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Education	Doctoral Candidate in Political Science The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH Majors: International Relations and Political Theory	2005- <i>Current</i>
	M.A. in Political Science George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	2004- 2005
	B.A. in Philosophy Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA	1995- 1999

Research and Teaching Interests

International Relations Theory
International Security
International Organization
American Foreign Policy
Political Theory

Dissertation

Necessary Illusions: Détente, Misperception, and International Social Theory
Committee: Alexander Wendt (Chair), Randall Schweller,
and Alexander Thompson

Conference Papers

“Accidental Arms Control: The Case of the Mysterious Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.” Will Present at the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON, September 3, 2009.

“Wittgenstein in Rwanda.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 11, 2004.

Papers in Progress

“Accidental Arms Control: The Case of the Mysterious Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.”
[Under Review]

Abstract: A significant and growing body of literature related to security regimes focuses on the importance of either common knowledge or common norms to the success of efforts to limit military competition. The argument of this paper challenges this central pillar of the arms control literature. Security regimes, in particular arms control regimes, are not necessarily the product of common knowledge, norms, or shared identities. Rather, actors can and sometimes do cooperate because they do not fully understand one another and lack information. In these cases, examples of what I will refer to as “imagined intersubjectivity”—the mistaken belief that two actors share information, norms, and identities when in fact each has an idiosyncratic understanding—the lack of information is crucial for international cooperation. I analyze the record of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty negotiations. Through process-tracing, I will argue that three crucial moments in the negotiation process were premised on a misunderstanding of the position of the other party.

“The Problem of Social Integration in International Relations Theory.” [Working Paper]

Abstract: In the last two decades, there have been significant attempts to develop a social theory of international politics. Realism, liberalism, and constructivism each advance, even if only implicitly, social theories of the international system. In so doing, different authors have advanced different mechanisms through which the international system is socially integrated. By socially integrated, I mean actors come to develop dependable expectations for the conduct of others such that actors subjectively believe that there is order, that the world makes sense. This paper analyzing three different mechanisms for social integration: value integration, means integration, and environmental integration. These three axes for social theories of international politics show interesting relationships between different authors in different camps in IR. I then suggest that each of these three axes appears problematic, and sketch a pluralistic alternative that thinks past the major paradigms in IR.

“Like War and Disease: Rawls, Schmitt, and the Problem of Order.” [Working Paper]

Abstract: A significant body of recent work has traced the connections between John Rawls’ *Political Liberalism* and Carl Schmitt’s authoritarianism. This paper continues to probe these connections with specific reference to the problem of stability. Rawls and Schmitt agreed that no theory of politics was worthwhile unless it provided for stable government. The focus on stability leads to a shared method of justifying specific forms of government; Rawls’ rejection alternative principles of liberalism and justice is justified by means of the same argument that Schmitt rejects liberal democracy. The result is that their disagreement is empirical, not normative.

Teaching Experience

The Cold War and Today (Political Science 597), Four Quarters
The Politics of Global Problems (Political Science 145)
The Ohio State Faculty and Teacher Assistant Training Program

Graduate AssistantshipsResearch Assistant

Ted Hopf
Eric MacGivrey
Michael Neblo
Alexander Thompson
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Languages

French: Reading Proficient
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Memberships & Affiliations

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