Daniel S. Smith

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Expected: May 2025
PhD Candidate in Department of Politics

University of Virginia May 2013
MA in Politics

University of Virginia May 2011
BA in Politics

Additional Training:

- Seminars at The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (Summer 2022)
- Course on Geophysical Information Systems (GIS) at the University of Maryland (Fall 2015)

Educational Achievements:

- Pass with Distinction awarded for candidacy exams (Ohio State University, Political Science 2021)
- Recipient of Dean's Distinguished University Fellowship (Ohio State University 2019)
- Graduate with Highest Distinction (University of Virginia 2011)

Funding & Awards:

- Graduate Research Grant 2024 (Mershon Center for International Security Studies) - $2,000
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2023 (NSF/APSA) - $11,400
- Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship 2023/24 (Graduate School) - $3,500
- Graduate Research Grant 2023 (Mershon Center for International Security Studies) - $1,800
- Department Student Grant 2023 - $1,050
- International Research and Scholarship Grant 2022/23 (OSU Office of International Affairs) - $1,950
- Department Student Grant 2022 - $1,350
- Francis R. Aumann Award for Best Published Paper 2021 (with Vlad Chlouba and Seamus Wagner)
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship recipient for 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years (University of Virginia)

Service:

- Peer Reviewer at The Journal of Historical Political Economy (JHPE) 2020-present
- Graduate Student Council Delegate (Political Science) 2020-2021

SKILLS

ArcGIS; STATA; SPSS; R; @Risk, LaTeX

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

POLITSC 3220: Politics of the Developing World Spring 2023
Instructor

POLITSC 4892: Special Topics (Democracy and Dictatorship) Fall 2022
Instructor

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

Peer-reviewed & Forthcoming Publications

- "Storm from the Steppes: Institutional Disruption and Divergence in Pre-modern Eurasia, 1000-1800 CE." (Revise and resubmit at *American Political Science Review*)

- Carter, Brittnee, Thomas Guarrieri, and Daniel S. Smith. 2023. "Examining the Counterinsurgency - Counterterrorism Tradeoff: The Effects of Targeted Strikes on Militant Attacks." Forthcoming at *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*

- Gray, Thomas R., and Daniel S. Smith. 2023. "Lineage or Legions? Explaining Imperial Rule Duration in the Roman Empire." *International Studies Quarterly* 67(1)

- Gray, Thomas R. and Daniel S. Smith. 2022. "Retrospective Voting in the Premodern World: The Case of Natural Disasters in the Roman Republic." *Journal of Historical Political Economy.* 2(3), 477-497.

- Chlouba, Vladimir, Daniel S. Smith, and Seamus Wagner. 2021. "Early Statehood and Support for Autocratic Rule in Africa." *Comparative Political Studies* 55(4), 688-724.

Editor-reviewed Publications

- Smith, Daniel and Thomas R. Gray. 2021. "Looking for Leadership in Historical Context: An Extension of the RIFLE Method of Randomization Inference." Journal of Historical Political Economy.

Other Publications

- Gray, Thomas R. and Daniel S. Smith. 2020. "Vox Populi: Popular Politics before Liberal Democracy." The Journal of Politics 2020 82:2, e21-e26

- Smith, Daniel and Thomas Gray. 2021. "What Does 'Historical' Mean in Historical Political Economy?" Blog post

Unpublished Manuscripts

- "Many Are Called: Challenger Quantity and Autocratic Survival in the Roman Empire" (with Thomas Gray)

- "Strike while the Lead is Hot?: Offensive Operations and Strategies of Terrorism." (with Brittnee Carter and Thomas Guarrieri)

- "By Their Own Laws and in Liberty: Urban Autonomy and Long-run Geopolitical Fragmentation."

Presentations

- "Many Are Called: Challenger Quantity and Autocratic Survival in the Roman Empire" Paper presented at the annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April 2023)

- "By Their Own Laws and in Liberty: Urban Autonomy and Long-run Geopolitical Fragmentation." Paper presented at the CES Workshop on Comparative Historical Research, Lisbon, Portugal (June 2022)

- "Identifying the Long-run Determinants of Stable Multipolarity." Paper presented at the annual conference of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR (January 2020)

PROJECTS

Storm From the Steppes: Dissertation project focused on the short and long-term political consequences of steppe nomad conquests across medieval and early modern Eurasian societies.

Bringing the "Rest" Back in: Dataset of institutional and organizational characteristics for a diverse sample of Eurasian and North African polities from 1000 to 1800 CE.

Political Leaders through Time (PLT): Biographical details for leaders of polities from 3500 BCE to the present. Collaborators: Lee Cojocaru, Cem Mert Dalh, John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Andrej Kokkonen, Xin Nong, Anders Sundell, Jan Teorell. I oversee data collection for a spatial dataset of pre-modern political entities.

University of Maryland | *Senior Faculty Specialist* 2017-2019

A lead researcher on a variety of national security-related projects. These funded efforts cover topics including, but not limited, sophisticated criminal tactics, spatial allocation of radiological/nuclear detection assets, and the deterrent impact of airport countermeasures. Funders include the Transportation Security Administration and Department of Homeland Security's Defense Nuclear Detection Office. Additional responsibilities included authoring deliverables and day-to-day project coordination involving multiple START divisions and researchers outside the organization.

- Designed, launched, and analyzed a 2500-participant survey experiment, recruiting from the Qualtrics pool of eligible respondents

- Project manager and supervisor for data collection efforts with several dozen research assistants and interns

- Familiar with specialized geospatial (ArcGIS) and statistical (@RISK) software

University of Maryland | *Faculty Researcher* 2015-2017

Conducted research for funded projects and contributed to written reports.

University of Maryland | *Research Assistant* 2013-2015

Assisted START faculty with research projects by compiling sources, coding data, and contributing to written reports.

Government Reports

- Smith, Daniel & Steve Sin. "Identifying the Deterrent Potential of Airport Countermeasure Enhancements: A Stackelberg Simulation Analysis." College Park, MD: START, 2018.

- Smith, Daniel & Steve Sin. "Identifying the Deterrent Potential of Airport Countermeasures: A Survey Experiment Approach to Estimating Adversary Perceptions." College Park, MD: START, 2018.

- Smith, Daniel, Gary Ackerman & Cory Davenport. "Identifying the Deterrent Potential of Networked Detector Implementation Schemes: Experimental and Simulation Analysis Results," College Park, MD: START, 2017.

- Ackerman, Gary & Daniel Smith. "Preliminary Analysis of Adversary Responses to a Networked Detector System," College Park, MD: START, 2016.

- Ackerman, Gary, James Halverson, Michelle Jacome and Dan Smith. "Terrorists and Sophisticated Criminal Events Data Collection Project Africa: Final Report," College Park, MD: START, 2016.

- Ackerman, Gary, James Halverson, Michelle Jacome, Molly MacCalman, and Daniel Smith. "Enrichment & Reprocessing Futures Study: Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) Assessment." College Park, MD: START, 2015.

- Ackerman, Gary, Brooke Fisher Liu, Holly Roberts, Irina Iles, Daniel Smith, & Michael Egnoto. "Insights for Mobile Radiation Detector Adoption: Research Summary and Key Findings." College Park, MD: START, 2015.

- Iles, Irina, Michael Egnoto, Daniel Smith, Gary Ackerman, Brooke Fisher Liu, & Holy Roberts. "Diffusion of Innovations: Three Surveys Examining Potential Public and Law Enforcement Adoption of Portable Radiation Detectors." College Park, MD: START, 2015.

- Liu, Brooke Fisher, Holly Roberts., Gary Ackerman, Elizabeth Petrun, Daniel Smith, & Irina Iles. "Diffusion of Innovations: Focus Group Report. Report to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency." College Park, MD: START, 2014.