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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Wake Forest University (*Winston-Salem, NC*)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2009-present

Auburn University (*Auburn, AL*)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2006-2009

Dartmouth College (*Hanover, NH*)

Post-doctoral Fellow, Government Department, 2005-06

Gordon College (*Wenham, MA*)

Assistant Professor of Political Studies and Co-Director of the International Affairs Program, 2003-06

Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia (*Charlottesville, VA*)

Post-doctoral Fellow, 2002-03

Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia (*Charlottesville, VA*)

Pre-doctoral Fellow, 2001-02

EDUCATION

University of Virginia (*Charlottesville, VA*)

Ph.D., Politics, 2002

M.A., Politics, 1996

Bowdoin College (*Brunswick, ME*)

B.A., *magna cum laude* with high honors in Government and Legal Studies, 1990

St. Petersburg State Technical University (*St. Petersburg, Russia*)

Intensive Program in Russian Language, 1991

PUBLICATIONS and WORKS IN PROGRESS

Books

Just Politics: Human Rights and the Foreign Policy of Great Powers (Cornell University Press, Studies in Security Affairs, 2008)

- International Studies Association ISSS Best Book Award, 2009

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“When Humanitarianism Matters: Liberalism and the Termination of Security Commitments,”
Security Studies, 14, 2 (April-June, 2005), 232-273.

“Argument, Institutional Process and Human Rights Sanctions in Democratic Foreign Policy,”
European Journal of International Relations (forthcoming).

Book Chapters

“Towards a Nuanced Conception of Political Islam: The Case of Tajikistan” in *The Transformations of 1989-1999: Triumph or Tragedy?*, John S. Micgiel, ed. (New York: East Central Europe Center, Columbia University, 2000), 171-180

Reviews and Essays

“America in the World: An Annotated Bibliography,” *The Hedgehog Review*, 5, 1 (Spring 2003)

“Best Hope in Iraq is New Regional Order,” Op-Ed, *The Salem (Massachusetts) News*, 30 January 2005

Articles in Progress And Under Review

“Why Military Embargos Don’t Work”

“What Happened to Obama’s Human Rights Turn?”

“Sticky Power: How U.S. Engagement with Allies Produces Liberalization”

“Liberal Commitments: Ideas, Institutions, and Democratic Pledges in International Relations”

Current Research

Image Politics: Soft Power Restraint in United States Foreign Policy

Image is a hotly debated topic today in international relations: some say it matters, others that it does not. This project explores two issues related to this topic. First, it assesses the conditions under which soft power images constrain great power foreign policy. In light of debates since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, I focus special attention on the ways that multilateral images of non-intervention in the sovereignty of other states drove the U.S. to adopt policies of costly over-restraint during the Cold War in cases like Diembienphu, the Bay of Pigs, and the Suez Crisis. Second, I explore whether or not these investments in soft images pay dividends for the United States. Addressing this question will help uncover whether and under what conditions soft power is likely to be most effective – if at all – in great power politics.

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

International Studies Association ISSS Best Book Award, 2009

Competitive Research Grant, Office of the Vice-President for Research, Auburn University, 2007

College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant, Auburn University, 2007

Research Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library, 2006-2008 (declined)

Faculty Initiative Grant, Gordon College, 2005

Research Grant, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, 2005

Research Grant, Center on Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia, 2003

College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2001-2002

Institute for the Study of World Politics Dissertation Fellow, 2000-2001

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Virginia, 1999-2000

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Virginia. 1998-1999

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Russian and East European Studies, University of Virginia, 1996-1997

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Russian and East European Studies,
University of Virginia, 1995
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowships, University of Virginia, 1995-1999

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY, INVITED PRESENTATIONS, and INTERVIEWS

“Norms, Weapons and War,” Panel Chair and Discussant, American Political Science Association,
Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2008

“Strategic Humanitarianism: Managing Relations with Illiberal Allies in the War on Terror” presented at
the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2008

“Security Norms in International Relations,” Panel Discussant, American Political Science Association,
Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2007

“When Norms Matter: Agents, Structures and U.S. Sanctions Against South Africa” presented at the
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007

“Realism and Its Off-shoots: Limits and Possibilities,” Panel Chair, International Studies Association,
Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2007

“Humanitarian Action and Inaction: A Model of When Norms Matter and the Case of U.S. Sanctions
Against South Africa,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL,
March 2007

“A Model of When Norms Matter and the Case of U.S. Sanctions Against South Africa,” presented at the
International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL, October 2006

“The Implications of North Korea’s Nuclear Bomb Test for U.S. Foreign Policy,” television interview
with WSFA, Channel 12 News, Montgomery, AL, 9 October 2006

“Innovations in International Relations Theory,” Panel Discussant, New England Political Science
Association Conference, Portsmouth, NH, May 2006

“Agents of Change: Non-State Actors and Humanitarian Norms in United States Alliance Relationships,”
presented to the International Relations/Foreign Policy Working Group, The Dickey Center for
International Understanding, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, April 2006

“Human Rights and Democratic Commitments,” presented at the Northeast Political Science Association-
International Studies Association Northeast Joint Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2004

“A Betrayal of Friends: Liberal Humanitarianism and Commitment Abandonment in Post-War United
States Foreign Policy,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston,
MA, September 2002

“Commitment Abandonment in Two Centuries of British and United States Foreign Policy” presented at
the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, March 2000

“Towards a Nuanced Conception of Political Islam: The Case of Tajikistan” presented at the Harriman
Institute and East Central Europe Center Graduate Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY,
February 1999

“Ideas, Power, and Spheres of Influence in Russia’s Pursuit of Post-Soviet Hegemony in Eurasia,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC, March 1999

“The Ideational Aspects of Spheres of Influence: Cases From Russia’s Pursuit of Post-Soviet Hegemony in Eurasia,” presented at the International Studies Association Midwest Conference, Chicago, IL, November 1998

“Perceptions Versus Definition: Political Islam and the Case of Tajikistan’s Islamic Renaissance Party,” presented at the 13th Annual Graduate Conference on Eastern Europe and Eurasia, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, March 1997

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia
Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics
Instructor, 2000, 2002

Andreae and Associates
Associate, 1991-1994

Responsibilities: Offered consulting services to multinational corporations about United States Government policy that influenced corporate investments in the former Soviet Union, Asia, and Europe; assisted in planning and implementing strategies to gain US Government financing for international investment projects.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to International Relations
United States Foreign Policy
Theories of International Relations (graduate and undergraduate)
International Political Economy
Norms in International Relations
International Security

PEER REVIEWER

Ethics and International Affairs
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Studies Quarterly

AFFILIATIONS and MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association