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curriculum vitae – January 2014

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Positions

Associate Professor, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-present
Faculty Associate, Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 2009-present
Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2010-2011
Assistant Professor, 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*

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 J. David Singer Book Award, ISA–Midwest

Articles and Chapters

Alexander Thompson & Daniel Verdier. Forthcoming. "Multilateralism, Bilateralism, and Regime Design." *International Studies Quarterly*. DOI: 10.1111/isqu.12100

Erin R. Graham & Alexander Thompson. Forthcoming. "Efficient Orchestration? The Global Environment Facility in the Governance of Climate Adaptation." In Kenneth W. Abbott, Philipp Genschel, Duncan Snidal and Bernhard Zangl, eds., *International Organizations as Orchestrators*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Yoram Z. Haftel & Alexander Thompson. 2013. "Delayed Ratification: The Domestic Fate of Bilateral Investment Treaties." *International Organization* 67(2): 355-87.

Alexander Thompson. 2013. "Coercive Enforcement in International Law." In *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Law and International Relations*, edited by Jeffrey L. Dunoff and Mark A. Pollack. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Tamar Gutner & Alexander Thompson. 2013. "Analyzing the Performance of International Organizations." In *Routledge Handbook on the European Union and International*

Institutions, edited by Knud Erik Jørgensen and Katie Verlin Laatikainen, pp. 55-70. New York: Routledge.

Alexander Thompson. 2012. "Why Did Bush Bypass the UN in 2003? Unilateralism, Multilateralism and Presidential Leadership." *White House Studies* 11(4): 345-64.

Alexander Thompson & Duncan Snidal. 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. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Press.

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

Tamar Gutner & Alexander Thompson. 2010. "The Politics of IO Performance: A Framework." *Review of International Organizations* 5(3): 227-48.

Alexander Thompson. 2009. "The Rational Enforcement of International Law: Solving the Sanctioners' Dilemma." *International Theory* 1(2): 307-21.

Andrew Keeler & Alexander Thompson. 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, pp. 439-68. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Alexander Thompson. 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.

Yoram Z. Haftel & Alexander Thompson. 2006. "The Independence of International Organizations: Concept and Applications." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 60(2): 253-75.

Alexander Thompson. 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, pp. 229-54. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Alexander Thompson. 2006. "Management under Anarchy: The International Politics of Climate Change." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 7-29.

Alexander Thompson. 2006. "Adaptive Management of the Global Climate Problem: Bridging the Gap between Climate Research and Climate Policy." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 217-25. (with 11 co-authors)

Duncan Snidal & Alexander Thompson. 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, pp. 197-230. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Alexander Thompson. 2002. "Applying Rational Choice Theory to International Law: The Promise and Pitfalls." *Journal of Legal Studies* 31(1): S285-S306.

Alexander Thompson. 2000. "Canadian Foreign Policy and Straddling Stocks: Sustainability in an Interdependent World." *Policy Studies Journal* 28(1): 219-35.

Alexander Thompson & Duncan Snidal. 2000. "International Organization." In *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, Vol. 5: 692-722. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Press.

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).

Other Publications

"The Politics of Investment Treaty Ratification," UN Conference on Trade and Development, Featured Discussion, December 17, 2013. (with Yoram Z. Haftel)

Book Review: Sarah E. Kreps. *Coalitions of Convenience: United States Military Interventions after the Cold War* (Oxford, 2011). H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable, Vol. IV, No. 7, pp. 19-22.

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 Presentations

University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center, April 2014
 Clark University, George Perkins Marsh Institute, April 2014
 University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics, November 2013
 Ohio Wesleyan University, Sagan National Colloquium, October 2013
 University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, Interdisciplinary Workshop on Global Climate Cooperation, July 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, 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 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, 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)

“Financing Climate Adaptation: The North-South Politics of Institutional Design” (with Erin Graham). American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), Chicago, August 29–September 1, 2013.

“When Do States Renegotiate International Agreements? The Case of Bilateral Investment Treaties” (with Yoram Haftel). Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, 3-6 April 2013. Earlier version presented at ISA, San Diego, 1-4 April 2012.

- “Power within IOs,” Roundtable on Realist Institutionalism, ISA 2013.
- “Offsetting Benefits: The Limits of Legalization in Climate Finance.” International Political Economy Society (IPES), Madison, 11-12 November 2011.
- “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.” 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). 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

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| 2011 | J. David Singer Book Award, International Studies Association-Midwest 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 (selected, 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, British J. of Political Science, Review of International Political Economy, Economics & Politics, J. of European Public Policy, Political Science Quarterly, J. of Peace Research, Review of International Organizations, The World Economy, Global Governance, International Theory, International Environmental Agreements, Perspectives on Politics, J. of International Relations and Development, Climate Policy, Environmental Science & Policy, Climatic Change, Economics Bulletin, Global Society, Journal of International Organizations Studies, National Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Lynne Rienner, Westview Press, W.W. Norton*

Department Committees

IR Field Head (2011-present); Chair's Executive Committee (2010-present); Undergraduate Studies (2013-present, 2006-10); Admissions (2011-12); Graduate Studies, Chair (2010-11); Political Economy Field Head (2011-2012); IR Search Committee (2006-07); Financial Aid (2004-06); Search Committee (2003-04); Graduate Studies (2001-03, 2010-12); IR Search Committee, University of Chicago (1998)

University Service

2012-present Faculty Advisor, Collegiate Council on World Affairs (student organization)
 2012-present Mershon Center Internal Advisory Committee
 2011-present International Studies Program Steering Committee
 2012-present Division of Social & Behavior Sciences, Recruitment Faculty Panel
 2012-13 Hayes Chair Search Committee, Mershon Center
 2012 & 2013 Pickerington Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship Committee
 2011 & 2013 Carnegie Junior Fellows selection committee
 2005-10 Environmental Citizenship Minor Committee
 2008-09 Advisor, International Studies Student Advisory Committee
 2009 & 2012 Campus Undergraduate Fulbright Committee

Other Professional Activities

Expert Reviewer, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Working Group III (2012)
 Member, ISA award committee, Chadwick Alger Prize (2010-2013)
 Co-Director, Workshop on Globalization, Mershon Center, 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)