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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Associate Professor (2019 – present)**

Department of Political Science and Global Affairs, University of Portland

**Assistant Professor (9/01/2014 – 2019)**

Department of Political Science, University of Portland

**Associate Professor (4/6/2011 – 07/15/2014)**

College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University

**Director of the South and Central Asia Program (09/01/13 – 07/15/14)**

College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University

**Assistant Professor (08/01/11 – 04/05/2014)**

College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University

**Lecturer/Adjunct Lecturer/Writing Fellow (09/01/2007 – 07/01/2011)**

Department of Political Science and Global Security Studies M.A. Program, The Johns Hopkins University

**Visiting Lecturer (02/09 – 06/09)**

Social Science Department, University of Mannheim, Germany

### EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. in Political Science**, December 2011

Department of Political Science, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

Specializations: International Relations and American Politics

Dissertation Title: “Power and Restraint: Liberal Theory and Rising Power Foreign Policy”

**Master of Environmental Science and Management**, June 2001

Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management

University of California, Santa Barbara

Specialization: Government and Corporate Environmental Management

**Bachelor of Arts in Ecological Studies with a minor in Biology**, June 1999

Ecological Studies Department, Seattle University, Seattle Washington

## RESEARCH

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### Current Projects

*Theory of Action: A Guide to Understanding and Applying Strategy in National Security and Beyond* (book manuscript)

“A Hip Hop Theory of Antiracism” [with Girma Parris and UP student Karl Kahambwe] (article manuscript)

### Book

*Power and Restraint: The United States as a Rising Power, 1898-1941* (Georgetown University Press, 2015).

### Edited Book

*Shona ba Shona: Professional Reflections of U.S. Officers* (editor) (National Defense University, 2014).

### Articles and Book Chapters

“Strategy, Uncertainty, and the China Challenge,” [with Renny Babiarz and UP student David Mudd] *Naval War College Review* 76(1) (Winter 2023), <https://digital-commons.usnwc.edu/nwc-review/vol76/iss1/5/>.

“What Good Is Military Strategy? An Analysis of Strategy and Effectiveness in the First Arab-Israeli War.” [with UP students Temmo Cramer Ryan Turner-Brady] *Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies*, 4(1) (2021), 37–49.

“Strategy and Competition,” [with Dan Manning] in *On Competition: Adapting to the Contemporary Strategic Environment*, ed. Aaron Bazin, (Joint Special Operations University Press, 2021).

“A strategic leadership theory of military effectiveness: General Matthew Ridgway and the revival of the US Eighth Army in the Korean War,” *Australian Journal of Defence and Strategic Studies*, 2(2) (2020): 215–236

“Want Better Strategists? Start with a Better Definition for Strategy,” [with Patrick Quirk] RealClearDefense, July 9, 2020, [https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2020/07/09/want\\_better\\_strategists\\_start\\_with\\_a\\_better\\_definition\\_of\\_strategy\\_115451.html](https://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2020/07/09/want_better_strategists_start_with_a_better_definition_of_strategy_115451.html).

“Creating a political strategy for stabilizing fragile states,” [with Patrick Quirk] Order From Chaos, Brookings Institution Blog, January 28, 2020, <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/order-from-chaos/2020/01/28/creating-a-political-strategy-forstabilizing-fragile-states/>.

“The Strategy Delusion” [with UP student Sitara Nath], *The Strategy Bridge*, August 2018, <https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2018/8/9/the-strategy-delusion>.

“From Anarchy to Civil War: The Escalation of Violence in Iraq, 2003-2006,” [with UP students Lydia Heye and Kelsie McKee], *Special Operations Journal* Vol. 4, No. 1 (2018), 63-83.

- “Ends + Ways + Means = (Bad) Strategy,” *Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly*, Vol. 46, No. 4 (Winter 2016-2017), 81-91,  
[https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/pubs/Parameters/Issues/Winter\\_2016-17/Vol46No4.pdf](https://ssi.armywarcollege.edu/pubs/Parameters/Issues/Winter_2016-17/Vol46No4.pdf).
- “Liberalism,” in Stephen McGlinchey, Rosie Walters and Christian Scheinpflug (eds.), *International Relations Theory*. (E-International Relations Publishing, 2017),  
<http://www.e-ir.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/International-Relations-Theory-E-IR.pdf>.
- “Civil Military Relations and the Dynamics of American Military Expansion,” *Air and Space Power Journal–Africa & Francophonie*, Vo. 7, No. 4 (Winter 2016), 5-23,  
[http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Portals/10/ASPJ\\_French/journals\\_E/Volume-07\\_Issue-4/2016\\_4\\_e.pdf](http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Portals/10/ASPJ_French/journals_E/Volume-07_Issue-4/2016_4_e.pdf).
- “The Dilemma of an African Soldier,” *War on the Rocks*, January 26, 2015,  
<http://warontherocks.com/2015/01/the-dilemma-of-an-african-soldier/>.
- “Introduction,” in *Shona ba Shona: Professional Reflections of U.S. Officers* (National Defense University, 2014),  
[https://www.academia.edu/36121618/Shona\\_ba\\_Shona\\_Professional\\_Reflections\\_of\\_U.S.\\_Officers\\_in\\_Afghanistan](https://www.academia.edu/36121618/Shona_ba_Shona_Professional_Reflections_of_U.S._Officers_in_Afghanistan).
- “American Exceptionalism” (with Daniel H. Deudney), in Michael Cox and Doug Stokes (eds.), *U.S. Foreign Policy 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.* (Oxford University Press, 2008, 2012, 2018).
- “Race and the Dual State in Antebellum America” (with Richard P. Young), in Joseph Lowndes, Julie Novkov, and Dorian Warren (eds.), *Race and American Political Development* (Routledge, 2008).

### Review Articles and Book Reviews

- Review of Victory: *The Triumph and Tragedy of Just War*. Cian O’Driscoll. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2020, *Strategy Bridge*, September 9, 2020
- “History and Theory of American National Security Strategy,” *Texas National Security Review*, September 6, 2018, <https://tnsr.org/roundtable/book-review-reflections-on-melvyn-lefflers-long-career/#essay3>.
- Review of *America Abroad: The United States' Global Role in the 21st Century*, Perspectives on Politics, Volume 15, Issue 3 (September 2017) 930-931.
- Review of David Belz, *Carnage and Connectivity: Landmarks in the Decline of Conventional Military Power*, *Joint Forces Quarterly* No. 83 (4th Quarter 2016), 107.
- Review of Christopher McKnight Nichols, *Promise and Peril: America at the Dawn of a Global Age*, *New Global Studies*, Vol. 9, No. 3 (December 2015), pp. 355-357,  
<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/ngs.ahead-of-print/ngs-2015-0023/ngs-2015-0023.xml>.

### Selected Conference Papers and Appearances

- "A Hip Hop Theory of Antiracism," (Girma Parris and Karl Kahamwe) Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Portland, OR, November 11-13, 2021
- “Author Meets Critics: Brent Steele's 'Restraint in International Politics,’” [roundtable participant] International Studies Association Annual Convention, Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

- “Rolling the Iron Dice: Leadership and Military Effectiveness in the Korean War,” Presented at the annual ISSS-IS conference, November 9-11, 2018, West Lafayette, IN
- “Roundtable on David Hendrickson’s *Republic in Peril: Empire and the Liberal Tradition*,” [roundtable participant] American Political Science Association Conference, August 31–September 3, 2017, San Francisco, CA.
- “What Are Rising Powers?” Presented at International Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017.
- “The Moral Factor in War: Understanding Variation in American Military Effectiveness,” Presented at the 2016 ISSS/ISAC Conference November 4-6, South Bend, IN and at the 2016 Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Conference November 11-12, Portland, OR.
- “Civil Military Relations and the Dynamics of American Expansion,” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, February 2015, New Orleans, USA.
- “E + W + M = (B) S: A Critique of the American Way of Strategy,” Presented at the ISSS/ISAC Annual Meeting, November 2014, Austin, TX.
- “American Under-Expansion in the Early Twentieth Century: Explaining the Non-Annexation of Mexico,” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2014, Toronto, CA.
- “Escalatory Political Violence and the Causes of the Iraq Civil War, 2004-2008.” Presented at the ISSS-ISAC Annual Meeting, October 2013, Washington, D.C.
- “Grand Strategies of Rising Powers: Comparing China, India and Brazil” (with Rameez Abbas and Ralph Espach). Presented at the International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Meeting, November 2012, Baltimore, MD.
- “Power and Restraint: Liberal Foreign Policy Theory and America’s Rise, 1898-1941.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2010, Washington, D.C.

### **Awards and Fellowships**

- Public Interest Research Fellowship, University of Portland, “A Hip Hop Theory of Antiracism,” 6/17/2020 - 12/16/2021
- Faculty Development Grant, 2018, Israel Institute
- Provost Initiative on Undergraduate Research Grant, Spring 2018, University of Portland
- Summer Undergraduate Research Grant 2017, University of Portland
- Diversity and Inclusion Grant Fall 2016, University of Portland
- Butine Faculty Development Award Fall 2016, University of Portland
- Shepard’s Shepherd, 2016-2017
- Dundon-Berchtold Institute Fellowship in Applied Ethics, 2015-2016, University of Portland
- The Johns Hopkins University Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, 2009
- Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg Stipendium, University of Mannheim, 2008
- Johns Hopkins University Departmental Fellowship, Political Science, 2005 – 2011

### **TEACHING**

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#### **Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Portland (9/01/2014 – present)**

- Rise of China

- The Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Geopolitics of Energy and the Environment
- Introduction to US Politics
- American Foreign Policy
- Frontline of Global War
- Strategies of War and Peace
- American Way of War
- Survival
- Politics of Hip Hop
- World Politics
- Realist International Relations Theory (directed study)
- The Politics of Mass Incarceration (directed study)

**Assistant/Associate Professor, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University (8/11 – 7/14)**

- Methods of Analysis and Argumentation
- American Way of War
- Frontline of Global War: South Asia Since 1979
- Strategic Thought

**Lecturer/Adjunct/Writing Fellow, The Johns Hopkins University, (09/01/2007 – 07/01/2011)**

- American National Security in the 21st Century
- Energy and Environmental Security
- American Foreign Policy
- Government and Politics

**Visiting Lecturer (02/09 – 06/09), University of Mannheim**

- American Foreign Policy

**Teaching Assistant (9/06 – 6/08), The Johns Hopkins University**

- American Foreign Policy
- Introduction to American Politics
- The American Presidency

**Teaching Assistant and Reader (4/00 – 3/01), Black Studies Department, University of California, Santa Barbara**

- Introduction to Caribbean Studies
- Introduction to Black Studies
- The Civil Rights Movement

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**University Service**

Chair, Curriculum and Academic Regulations Committee, July 2023-present

Co-Chair, Curriculum and Academic Regulations Committee, August 2022-April 2023  
 Committee Member, Committee on Academic Regulations, 8/23/2020-present.  
 Coordinator for Washington Semester Program, 2021 – Present  
 Member of Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Global Affairs,  
 6/1/2021-2/23/2022.  
 Member of the Campus Scholarship Board, Army ROTC, 10/6/2021 and 11/1/2022.  
 Committee Member, Institutional Review Board, August 2022-present.  
 Committee Member, Presidential Advisory Committee on Inclusion, 2020-2022.  
 Senator, University of Portland Faculty Senate, 2020-2023.  
 Committee Member, Environmental Studies Department Search Committee, 8/24/2020 -  
 2/25/2021.  
 Committee member, Presidential Advisory Committee on Sustainability, 2017-2020.  
 Disenrollment Board Institutional Representative, University of Portland Army ROTC  
 Command, Dec2019-Dec2019, Dec. 9, 2022  
 Participant, Diversity and Inclusion Grant Recipients, University of Portland Faculty  
 Development Day, May 2018.  
 Assistant Marshal for University of Portland Commencement, 2017, 2018, 2023  
 Presidential Advisory Committee on Sustainability, 2017-2018  
 Guest Speaker, University of Portland AFROTC “Dining-In,” December 5, 2017  
 Participant, “Trump and Truth,” Philosophy Club Panel Discussion, March 24, 2017.  
 Honors Mentor, 2017-2018  
 Participant, Mock Interview Panel, Rhodes Scholarship, 2016  
 Participant, Mock Interview Panel, Fulbright Scholarship, 2017  
 Participant, Mock Interview Panel, Truman Scholarship, 2017-2018  
 Guest Lecture, “Civil Military Affairs,” MSL 401, AROTC, November 29, 2016  
 Faculty Advisor to the Roosevelt Institution Undergraduate Student Think Tank, Fall 2016-  
 present.  
 Faculty Mentor, AY 2016-2017.  
 Member, Army ROTC Scholarship Board, April 15, 2016, November 21, 2016, December 1,  
 2017.  
 Participant, Vote UP Election Panels, Fall 2016  
 Participant, “Elections 2016: What you need to know!” Political Science Department Panel  
 Discussion, March 15, 2016.  
 Speaker, “Constitutional Foundation of American Foreign Policy,” Constitution Day Lecture,  
 September 17, 2015.  
 Participant, Security Studies Panel, University of Portland Faculty Development Day, May  
 2015.

### **Invited Lectures**

“Geopolitics of Energy,” WorldOregon, Portland, OR, February 3, 2023.  
 “How to Strategy,” Presented at the Royal College of Defense Studies, London, UK,  
 November 30, 2022 (virtual).  
 "Roundtable on the National Military Strategy of the United States," STRIDE Lab, United  
 States Special Operations Command, Tampa, FL, November 19, 2021 (virtual).  
 "Ten Misconceptions About Strategy," Presented at the Royal College of Defense Studies,  
 London, UK, November 18, 2021(virtual)

- "Bad Strategy," Defense Entrepreneur's Forum, Fort Bragg, NC, April 29, 2021 (virtual).
- "What is the most likely strategic approach of the next National Security Strategy (NSS) and what are the major implications for SOF?" STRIDE Lab, United States Special Operations Command, Tampa, FL, January 28, 2021 (virtual).
- "U.S. Foreign Policy in Uncertain Times," Hichney Form, Hickney Institute for Politics, University of Utah, November 18, 2020 (virtual).
- "American Exceptionalism Revisited," Keynote Speech for the Annual Meeting of the Political Science Section of the German Association for American Studies, November 13-14, 2015, Pfalz-Akademie in Lambrecht, Germany.

## Media Appearances

- Alex Willemys, "When might China invade Taiwan? Depends who you ask," *Radio Free Asia*, January 30, 2023, <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/taiwan-invasion-timeline-01302023145650.html> (interviewed and quoted in article).
- "Protests in China over the country's zero-COVID policy," KXL-FM News, November 29, 2022, [http://archive.tveyes.com/8383/11214/30056916-9b21-4942-ace9-aad616b3102d/RADKXL\\_11-30-2022\\_21.03.53.mp3](http://archive.tveyes.com/8383/11214/30056916-9b21-4942-ace9-aad616b3102d/RADKXL_11-30-2022_21.03.53.mp3), guest.
- "UP Sustainable Stories," Beacon Podcast, Nov. 15, 2022, guest.
- "U.S. Withdraws from Afghanistan," The Beacon Podcast, 3/21/2022, guest.
- Conversation Six Podcast, 07/09/2022, guest.
- Conversation Six Podcast, 3/5/2022, guest.
- "Rhythm, Flow, and Melanin," Black on the Bluff podcast, 4/6/2021, guest.
- "War with Iran," guest for episode 9 of The Red Line Podcast, Jan2020-Jan2020.
- Julia Braun, "Como Portland, no Oregon, virou a capital do confronto," *Veja* [Brazilian news magazine], September 4, 2020, <https://veja.abril.com.br/mundo/como-portland-no-oregon-virou-a-capital-do-confronto/> (interviewed and quoted in the article)
- Manuel Restrepo, "¡Aquí mando yo!: Trump, los agentes federales y su desprecio por la democracia," *Semana* [Columbian Newspaper], July 24, 2020, <https://www.semana.com/mundo/articulo/trump-y-agentes-federales-la-amenaza-a-gobiernos-democratas-de-estados-unidos/688945/> (interviewed and quoted in the article)
- Mike Baker, Frances Robles and Dave Philipps "Before Pensacola Shooting, Foreign Military Programs Had Years of Troubles," *New York Times*, December 12, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/12/us/foreign-military-training-pensacola-florida-shooting.html>. (interviewed and quoted in the article)
- "Trump-Putin summit overshadowed by Russia investigation," Guest appearance on the program "Your Voice, Your Vote," KATU News, July 23, 2018, <https://katu.com/news/your-voice-your-vote/your-voice-your-vote-trump-putin-summit-overshadowed-by-russia-investigation>, guest.
- "Missile Defense on the West Coast," Interview for KATU News, 12/05/2017 (never aired)
- "Terrorist Attacks in Brussels," Interview on KATU News, 03/22/2016
- Stuart Reid, "Let's Go Take Back Out Country," *The Atlantic*, March 2016, <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/03/lets-take-back-our-country/426852/>. (Interviewed and quoted in the story)
- "Geopolitics of Energy," Interview with Ofelia Alemán García, *Siempre!* [Mexican news magazine], 02/23/2016
- "White Powder Mailed to Oregon Sheriffs," Interview on KGW News, 7/27/2015

Craig Whitlock and Adam Goldman, "How a reviled African ruler survived a coup hatched in the United States," *Washington Post*, May 31, 2015, [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/how-a-reviled-african-ruler-survived-a-coup-hatched-in-the-united-states/2015/05/31/a9fc1772-0485-11e5-8bda-c7b4e9a8f7ac\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/how-a-reviled-african-ruler-survived-a-coup-hatched-in-the-united-states/2015/05/31/a9fc1772-0485-11e5-8bda-c7b4e9a8f7ac_story.html). (interviewed and quoted in the article)  
"Homegrown Terrorism," Interview on FM News 101 KXL, 1/14/2015  
"Homegrown Terrorism," Interview on The Mark and Dave Show, KPAM AM 860, 01/09/2015  
"ISIS Beheadings," Interview on KATU News, 10/03/2014

### **Reviewer**

Polity Press, January 4, 2023 (book manuscript)  
*International Studies Quarterly*, Nov. 12, 2022 (article manuscript)  
External evaluation of candidate for promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, Michigan State University, James Madison College, Sept. 2022  
*Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies*, 2022 (article manuscript)  
*International Studies Review*, 2022 (article manuscript)  
*International Security*, 2022 (article manuscript)  
External evaluation of candidate for promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, SUNY, New Paltz, July 2021  
Polity Press, 2021 (book proposal)  
*Parameters: U.S. Army War College Press*, 2020 (article manuscript)  
Georgetown University Press, 2019-2020 (book manuscript)  
Rowman and Littlefield, 2017 (book proposal)  
Georgetown University Press, 2016 (book proposal)  
Routledge, 2014 (book proposal).  
*Cambridge Journal of International Affairs* (article manuscript).

### **Conference Panel Discussant/Chair/Organizer**

Chair: "What Impacts Public Opinion?" ISSS/ISAC Annual Meeting November 4-6, 2016 South Bend, IN.  
Discussant/Chair: "The Foreign Policies of the Great Powers," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Meeting, 2012  
Discussant/Chair: "Systems Theories and Great Powers," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Meeting, 2012  
Organizer: "Liberal States and Liberal Orders," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2-5, 2010, Washington, D.C  
Organizer: "Liberal States and Liberal Orders," Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 16-18, 2011, Montreal, Quebec.