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Positions

Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2020-present
Senior Faculty Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 2020-present (Faculty Affiliate, 2009-2020)
Research Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, 2018-20 (in-residence May-July 2019)
Associate Editor, Security Studies, 2015-2019
Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2010-2011
Associate Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-2020
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2001-2009

Research Interests

International relations; international organization and law; international political economy; environmental politics; U.S. foreign policy

Education

Ph.D., University of Chicago, Department of Political Science (2001)
M.A., University of Chicago, Department of Political Science (1997)

Book

– winner of the Chadwick F. Alger Prize, International Studies Association
– winner of the J. David Singer Book Award, International Studies Association

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

Forthcoming. “Contestation and Resilience in the Liberal International Order: The Case of Climate Change.” Global Studies Quarterly


- winner of the Robert O. Keohane Award


Journal Special Issues


Other Publications


Book Reviews


**Invited Talks & Workshops** (selected)

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, October 2023
Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, April 2023
Leuphana University, Lüneberg, Germany, February 2023
Leonard Davis Institute, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, November 2022
UC San Diego, Department of Political Science, November 2021
Academy for Political Education, Tutzing, Germany, October 2021
Carleton University, Norman Patterson School of International Affairs, Nov. 2020
University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, Workshop on Gauging Global Governance, Jan. 2020
University of Zurich, Workshop on International Organization Dissolution, June 2019
Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva, May 2019
Technical University of Munich, IR Speaker Series, May 2019
Ludwig Maximilian University, Center for Advanced Studies, Munich, Nov. 2018
European University Institute, Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Florence, May 2018
Santa Barbara City College, Global Studies, April 2018
Duke University, Security, Peace and Conflict Workshop, Nov. 2017
Oxford University, Nuffield College, Workshop on the Governor’s Dilemma, Sept. 2017
University of Chicago, Compliance in International Security Institutions Workshop, May 2017
International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington, Brown Bag Lunch Workshop, March 2017
Harvard Kennedy School, Workshop on Climate Policy after Paris, July 2016
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of International Relations, May 2016
Freie Universität Berlin, Workshop on Text Analysis and International Institutions, Jan. 2016
University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2015
Dartmouth College, Dickey Center, May 2015
German Development Institute, Conference on the Political Economy of Investment Agreements, Bonn, Dec. 2014
Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, Oct. 2014
Princeton University, Niehaus Center, May 2014
University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center, April 2014
Clark University, George Perkins Marsh Institute, April 2014
University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics, Nov. 2013
Ohio Wesleyan University, Sagan National Colloquium, Oct. 2013
University of St. Gallen, Workshop on Global Climate Cooperation, July 2013
Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), May 2013
Mercator Research Institute and Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, Berlin, Workshop on Identifying Options for a New International Climate Regime, May 2013
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, IOs as Orchestrators conference, May 2012
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, Feb. 2011
University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2010
Hofstra University, Kalikow Center, Presidential Leadership at the UN symposium, Oct. 2010
International Center for Climate Governance and 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, Feb. 2010
University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, Oct. 2009
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Sept. 2009
Columbia University International Politics Seminar, Oct. 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, Nov. 2007
University of Chicago, Program on Political Institutions, Oct. 2007
University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, Oct. 2004
Georgetown University, Workshop on Intervention, Oct. 2003
UC San Diego, Workshop on Delegation to International Organizations, Sept. 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, Nov. 2001
University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Affairs, Oct. 2001
Indiana University, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Nov. 1998

Awards and Grants

2018-20 Research Fellowship, Center for Advanced Studies, LMU Munich
2018-19 Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, “Interests, Power and the Evolution of Global Climate Institutions”
2018-19 Casper Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University
2014  Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, “The Politics of Climate Finance: Bridging the North-South Divide”
2011  J. David Singer Book Award, International Studies Association
2011  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 International Organization 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, College 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, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State
2002-03  Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, for conference on “Human Elements of Global Warming in the International Context”
2000-2001  Mellon Foundation Final-Year Dissertation Fellowship
2000  Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago (declined)
1999-2000  MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, for dissertation research
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

Professional Service

Security Studies, Editorial Board 2019-present, Associate Editor 2015-19

Department Committees (selected)

- Procedures Oversight Designee (2020-present); Diversity Committee (2019-2020);
- Admissions and Recruitment (2022-23; 2019-20; 2011-12); Faculty Search Committee (2019-20, 2002-04, 2006-07, 2015-16); Graduate Studies (2018-20, 2001-03, 2010-12, Chair/DGS, 2010-11); Speaker Series Committee, Chair (2017-18); Graduate Program Committee (2017-18); Chair’s Executive Committee (2010-17); IR Field Head (2011-16); Undergraduate Studies (2006-10, 2013-18, 2020-23); Annual Review Committee (2014-15); Political Economy Field Head (2011-2013); Financial Aid (2004-06); IR Search Committee, University of Chicago (1998)

University Service (selected)

- 2021-present Faculty Affiliate, Modeling Emergent Social Order (MESO) Lab
- 2023-present Mershon Center Oversight Committee
- 2012-present Faculty Advisor, Collegiate Council on World Affairs (student organization)
- 2011-present International Studies Program Oversight Committee
- 2020-22 Co-Leader, Security & Governance Cluster, Mershon Center
- 2007-19 Co-Director, Workshop on Globalization, Mershon Center
- 2016-19 Faculty Advisory Council, College of Arts & Sciences
- 2012-16 Mershon Center Internal Advisory Committee
- 2012-14 Division of Social & Behavior Sciences, Student Recruitment Panel
- 2012-15 Hayes Chair Search and Speaker Committee, Mershon Center
- 2005-10 Environmental Citizenship Minor Committee
- 2008-09 Faculty Advisor, International Studies Student Advisory Committee

Other Professional Activities (selected)

- Co-Host (with Bear Braumoeller), Conference on International Order, Governance, and Networks of Cooperation, Mershon Center, Ohio State University (2022)
- Co-Organizer, ECPR Joint Sessions Workshop on Global Governance Performance (2021)
- Co-Host, International Political Economy Society Annual Conference (2020)
- Member, ISA award committee, IPE Distinguished Scholar (2018-19)
- Member, ISA award committee, Chadwick Alger Prize (2010-13)
- Expert Reviewer, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, WG III (2011-12)
- Advisory Board, Explaining the Performance of Transnational Public-Private Governance Initiatives, University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) (2018-present)
- Advisory Board, Delegation of Power to International Organizations (DELPOWIO) Project, European Research Council (2016-19)

Teaching and Advising

Undergraduate courses: Global Politics, The United Nations System, International Environmental Politics

Graduate courses: Theories of IR, International Organization, International Political Economy

Advising: Dissertation committee member for 40+ students (Chair for 10); undergraduate thesis advisor for 15 students