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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Claremont McKenna College

Associate Professor, Government Department, 2022 – present

Assistant Professor, Government Department, 2020 – 2022

Brown University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012 – 2020

FELLOWSHIPS

American Council of Learned Societies

ACLS Fellowship, 2020

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University

Radcliffe Fellowship, 2020–2021 (declined)

Columbia University

Visiting Scholar, Harriman Institute, Fall 2016

University of Southern California

Hayward R. Alker Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Studies, 2011–2012

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2011

M.A., Political Science

Stanford University

A.B., International Relations, June 1999

Phi Beta Kappa

BOOKS

Virtual Territories: War and the State in a Digital Age.

Oxford University Press, under contract.

The Cartographic State: Maps, Territory, and the Origins of Sovereignty. Cambridge University Press.

Cambridge Studies in International Relations (2014). Arabic translation 2016.

Academic reviews: *Journal of Politics*, *Review of Politics*, *Imago Mundi*, *Revue française de science politique*, *The Cartographic Journal*, *Journal of Borderland Studies*, *The Canadian Geographer*, *Revista Conjuntura Austral* (Brazil).

Review essay: Stuart Elden, “From hinterland to the global,” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (2015).

Press reviews: *Revista Intellector* (Brazil), *The Globe* (Australia), *Geographical* (UK).

Awards: Honorable Mention for the 2016 Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations, International Studies Association; 2016 Past Presidents’ Bronze Book Award, Association for Borderlands Studies.

ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

- “What’s in a Name? Metaphors and Cybersecurity.” *International Organization* 75:1 (2021). 39-70.
- “Territorial Conflict in the Digital Age: Mapping Technologies and Negotiation.” *International Studies Quarterly* 61:3 (2017). 557–569.
- “Territory as an Institution: Spatial Ideas, Practices, and Technologies.” *Territory, Politics, Governance* 5:2 (2017). 131–144.
Reprinted in *Territorial Designs and International Politics*, edited by Boaz Atzili and Burak Kadercan (Routledge, 2017)
- “Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in International Relations.” *International Organization* 70:4 (2016). 845–869.
- “How should states be shaped? Contiguity, compactness, and territorial rights.” *International Theory* 8:1 (2016). 1–28.
- “‘Colonial Reflection’ and Territoriality: The Peripheral Origins of Sovereign Statehood.” *European Journal of International Relations* 18:2 (2012). 277–297.
- “Mapping the Sovereign State: Technology, Authority, and Systemic Change.” *International Organization* 65:1 (2011). 1–36.
Winner of the 2011 Robert O. Keohane Award (given annually to an article by an untenured scholar published in *International Organization*)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES (PEER-REVIEWED)

- “State, Territoriality, and Sovereignty” (with Jan Stockbruegger). Invited chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of History and International Relations*, ed. by Mlada Bukovansky et al. (Oxford, 2023).
- “Territory and International Political Economy” (with Timothy Turnbull). Invited chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of International Political Economy*, ed. by Jon Pevehouse and Leonard Seabrooke (Oxford, 2021).
- “Borders and Boundaries: Making Visible What Divides” (with Kerry Goettlich). Invited chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*, ed. by Benjamin de Carvalho, Julia Costa Lopez, and Halvard Leira (Routledge, 2021).
- “Technology and Constructivism: Interrogating the Material-Ideational Divide.” Invited chapter in *Constructivism Reconsidered: Past, Present and Future*, ed. by Patrick James, Jarrod Hayes, and Mariano Bertucci (University of Michigan Press, 2018).
- “Territory.” Invited chapter in *Visual Global Politics*, ed. by Roland Bleiker (Routledge, 2018).

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *Decolonizing the Map: Cartography from Colony to Nation* (James R. Akerman, ed.). *New Global Studies* (2019).
- Review of *Historical Institutionalism and International Relations: Explaining Institutional Development in World Politics* (Thomas Rixen et al., eds.). *Perspectives on Politics* 15:3 (2017).
- Review of *Leviathan 2.0: Inventing Modern Statehood* (by Charles S. Maier). *New Global Studies* 10:1 (2016).
- Review of *The Birth of Territory* (by Stuart Elden). *Global Discourse* 6:1–2 (2016). Invited symposium.
- Review of *Sovereignty: Frontiers of Possibility* (Julie Evans et al., eds.). *Settler Colonial Studies* 4:1 (2013).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Be careful what you’re learning from those coronavirus maps.” *The Washington Post*, 11 March 2020.

“The Security Implications of New Mapping Technologies.” *ISN Security Watch*. May 8, 2015.

Theory Talks interview, November 2014 (<http://www.theory-talks.org/2014/11/theory-talk-65.html>).

“Normal Accident Theory”; “Punctuated Equilibrium.” Entries in the *Encyclopedia of Governance*, Mark Bevir, ed., SAGE Publications (2007).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Reconceptualizing the State and Its Alternatives: Ideas, Infrastructures, Representations.” Invited chapter in *Remapping Sovereignty*, ed. by Kären Wigen and Martin Lewis. University of Chicago Press.

“Sovereignty, Territory, and Boundaries in Digital Battlespace.” Invited chapter in *The Handbook on Cyberwarfare*, ed. by Tim Stevens and Joe Devanny. Edward Elgar.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2020–2021 (alternate)

Wilson Center Fellowship, Washington, D.C., 2020–2021 (alternate)

Henry Merritt Wriston Award (excellence in scholarship and teaching), Brown University. 2015–2016

Humanities Research Fund grant, Brown University. 2013–2019

International Organization Robert O. Keohane Award, for “Mapping the Sovereign State.” Award given annually to an article by an untenured scholar published in *International Organization*. 2011

Dissertation nominated by UC Berkeley Political Science Department for the APSA Helen Dwight Reid Award, 2012

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley Teaching and Resource Center, 2010

Finishing Year Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2009–2010

Commendation for Excellence in Teaching, UC Berkeley Department of Political Science, 2006

Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2005–2006

Summer Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2005 and 2007

Honorable mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2004

Departmental Fellowship, Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2002–2003

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House, May 2023.

Stanford University, David Rumsey Map Center, May 2022

Oxford University, Politics Department, International Relations Research Colloquium, February 2022

Royal Holloway University of London, Information Security Group Research Seminar, January 2022

University of Groningen, History and Theory of International Relations Colloquium, May 2021

Berggruen Institute, Advancing Global Liberalism Workshop, November 2019
University of Connecticut, Political Science Colloquium, October 2019
Marquette University, Department of Political Science, September 2019
King's College London, Department of War Studies, May 2019
Cambridge International Relations and History Conference, May 2019
University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House, Conference on International Boundaries in a Globalizing World, May 2019
Naval War College, Cyber and Innovation Policy Institute, April 2019
University of Minnesota, International Relations Colloquium, March 2019
Cambridge University, Department of Politics and International Studies, May 2018
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, May 2018
University of Wisconsin, Madison. International Relations Colloquium, March 2018
American University School of International Service, Bridging the Gap Workshop, November 2017
Yale University, Comparative Research Workshop, April 2017
Brown Legal History Workshop, February 2017
Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on "Geopolitical Economies after 1450," UMass Amherst, March 2016
McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, October 2015
University of Rochester, Watson Center for Conflict and Cooperation, September 2015
Cornell University, Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, March 2015
University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, Constructivism and its Critics workshop, January 2015
Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies, September 2014
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Making and Justifying Territorial Claims conference, May 2014
Brown University, Watson Institute, book launch panel for *The Cartographic State*, March 2014
Brown University, Watson Institute, Subnational Research in Comparative Politics conference, May 2013
University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, October 2011
UC Berkeley, Center for Latin American Studies, Summer Institute for Teachers, July 2008
University of California, Berkeley, Institute for International Studies, March 2008

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Studies Association Annual Convention:
2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013, 2016
Resilience Regions Conference, Portland, September 2011
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2008
International Studies Association – West Annual Convention, San Francisco, 2007

WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

State of the Field of Cyber Conflict, Columbia SIPA, June 2019

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, June 2013

Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute, June 2004

Workshop organizer and moderator, World Movement for Democracy Second Global Assembly, São Paulo, Brazil, November 2000

PHD DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Timothy Turnbull (Brown University, 2019)

Anna Feuer (Yale University, 2020)

Sanne Verschuren (Brown University, 2021)

Jan Stockbruegger (Brown University, 2021)

Yu-Chi Chang (Brown University, History department, 2021)

Omar Afzaal (Brown University, in progress)

TEACHING

Claremont McKenna College

Introduction to International Politics

Technology and International Politics

Maps and Politics

Brown University

Introduction to International Politics (undergraduate lecture course)

Territorial Conflict (graduate seminar)

International Relations and History (graduate seminar)

Technology and International Politics (undergraduate seminar)

Maps and Politics (undergraduate lecture course)

Land and Conflict (undergraduate, first-year seminar)

University of California, Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor)

Introduction to International Relations

Transitions to Democracy

Introduction to Comparative Politics

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Claremont McKenna College

Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee, 2023–

Committee on Academic Computing, 2023–

Administration Committee, 2021–2023

Student Recruitment Committee, 2022–2023

Faculty SIS Resource Committee, 2021–2023

International Relations search committee, Government Department, 2022

International Relations major external review committee, 2021–2022

Brown University

Graduate admissions committee, Political Science, 2014, 2015, 2018

International Relations comprehensive exam committee, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018

International Security search committee, Political Science, 2017

Undergraduate affairs committee, Political Science, 2015

Fellowship selection committee, John Carter Brown Library, 2015

Chinese Politics search committee, Political Science, 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Sociological Review*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; *Cartographic Journal*; *Culture, Theory, and Critique*; *Dialogues in Human Geography*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *Geographic Information Science & Technology*; *Geography Compass*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *International Organization*; *International Politics*; *International Relations*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *International Theory*; *Journal of Historical Geography*; *Journal of the History of Ideas*; *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*; *Nationalities Papers*; *Political Geography*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Review of International Political Economy*; *Review of International Studies*; *Security Studies*; *Territory, Politics, Governance*; *Third World Quarterly*; *World Politics*; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge; Leverhulme Trust; Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research; European Research Council.

Editorial Board Member, “Critical Studies in Digital Security and Society” book series, De Gruyter (Tim Stevens, series editor).

Editorial Board Member, “Global Epistemics” book series, Rowman & Littlefield (Inanna Hamati-Ataya, series editor).

Member-at-Large, ISA Historical International Relations Section, 2020–2022.

Member, Research Council on Visual Politics, International Political Science Association.

Chair, Award Committee for the Barbara W. Tuchman Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper in Historical International Relations; ISA. 2017–2019.

Award Committee Member, APSA International History and Politics Section outstanding article award. 2019–2021.

Award Committee Member, ISA J. Ann Tickner Award. 2018–2020.

Advisory Board Member, British Academy project on “Living on the Edge: Experiences and Responses to Europe’s Changing Borderlands,” Centre for Economic Cultures and Global Development Institute, University of Manchester. 2019–2020.

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Associate Editor, *Journal of Democracy*, Washington, D.C., 2001–2002

Assistant Editor, *Journal of Democracy*, Washington, D.C., 1999–2000

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