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curriculum vitae – January 2012

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Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-present

Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2010-2011

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2001-2009

Research Interests

International Relations; International Organization and Law; International Environmental Politics; International Political Economy; U.S. Foreign Policy

Education

Ph.D., 2001, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

M.A., 1997, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

B.A., 1994, Connecticut College, International Relations, *summa cum laude*
-Reid Hall (Columbia University) and Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris, Spring 1993

Book

2009. *Channels of Power: The UN Security Council and U.S. Statecraft in Iraq*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

-winner of the Chadwick F. Alger Prize, International Studies Association

-winner of the Best Book Award, International Studies Association-Midwest

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

Forthcoming. "Delayed Ratification: The Domestic Fate of Bilateral Investment Treaties." *International Organization* (with Yoram Haftel)

Forthcoming. "Why Did Bush Bypass the UN in 2003? Unilateralism, Multilateralism and Presidential Leadership." *White House Studies*.

2011. "International Organization: Institutions and Order in World Politics." In *Production of Legal Rules*, edited by Francesco Parisi (*Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, 2nd Ed.), pp. 309-36. Edward Elgar Press. (with Duncan Snidal)

2010. "Rational Design in Motion: Uncertainty and Flexibility in the Global Climate Regime." *European Journal of International Relations* 16(2): 269-96.

2010. "The Politics of IO Performance: A Framework." *Review of International Organizations* 5(3): 227-48. (with Tamar Gutner)
2009. "The Rational Enforcement of International Law: Solving the Sanctioners' Dilemma." *International Theory* 1(2): 307-21.
2009. "Mitigation through Resource Transfers to Developing Countries: Expanding Greenhouse Gas Offsets." In *Climate Change Policy Beyond Kyoto*, edited by Robert N. Stavins and Joseph E. Aldy. Cambridge University Press, pp. 439-68. (with Andrew Keeler)
2006. "Coercion through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission." *International Organization* 61(1): 1-34.
- winner of the Robert O. Keohane Award
-reprinted in Lisa L. Martin, ed., *Global Governance*. Ashgate, 2008, pp. 135-69.
2006. "The Independence of International Organizations: Concept and Applications." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 60(2): 253-75. (with Yoram Haftel)
2006. "Screening Power: International Organizations as Informative Agents." In *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*, edited by Darren G. Hawkins, David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson & Michael M. Tierney. Cambridge University Press, pp. 229-54.
2006. "Management under Anarchy: The International Politics of Climate Change." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 7-29.
2003. "International Commitments and Domestic Politics: Institutions and Actors at Two Levels." In *Locating the Proper Authorities: The Interaction of Domestic and International Institutions*, edited by Daniel Drezner. University of Michigan Press, pp. 197-230. (with Duncan Snidal)
2002. "Applying Rational Choice Theory to International Law: The Promise and Pitfalls." *Journal of Legal Studies* 31(1, Pt. 2): 285-306.
2000. "Canadian Foreign Policy and Straddling Stocks: Sustainability in an Interdependent World." *Policy Studies Journal* 28(1): 219-35.
2000. "International Organization." In *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics, Vol. 5*: 692-722. Edward Elgar Press. (with Duncan Snidal).

Works in Progress and under Review (selected)

- "The Rational Evolution of the Global Climate Regime." Book-length project.
- "Multilateralism, Bilateralism and Regime Design." (with Daniel Verdier)
- "Principal Problems: UN Weapons Inspections in Iraq and Beyond."
- "Coercive Enforcement of International Law." In *International Law and International Relations: Insights from Interdisciplinary Scholarship*, edited by Jeffrey L. Dunoff and Mark A. Pollack. Cambridge University Press, under contract.
- "The Soft Law Future of the Global Climate Regime."

“Understanding IO Legitimation.” Under review as part of *The Politics of International Organizations: Bridging the Rationalist-Constructivist Divide*, edited by Michael Tierney and Catherine Weaver.

“IGO Orchestration in Climate Finance.” (with Erin Graham). Part of a project on IOs as Orchestrators, led by Kenneth Abbott, Philipp Genschel, Duncan Snidal and Bernhard Zangl

“The Domestic Politics of International Delegation: U.S. Support of WTO Dispute Settlement”

“Guarding the Equilibrium: Regime Management and the WTO” (with Duncan Snidal)

“Scaling Up: Applying Lower-Level Theories to International Relations”

Journal Special Issues

2010. Co-Editor, *The Politics of IO Performance*. Special Issue of the *Review of International Organizations*, Vol. 5, No. 3. (with Tamar Gutner)

2006. Co-Editor, *Economy, Politics and Institutions: From Adaptation to Adaptive Management in Climate Change*. Special Issue of *Climatic Change*, Vol. 78, No. 1. (with Joseph Arvai, Tomas Koontz, Paul Robbins and Brent Sohngen).

Co-author of framework and concluding articles (both peer-reviewed):

- “Economy, Politics and Institutions: From Adaptation to Adaptive Management in Climate Change,” pp. 1-5.

- “Adaptive Management of the Global Climate Problem: Bridging the Gap between Climate Research and Climate Policy,” pp. 217-25.

Other Publications

Book Review: *The UN Security Council and the Politics of International Authority*, edited by Bruce Cronin and Ian Hurd (Routledge, 2008), and *The United States and the Security Council*, by Brian Frederking (Routledge, 2007). *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2009.

“Industrialized-Country Mitigation Policy and Resource Transfers to Developing Countries: Improving and Expanding Greenhouse Gas Offsets.” Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements Discussion Paper 08-05, September 2008. (with Andrew Keeler)

Book Review: *Council Unbound: The Growth of UN Decision Making on Conflict and Postconflict Issues after the Cold War*, by Michael J. Matheson (USIP Press, 2006), and *UN Peacekeeping: Myth and Reality*, by Andrzej Sitkowski (Praeger, 2006). *Political Science Quarterly*, Winter 2007-08.

“Kyoto Protocol.” *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, edited by Paul Robbins. Thousand Oaks, Cal.: Sage Publications, 2007.

Book Review: *Democracy from Above: Regional Organizations and Democratization*, by Jon C. Pevehouse (Cambridge, 2005). *Review of International Organizations*, September 2006.

Book Review: *Governance in a Global Economy: Political Authority in Transition*, edited by Miles Kahler and David A. Lake (Princeton, 2003). *Perspectives on Politics*, December 2004.

“The Political Economy of Smoot-Hawley: Explaining the Tariff Act of 1930.” *Oeconomica*, Autumn 1999.

“Extreme-Right Discourse and Anti-Immigrant Violence in Europe: Implications of the French Case.” Center for German & European Studies Working Paper Series, Georgetown University, May 1999.

Invited Talks

Case Western Reserve University, Briskin Global Currents Lecture Series, March 2012
Temple University, Beasley School of Law, International Law and International Relations conference, May 2011
Yale University, Leitner Program, International Environmental Policymaking and Agreements conference, April 2011
George Washington University, Institute for Global and International Studies, February 2011
University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, November 2010
Hofstra University, Kalikow Center, symposium on U.S. Presidential Leadership at the United Nations, October 2010
International Center for Climate Governance & Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements, Workshop on Institutions for Climate Governance, Venice, May 2010
University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, April 2010
Yale University, IR Workshop, March 2010
Connecticut College, Department of Government, March 2010
Harvard Law School, IR-IL Workshop, February 2010
University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, October 2009
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, September 2009
Columbia University International Politics Seminar, October 2008
Northwestern University, IR Theory Colloquium, May 2008
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Political Science, April 2008
University of Texas, Austin, Department of Political Science, April 2008
McGill University, Research Group in International Security, November 2007
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, October 2007
University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, October 2004
Georgetown University, Workshop on Intervention, October 2003
UC San Diego, Workshop on Delegation to International Organizations, September 2003
Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI), Geneva, May 2003
Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, April 2003
Boston College, Department of Political Science, November 2001
University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Affairs, October 2001
Indiana University, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, November 1998

Conference Presentations (selected)

“The Soft Law Future of the Global Climate Regime.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Seattle, 1-4 September 2011.

“The Rational Enforcement of International Law: Sanctions as a Source of Compliance.” International Studies Association (ISA), New Orleans, 17-20 February 2010. Earlier version presented at the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, Potsdam, 10-12 September 2009.

“Ratification Matters: The Domestic Fate of Bilateral Investment Treaties” (with Yoram Haftel). Annual Conference of the International Political Economy Society (IPES), University of Pennsylvania, 14-15 November 2008.

- “Multi-Lateralisms: Explaining Variation in Regime Instruments“ (with Daniel Verdier). APSA, Boston, 28-31 August 2008.
- “Treaty Politics: Signature, Ratification, and Bilateral Investment Agreements” (with Yoram Haftel). Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 3-6 April 2008.
- “Explaining IO Performance” (with Tamar Gutner). ISA Venture Research Workshop, co-hosted by Thompson and Gutner, San Francisco, 25 March 2008.
- “The Two-Level Politics of International Delegation: The United States and WTO Dispute Settlement.” ISA, San Francisco, 26-29 March 2008.
- “The Autonomous Role of the WTO as an Institution” (with Duncan Snidal). Program on Political Institutions, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 24, October 2007.
- “Principal Problems: UN Weapons Inspections in Iraq and Beyond.” 6th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, ECPR, Turin, Italy, 12-15 September 2007. Earlier version presented at ISA, San Diego, 22-25 March 2006.
- “The Power of Legalization: Explaining U.S. Support of WTO Dispute Settlement.” ISA, Chicago, 28 February – 3 March 2007. Earlier version presented at IPES, Princeton University, 17-18 November 2006.
- “Designing an Effective Climate Regime.” Berlin Conference on the Human Dimension of Global Environmental Change, Potsdam, Germany, 2-3 December 2005.
- “Guarding the Equilibrium: The WTO as a Regime Manager” (with Duncan Snidal). APSA, Chicago, 1-4 September 2005.
- “Assessing the Global Climate Regime: Moving Forward through Flexibility.” Academic Council on the United Nations System Annual Meeting, Ottawa, 16-18 June 2005.
- “The Rational *Choice* of International Institutions: Uncertainty and Flexibility in the Climate Regime.” MPSA, Chicago, 7-10 April 2005.
- “Understanding IO Legitimation.” ISA, Honolulu, 1-5 March 2005. Earlier versions presented at the Conference on Theoretical Synthesis in the Study of International Organizations, Carnegie Endowment, Washington, DC, 6-7 February 2004.
- “International Organizations and the Legitimation of State Behavior.” CEEISA/ISA International Convention, Central European University, Budapest, 26-28 June 2003.
- “Theorizing and Operationalizing IO Independence.” ISA, Portland, 25 February–1 March 2003.
- “Foreign Policy Strategies and Domestic Publics Abroad.” ISA, New Orleans, 24-27 March 2002.
- “Managing Enforcement: Decentralized Sanctioning in the Shadow of Institutions.” MPSA, Chicago, 24-28 April 2002.
- “Power and Legalization: Explaining U.S. Support of WTO Dispute Settlement.” APSA, San Francisco, 29 August–2 September 2001. Earlier version presented at ISA, Chicago, 20-24 February 2001.

“Unilateralism versus the WTO in U.S. Trade Dispute Policy: Explaining the Choice.” MPSA, Chicago, 19-22 April 2001.

“Framing Foreign Policy: Statecraft and International Organizations.” APSA, Washington, DC, 31 August–3 September 2000.

“Coercion and International Organizations: The United States and the UN in the Persian Gulf War.” APSA, Atlanta, 2-5 September 1999. Earlier version presented at the conference International Institutions: Global Processes/Domestic Consequences, Duke University, 9-11 April 1999.

“Institutional Design and Compliance in International Commons Management.” APSA, Boston, 3-6 September 1998.

Awards and Grants

Pending	Peaceful Management of Climate Stress, Minerva Research Initiative (co-PI with C. Jenkins, H. Mosley-Thompson, D. Sui, C.K. Shum, B. Mark and M. Moritz)
2011	Best Book Award, International Studies Association-Midwest
2010	Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Ohio State
2010	Chadwick F. Alger Prize for best book on international organization and multilateralism, International Studies Association
2008	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, “The Performance of International Organizations”
2007	Robert O. Keohane Award for best article by an untenured scholar in <i>International Organization</i> during the previous year
2007	International Studies Association, Venture Research Workshop Grant (co-PI with Tamar Gutner)
2004-05	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, “IO Legitimation and the Use of Force”
2005	Finalist, Colleges of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, Ohio State
2002-03	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, “Channeling Statecraft: Economic Coercion through International Organizations”
2002-03	Faculty Seed Grant Award, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University
2002-03	Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, “Human Elements of Global Warming in the International Context” (co-PI)
2000-2001	Mellon Foundation Final-Year Dissertation Fellowship
2000	Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago (declined)
1999-2000	MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, through the Center for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation, University of Chicago
1999	Program on International Security Policy research grant, University of Chicago
1998	Summer Research Grant, Center for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation, University of Chicago
1994	Phi Beta Kappa
1990-1994	American Foreign Service Association Academic Scholarship

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate courses: Introduction to International Relations, The United Nations System, International Environmental Politics

Graduate courses: Theories of International Relations, International Organization, International Political Economy, Institutions and International Political Economy

Professional Activities

Referee (past five years)

American Political Science Review, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, World Politics, American J. of Political Science, J. of Politics, European J. of International Relations, Security Studies, Review of International Political Economy, Economics & Politics, J. of European Public Policy, Political Science Quarterly, J. of Peace Research, Review of International Organizations, International Theory, J. of International Relations and Development, Climate Policy, Climatic Change, Economics Bulletin, Global Society, Geoforum, National Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, Lynne Rienner, Westview Press, W.W. Norton

Conference Activity

- 2010 Panel Discussant, APSA
Panel Discussant, ISA
- 2009 Panel Chair, ISA
Panel Organizer and Discussant, European Consortium for Political Research
- 2008 Co-Convener (with Tamar Gutner), ISA Venture Research Workshop on International Organization Performance, San Francisco, March 25.
- 2007 Panel Chair, ISA
Panel Discussant, ISA
Panel Chair and Discussant, MPSA
- 2005 Discussant and Commentator, Conference on "The UN Security Council and International Authority," Northwestern University
Panel Chair and Discussant, ISA
- 2003 Panel Chair and Discussant, APSA
Panel Discussant, CEEISA-ISA Budapest
Discussant, Workshop on Delegation to International Organizations, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University
- 2002 Co-Convener, Conference on Adaptive Research and Governance in Climate Change, Mershon Center, Ohio State University

Department Committees

Admissions Committee (2011-present); Graduate Studies Committee, Chair (2010-11); Executive Committee (2010-11); Undergraduate Studies Committee (2006-10); IR Search Committee (2006-07); Financial Aid Committee (2004-06); Search Committee (2003-04); Graduate Studies Committee (2001-03); IR Search Committee, University of Chicago (1998)

University Committees

- 2011 Carnegie Junior Fellowship Panel
- 2005-10 Environmental Citizenship Minor Committee
- 2008-09 Advisor, International Studies Student Advisory Committee
- 2009 Campus Undergraduate Fulbright Committee

Other Professional Activities

Member, ISA award committee, Chadwick Alger Prize (2010-present)
Co-director, Workshop on Globalization, Mershon Center, Ohio State
Faculty Associate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State
Faculty Affiliate, John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Ohio State
Coordinator, Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES), University of Chicago (1998-1999)