy." With Ursula Daxecker. *International Interactions* 41(4): 699-717.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/03050629.2015.1016159>
- (2015) "The New Barbary Wars: Forecasting Maritime Piracy." With Ursula Daxecker. *Foreign Policy Analysis* 11(1): 23-44.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/fpa.12014>
- (2015) "The Sources of Presidential Foreign Policy Decision-Making: Executive Experience and Militarized Conflict Onset." With Costel Calin. *International Journal of Peace Studies* 20(1).

- (2013) "Insurgents of the Sea: Institutional and Economic Opportunities for Maritime Piracy." With Ursula Daxecker. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 57(6): 940-965. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002712453709>
- (2011) "Power or Posturing? Congressional Influence on U.S. Presidential Decisions to Use Force." With Bryan Marshall. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41(3): 521-545. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1741-5705.2011.03885.x>
- (2010) "How Democracies Keep the Peace: Contextual Factors that Influence Conflict Management Strategies." With Glynn Ellis and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. *Foreign Policy Analysis* 6: 373-398. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1743-8594.2010.00118.x>
- (2010) "Territory, River, and Maritime Claims in the Western Hemisphere: Regime Type, Rivalry, and MIDS from 1901-2000." With David Lektzian and Mark Souva. *International Studies Quarterly* 54(4): 1073-1098. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-2478.2010.00627.x>
- (2010) "Opportunities and Presidential Uses of Force: A Selection Model of Crisis Decision-Making." With David Brule and Bryan W. Marshall. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 27(5): 1-25. DOI: 10.1177/0738894210379475
- (2010) "Interventions and Uses of Force Short of War." In *The International Studies Encyclopedia*, Volume VII, edited by Robert A. Denmark. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- (2009) "Senate Influence or Presidential Unilateralism: An Examination of Treaties and Executive Agreements from Theodore Roosevelt and George W. Bush." With Bryan Marshall. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 26(2): 191-208. DOI: 10.1177/0738894208101129
- (2008) "Taming the Leviathan: Examining the Impact of External Threat on State Strength." With David Lektzian. *Journal of Peace Research* 45(5): 613-631. DOI 10.1177/0022343308094323
- (2008) "Committed to Peace: Liberal Institutions and the Termination of Rivalry." With Ursula Daxecker. *British Journal of Political Science* 38(1): 17-43.
- (2007) "Strategic Position Taking and Presidential Influence in Congress." With Bryan Marshall. *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 32(2): 257-284.
- (2006) "Enduring Rivals: Success and Support in the House of Representatives." With Steven A. Shull. *Congress and the Presidency* 33(2):21-46.
- (2006) "The Liberal Peace Revisited: The Role of Democracy, Dependence, and Development in Militarized Interstate Dispute Initiation, 1950-1999." With Mark Souva. *International Interactions*, 32(2): 183-200. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03050620600719361>

(2005) "Interstate Rivalry and the Recurrence of Crises." *Armed Forces and Society*, 31(3): 323-351.

(2004) "Rivalry and Diversionary Uses of Force." With Sara Mitchell. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 48(6): 937-961.

(2003) "Democratic Politics and Dispute Challenges: Examining the Effects of Regime Type on Conflict Reciprocation, 1816-1992." *International Journal of Peace Studies* 8(1): 61-84.

(2003) "Institutional Instability and the Credibility of Audience Costs: Examining the Impact of Political Participation on Interstate Crisis Bargaining." *Journal of Peace Research*, 40(1): 67-84.

(2003) "The Pendulum of Congressional Power." With Bryan Marshall. Legislative Research Report Abstract in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 28(2): 288-89.

(2002) "The Pendulum of Congressional Power: Agenda Change, Partisanship and the Demise of the Post-World War II Foreign Policy Consensus." With Bryan W. Marshall. *Congress and the Presidency*, 29(2): 195-212.

(2002) "Rivalry and Diversionary Uses of Force." With Sara Mitchell. *Peace Research Abstracts* 39 (5): 611-755.

(2001) "Congressional Support of the President: A Comparison of Foreign, Defense, and Domestic Policy Decision-making During and After the Cold War." With Bryan Marshall. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 31(4): 660-679. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.0000-0000.2001.00192.x>

(2001) "Domestic Politics and Interstate Disputes: Examining U.S. MID Involvement and Reciprocation, 1870-1992." *International Interactions* 26(4): 411-438. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03050620108434973>

(2001) "Partisanship and the Purse: The Money Committees and Procedures in the Postreform Congress." With Bryan Marshall and David Rohde. *Politics and Policy*, 29(1): 1-24.

(1999) "Beyond Territorial Contiguity: An Examination of the Issues Underlying Democratic Interstate Disputes." With Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. *International Studies Quarterly* 43(1): 169-183. <https://doi.org/10.1111/0020-8833.00115>

(1999) "Institutional Constraints, Political Opposition, and the Escalation of Interstate Disputes: Evidence From Parliamentary Systems." With Christopher Sprecher. *Journal of Peace Research* 36(2): 271-287.

(1999) "Fighting Fire with Water: Partisan Procedural Strategies and the Senate Appropriations Committee." With Bryan Marshall and David Rohde. *Congress and the Presidency* 26(2): 113-132.

(1999) "Issue Domains, Conflict, and Committee Outliers: Evidence From the House and Senate Appropriations Committees." With Bryan Marshall. *American Review of Politics* 20(4): 309-328.

(1999) "Theories of Legislative Organization: An Empirical Study of Committee Outliers in the Senate." With Bryan Marshall and David W. Rohde. Legislative Research Report Abstract in *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 1997, Vol. 22, no. 4, November: 591.

EDITED VOLUMES

(2017) "Maritime Piracy and Foreign Policy." *Oxford University Handbook of Foreign Policy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

(2014) "The Politics of Presidential Foreign Policy: Unilateral Authority and the Role of Congress." In *The American Election 2012*, edited by R. Ward Holder and Peter B. Josephson. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

(2011) "The Use of U.S. Military Force." In Steven Hook and Christopher Jones (editors). *The Handbook of American Foreign Policy* published by Routledge Press in 2011. With Mark Souva.

(2006) "Domestic Veto Institutions, International Negotiations, and the Status Quo: A Spatial Model of Two-Level Games With Complete-Information." With Thomas W. Hammond. In Robert Pahre (editor), *Democratic Foreign Policy Making: Problems of Divided Government and International Cooperation*. 2006. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Press: pp. 21-82.

(2005) "Portugal." In Karl DeRouen and Uk Heo (editors), *Defense and Security: A Compendium of National Armed Forces and Security Policies*. 2005. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC CLIO: pp. 645-664

(2002) "Institutional Constraints, Political Opposition, and the Escalation of Interstate Disputes: Evidence From Parliamentary Systems." With Christopher Sprecher. Reproduced in Stuart Nagel (Editor), *Policymaking and Peace: A Multi-National Anthology*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books: pp. 335-358.

(2000) "Majority Party Leadership, Strategic Choice, and Committee Power: Appropriations in the House, 1995-98." With Bryan W. Marshall and David W. Rohde. In William Bianco (editor), *Congress on Display Congress at Work*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press: pp. 69-100.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

(2015) "Maritime Piracy Event and Location Data Project: Focus on Piracy in Bangladesh." November 2015 Report.

(2014) "Terror on the Seas: Assessing the Threat of Modern-Day Piracy." With Ursula Daxecker and Amanda Sanford. *SAIS Review*, 2014. Online at <http://saisreview.org/2014/02/10/terror-on-the-seas-assessing-the-threat-of-modern-day-piracy/>

(2014) "What Drives Maritime Piracy in Sub-Saharan Africa." Published online at Piracy-Studies.org on November 11, 2014. <http://piracy-studies.org>

(2014) “Maritime Piracy Event and Location Dataset Project: Trends in Piracy, Comparing Piracy in Indonesia and the Philippines.” November 2014 Report.

(2014) “Maritime Piracy Event and Location Dataset Project: Trends in Piracy, Sub-Saharan Africa.” June 2014 Report.

(2014) “U.S. Leadership in a Post 9/11 World: Comparing the World Views and Foreign Policy Decisions of George W. Bush and Barack Obama.” With Allan Wilford. *Baker Center Policy Brief Series, 1:14.*

(2013) “The New Barbary Wars: Assessing the Threat of Modern-Day Piracy.” With Ursula Daxecker and Amanda Sanford. *Baker Center Policy Brief Series 3:13.*

BOOK REVIEWS

(2003) [Power and Protest: Global Revolution and the Rise of Détente.](#) By Jeremi Suri. *American Review of Politics.* 24(Fall): 297-299

(2003) [Dimensions of Western Military Interventions.](#) Edited by Colin McInnes and Nicholas J. Wheeler. *Armed Forces and Society,* 29(3):467-470.

POLICY WRITING & COMMENTARY

(2021) “[Fights Over Maritime Boundaries are Creating Safe Zones for Pirates.](#)” *The MonkeyCage, Washington Post,* August 5, 2021. With Anup Phayal and Aaron Gold.

(2021). “[How History Predicts COVID-19’s Impact on Maritime Piracy, and What America Can do to Help.](#)” *Homeland Security Today,* February 13, 2021. With Anup Phayal and Aaron Gold. Republished in [Dryad Global,](#) February 18, 2021.

(2020) “[Capacity Building must be a Focus as Sea-piracy Expands.](#)” *Maritime Executive,* September 19, 2020.

(2020). “[Terrorists Target Civilians to Provoke Government Over-Reaction.](#)” *Homeland Security Today,* July 17, 2020.

(2020) “[Piracy is on the Rise and Coronavirus May Make it Worse.](#)” *World Economic Forum,* May 15, 2020.

(2020) “[Global Sea Piracy Ticks Upward and the Coronavirus May Make it Worse.](#)” *TheConversation,* May 5, 2020.

(2018) “[Armed Peacekeepers do Protect Civilians-with One Big Exception.](#)” *MonkeyCage, Washington Post,* June 14, 2018.

(2017) “[Somali pirates just hijacked an oil tanker. Here’s what pirates want — and where they strike.](#)” *MonkeyCage, Washington Post.*

(2002) “If the UN has Failed, America Must Step In? Times Picayune, October 7, 2002: p. B-5.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“The Geographic Logic of Maritime Crime: Maritime Criminals Exploit Boundary Lines and Conflicting Territorial Claims to Evade Law Enforcement.” With Anup Phayal and Aaron Gold.

“IUU Fishing and Maritime Piracy.” With Anup Phayal and Aaron Gold.

“The COVID-19 Pandemic and Maritime Piracy in the Indo-Pacific and West Africa.”

“The Uneven Burden of Peacekeeping: Assessing Variation in Risk-Taking Propensity Across Troop Contributing Countries.” With Anup Phayal.

“Threat and Transnational Terrorism.” With Aaron Gold and Sam Ghatak.

GRANTS

Korea Foundation Research Grant. “Pandemics, Health Diplomacy, and Peace Building” (Participant, PI: Peace Research Institute Oslo): \$70,000. **Funded.**

Nuclear Security Research Projects. Y-12 National Security Complex. Funding requested: \$99,499. **Funded.**

Maritime Law Enforcement in the Indo-Pacific: Building Capacity to Confront Militia Groups and Maritime Crime. Minerva Research Initiative. Department of Defense. Funding requested: \$689,453. **Funded.**

Arms Control, Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Nuclear Safeguards.” 2019. National Nuclear Security Administration. Co-PI with Matt Buehler. Funding requested: \$28,000. **Funded.**

“What Drives Denuclearization? Centering on the North Korean Nuclear Crisis.” Korean Foundation. Co-Pi with Wonjae Hwang. Funding requested: \$177,500. Not Funded.

“Monitoring the content and measuring the effectiveness of Russian disinformation and propaganda campaigns in selected Former Soviet Union States.” Minerva Research Initiative. Department of Defense. PIs Catherine Luther, Alex Bentley, Suzanne Allard, Natalie Rice, Oleg Manaev, Michael Fitzgerald and Maureen Taylor. Funding Requested: ~\$1.5 million. **Funded.**

Arms Control, Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Nuclear Safeguards.” 2018. National Nuclear Security Administration. Co-PI with Matt Buehler. Funding requested: \$28,000. **Funded.**

Arms Control, Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Nuclear Safeguards.” 2017 National Nuclear Security Administration. Co-PI with Matt Buehler. Funding received: \$28,000. **Funded.**

“InfoCRED (Crowdsourcing Reactions to End Disinformation). Co-Pi with Catherine Luther, Alex Bentley, and Suzanne Allard.” Funding Requested: \$490,886. Not funded.

“Peacebuilding in Conflict and Post-conflict Societies.” International Studies Association Catalytic Research Grant. Co-PI with Krista Wiegand. Funding Requested: \$8,528. **Funded.**

“Nuclear Policy Adequacy and Coordination between South Korea and the United States Centering on North Korean Nuclear Crisis.” Korean Foundation. Co-Pi with Wonjae Hwang. Funding requested: \$314,000. Not funded.

“Arms Control, Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Nuclear Safeguards.” 2016. National Nuclear Security Administration. Co-PI with Matt Buehler. **Funding received: \$28,000.**

“Modeling the Behavior and Geography of Violent Non-State Groups Using Arabic, Turkish, and Hindi Sources.” 2016. Minerva Research Initiative. Department of Defense. Funding Requested: ~\$480,000. Not funded.

“Resource Extraction, Crime, and Maritime Piracy.” 2016. Minerva Research Initiative. Department of Defense. **Funding Received: ~\$180,000.**

“The Geographic & Behavioral Origins of Violent Non-State Groups in Conflict Zones.” Chancellor’s Grant for Faculty Research. **Funding received: \$6,000.**

“Arms Control, Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Nuclear Safeguards.” 2015. National Nuclear Security Administration. **Funding received: \$14,000.**

“Arms Control, Nuclear Nonproliferation, and Nuclear Safeguards.” 2014. National Nuclear Security Administration. **Funding received: \$14,000.**

“Political Reach, State Fragility, and the Incidence of Maritime Piracy: Explaining Piracy and Pirate Organization, 1993-2012.” MINERVA Research Initiative. Department of Defense. **Funding received: \$776,999.**

“Mapping Maritime Piracy and Pirate Organizations, 1993-2010. National Science Foundation, August 15, 2012. With Ursula Daxecker. Funding requested: \$382,542. Not Funded.

“Academic Certificate Program in Nuclear Security.” U.S. Department of State. PI on grant. Funding requested: \$200,000. Not funded.

“Maritime Piracy and Pirate Organizations, 1990-2010. MINERVA Research Initiative. Funding requested: \$700,858. Co-PI on grant. Not Funded.

“Sustaining Excellence in Nuclear Security Education (SENSE).” Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Under review. Funding requested: \$3,050,000. Co-PI on grant. Not funded.

Global Security Programs at UTK, ORNL, DOE, and Y-12. 2011-2013. Funding received: \$60,001. Co-PI on grant.

“Global Security and Nonproliferation.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory. 2010-2011. **Funding received: \$6038.**

“Arms, Arms Control, and Nuclear Proliferation.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Fall 2009. **Funding received: \$17,890.**

Nuclear Security Science and Analysis Graduate Certificate Program. UT Battelle. Summer 2009. Funding received: \$16,895. PI: Jason Hayward. Subcontract: Brandon Prins.

“Senate Influence or Presidential Unilateralism: Senate Influence on U.S. Treaty-Making.” National Science Foundation, January 15, 2009. With Bryan W. Marshall. Not funded.

“The Price of Peace? Public Health Effects of Armed Conflict.” Research Development Grant Proposal submitted to Texas Tech University. Funding requested: \$69,963. Not funded.

“The Price of Peace? Public Health Effects of Armed Conflict.” Grant Proposal submitted to National Science Foundation, August 15th, 2005. Funding requested: \$94,978. Not funded.

“Unpacking Power in International Politics: The Changing Face of Military Might in the 21st Century.” Institute for University Research, Research Enhancement Fund, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University. Fall 2003. **Funding received: \$2,525.**

SELECT INVITED TALKS

“The Root Causes of Maritime Piracy.” ReCAAP, 18 October 2021.

“Pirate Lands.” SafeSeas Webinar, 29 April 2021.

“Modern Maritime Challenges.” South America Regional Transport Security Series, 28 April 2021.

“Modern Maritime Challenges.” Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University, 23 April 2021

“US Post-Election Foreign Policy in Southeast Asia.” BINUS University, Jakarta, Indonesia, 21 October 2020.

“Publishing in Social Science Journals.” BINUS University, Jakarta, Indonesia, 25 August 2020.

“Pirate Lands: Governance and Maritime Piracy.” Department of Political Science, University of Genoa, Italy, October 2019.

“Deploying to Protect.” Talk to the Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, March 2019.

“Pirate Lands: Governance and Maritime Piracy.” Talk given to Center for the Dynamics of Social Complexity. University of Tennessee, March 19, 2018.

“North Korean Nuclear Crisis.” Talk give to INMM Chapter of Texas A&M University. Texas A&M University, February 8, 2018.

“State Capacity and Maritime Piracy.” Talk given to Dept. of Political Science, Michigan State University, April 21, 2017.

“Plundering the Seas: The Drivers and Security Implications of Modern Maritime Piracy.” Talk given to Dept of Geography, University of Tennessee, March 2015.

“Nigerian Piracy Mapping and the MINERVA Project.” World Wide Human Geography Working Group, Webinar, July 23, 2014.

“The Continuing Threat of Maritime Piracy in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Strategic Multilayer Assessment Africa Project, Department of Defense, June 12, 2014.

“Policy Availability and Foreign Policy.” New Hampshire Institute of Politics, March 15-16, 2013.

“Politics and National Security: Foreign Policy as a 2012 Election Issue.” Howard Baker Center for Public Policy, Tuesday, September 11th, 2012

“Politics and National Security: Arms Control and Nuclear Security as 2012 Election Issue.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory, December 12, 2011 Participant on panel discussion entitled “Nukes and Faith” sponsored by the Baker Center. October 24, 2011.

“Challenges to the NPT.” International Nuclear Materials Management Central Chapter Annual Meeting. Oak Ridge National Laboratory, October 24, 2011.

“Assessing Security Threats.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory, May 12, 2011.

“Controlling the Bomb: New Challenges for the Nonproliferation Regime.” Friends of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, February 16, 2011.

“Controlling the Bomb: New Challenges for the Nonproliferation Regime.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory, December 14, 2010.

“Crafting Grand Strategy after 9/11: What can we Learn from the Early Cold War?” Oak Ridge National Laboratory, October 6, 2010.

Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

International Conflict and Diplomacy (Undergraduate)
United States Foreign Policy (Undergraduate)
Military Strategy and the Causes of War (Undergraduate)
International Law and World Order (Undergraduate)
Introduction to Methods of Political Research (Undergraduate)
Introduction to American Government (Undergraduate)
Arms Control and Disarmament (Undergraduate)
International Conflict (Graduate)
International Relations Theory (Graduate)
U.S. National Security Policy (Graduate)
Congress and Foreign Policy (Graduate)
Introduction to Security Studies (Graduate)
Research Design (Graduate)
Introduction to Research Methods of Political Science (Graduate)
Intermediate Research Methods of Political Science (Graduate)
Arms Control and Nuclear Nonproliferation (Graduate)
Understanding Violent Non-State Actors (Undergraduate)

RECENT
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

International Studies Association	2011-2018, 2020-22
Peace Science Society International	2010-2013,2016
European Political Science Association	2014-2015, 2019
American Political Science Association	2011, 2021
Midwest Political Science Association	2013
Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Meeting	2008

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

- Arjun Banerjee, University of Tennessee, Summer 2022 (chair)
- Aaron Gold, University of Tennessee, *Beyond Territory: Foreign Policy Revisionism in the Post-WWII Era*, Summer 2018 (chair)—Visiting Assistant Professor at Sewanee University.
- Suveyda Karakaya, University of Tennessee, *Religion and Conflict: what Explains the Puzzling Case of Islamic Violence*, August 2013 (chair)—Adjunct Professor at Arkansas State University
- Amanda Sanford, University of Tennessee, *Trade Diffusion as a Disincentive for Joining*, August 2014 (chair)—Assistant Professor at Louisiana Tech University
- Sambuddha Ghatak, University of Tennessee, *Global Economic Integration and Domestic Terrorism*, June 2014 (chair) – Assistant Professor at San Jose State University,
- Norris Feeney, University of Tennessee, *Deciding to Divert: Domestic and International Sources of Constraints on Leader Decision-Making*, December 2012 (chair) – Associate Professor at Catawba College
- Jamie Todhunter, *Strategic Mediation: The Domestic Influences and Constraints on Diplomacy*, University of Tennessee, Summer 2012 (chair) – Assistant Professor at Troy University
- Doug Spence, *Tied to Conflict: The Causes and Consequences of Rivalry Linkage*, University of Tennessee, Summer 2012 (chair) – Senior Research Analyst for West Virginia Division of Justice and Community Services.

- Donald Butler, *Why Foreign Counter-Insurgency Campaigns Fail*, University of Tennessee, Fall 2009 (chair) – Counter-Intelligence Officer at ORNL
- Costel Calin, *Strategic Behavior of the Developed States*, University of Tennessee, Summer 2010 (chair) – Assistant Professor at Southern Connecticut State University.
- Elnur Soltanov, *Refugee Flows and Conflict*, Texas Tech University – Professor at Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy
- Ursula Daxecker, *Democratization and Internal Conflict*, University of New Orleans – Associate Professor at University of Amsterdam.
- Nancy Dodge, *Governance as a Determinant of Announced Cross-Border Mergers and Acquisitions*, Texas Tech University, 2006.
- Paula Karlsson, *The Impact of Political Institutions on the Policy-Making Process in Latin America, 1980-1998*, University of New Orleans, 2002
- Manabu Saeki, *Monetary Policymaking by the Federal Reserve: Economic and Political Influences*, University of New Orleans, 2002 – Associate Professor at Southeastern Louisiana University
- Xinmin Liu, *Duverger's Law Versus the Cleavage Approach: Testing Competing Theories of Party Systems in New Democracies*, University of New Orleans, 2002
- Hakan Afacan, *An Alternative Model of Democratization*, University of New Orleans, 1999

M.A. COMMITTEES

- Samantha Okowita, “Female Suicide Bombers.” University of Tennessee, 2016 (chair)
- Marissa Wilson, “Conflict Joining and Domestic Rally Effects.” University of Tennessee, 2014 (chair)
- Michael Berry, Non-Thesis, University of Tennessee, 2011 (chair)
- Brian Liebenow, Non-Thesis, University of Tennessee, 2011 (chair)
- David Derdzinski, Non-Thesis, University of Tennessee, 2010
- Jamie Todhunter, Non-Thesis, University of Tennessee, 2009
- Dan Peters, Non-Thesis, University of Tennessee, 2010 (chair)
- Missy Buice, Non-Thesis, University of Tennessee, 2009
- Tiffany Vincent, Non-Thesis, Texas Tech University, 2006 (chair)
- Ursula Daxecker, *Perilous Politics: Regime Transition and Conflict, 1950-2000*. University of New Orleans, 2003 (chair)
- Lisa Angelle, *International Environmental Regimes*, University of New Orleans, 2001 (chair)
- Bryan Peters, *African Boundary Disputes: A Major Source of Conflict?* University of New Orleans, 2001
- Anton Duplessis, *The Caribbean States During the 1980s: Autonomy Borne by Trade*, University of New Orleans, 2000

B.A. COMMITTEES

- Zana Operta, University of Tennessee, “Building a Nation: How the Dayton Accords, the European Union, and Domestic Politics Promote Ethnic Divisions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.” UTK 2013 (chair)
- Matt Dillon, University of Tennessee, “A False START: The Role of Ballistic Missile Defense in US-Russian Relations.” UTK 2013 (chair)

