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Education

Ph.D. in Government, Georgetown University May 2013
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Andrew Bennett (chair), Dr. Thomas Banchoff, Dr. Daniel Nexon

B.A. in Political Science, Vassar College May 2005

Academic Appointments

University of Vermont Burlington, VT	2016-Present
• Assistant Professor	2016-2020
• Associate Professor with tenure	2020-
Miller Center, University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA	2012-2013
• Fellow, National Fellowship Program	

Scholarly Publications

Books

Islamic Politics, Muslim States and Counterterrorism Tensions, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Published

“Issues in quantitative and security analysis involving Muslims,” *International Journal of Religion*, 2.1 (2021)

“Weapon of the Strong?: Government Support for Religion and Majoritarian Terrorism,” (with Nilay Saiya and Ashlyn Hand), 64.10, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

“Government interference in religious institutions and terrorism,” *Religion, state and society*, 47.1-Special Issue, “The Correlates of Religion and State” (2019): 67-87
Included in *The Correlates of Religion and States*, Fox (ed.), London: Routledge

“Taming the Gods: How Religious Conflict Shapes State Repression,” (with Jason Klocek) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63.1 (2019): 112-138

“Does the UN Human Rights Council Help or Hurt Religious Repression,” *Journal of Church and State*, 60.4 (2018): 705-724

“The Effect of Religious Restrictions on Forced Migration,” (with Melanie Kolbe) *Politics and Religion*, 7.4, 2014: 665-684

“The Domestic Politics of International Religious Defamation,” *Politics and Religion*, 6.3, 2013: 512-538

“The Two Swords: Religion-State Connections and Interstate Conflict,” *Journal of Peace Research*, 49.6, 2012: 755-769.

“The Ancient Fire: Religion and Suicide Terrorism,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 24.1, 2012: 38-61. Included in *International Relations and Religion*, Hassner and Svensson (Eds.), London: Sage Publications, 2016.

Forthcoming

“What we talk about when we talk about soft power,” *International Studies Perspectives*

“Assessing the impact of the Global War on Terrorism on terrorism threats in majority-Muslim countries,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*

Under review

“Issues in quantitative analysis and security studies involving Muslims,” as part of special issue, *Conducting Research on Muslims in the Age of Dichotomies: Ethics, Politics and Responsibilities*, in *International Journal of Religion*

“What we talk about when we talk about soft power,” *International Studies Perspectives*

Encyclopedia Chapters, Chapters in Edited Volumes and Book Reviews

“Manlio Graziano, *Holy wars, Holy Alliances*,” review in *Terrorism and Political Violence* (forthcoming)

“Religion as a tool in US foreign policy,” (with Gregorio Bettiza), for inclusion in *Religious Soft Power*, ed. Peter Mandaville, Oxford University Press (under review)

“Obstacles, opportunities and ways forward in the study of faith and foreign policy” (with Gregorio Bettiza), for inclusion in *Religious Soft Power*, ed. Peter Mandaville, Oxford University Press (under review)

“Mohammed Tabaar, *Religious Statecraft: The Politics of Islam in Iran*,” review in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 32.6 (2020): 1365-1366.

“Lee Marsden, *Religion and International Security*,” review in *Global Change, Peace and Security* 32.2 (2020): 236-237

“Nilay Saiya, *Weapon of Liberty*,” review in *Nationalities Papers* (2020), 48.4, 791-793.

“Religion and terrorism: an overview,” chapter in the Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion, New York: Oxford University Press, 2020

“One Cheer for Classical Realism, or Toward a Power Politics of Religion,” (with Daniel Nexon) in Jodok Troy (ed.), *Religion and the Realist Tradition*, pp 164-176, New York, NY: Routledge, 2013

“Interpret this Volume! What we’ve learned about *Battlestar Galactica*’s International-Relations scholar-fans,” (with Daniel Nexon) in Neumann, Iver and Nicholas Kiersey (Eds.), pp 206-219, *Battlestar Galactica and International Relations*, New York, NY: Routledge, 2013.

“Is all Jihad Local? Transnational Contention and Political Violence in Somalia” chapter in Leonard, Emma & Gilbert Ramsay (Eds.). *Globalizing Somalia: Multilateral, International, and Transnational Repercussions of Conflict*. New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013.

Works in progress

Book Manuscripts

“Virtue into Vice: The Power Politics of Religion”

Scholarly Articles

“Bringing irony back in: Creating space for ambivalence about ideas in international relations”

“Changing patterns in Turkish-Saudi relations with the world: A social network analysis” (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk)

“The internationalization of religious repression in the Arab Spring: A social network analysis,” (with Shahryar Minhas and Howard Liu)

- To be presented at the 2021 International Studies Association annual conference

“A Weapon in the Diplomatic Arsenal: Saudi Arabia’s Islamic Pact,”

- Presented at the 2020 American Political Science Association conference
- Presented at the 2019 International Security Section conference, October 2019

“The Role of Islam in Post-Arab Spring International Relations: A Social Network Analysis”

- Presented at:
 - the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2019
 - the 2019 Political Networks conference
 - the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2019

“Begrudgingly Follow the Leader: Symbolic Obeisance and Middle East Conflicts”

“Symbolic capital and Islam in Turkey’s Balkans’ outreach” (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk)

“Religious Recollections: Utilizing Supervised Machine Learning to Evaluate Religious Restrictions Data” (with Robert Brathwaite and Baekkwon Park)

Fellowships and Awards

Project Launch Grant, University of Notre Dame, Global Religion Research Institute, 2019-2020

- Role: PI
- Extended and expanded, Spring 2021

Small Grant Award, University of Vermont College of Arts and Sciences, 2019

- Role: PI

Faculty Research Support Award, University of Vermont College of Arts and Sciences, 2017

- Role: PI

Selected to attend the Bridging the Gap Project’s International Policy Summer Institute, 2017

National Fellowship, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2012- 2013

Eliza Buffington Fellowship, Vassar College, 2012

Jill K. Hopper Memorial Fellowship, Georgetown University Department of Government, 2011-2012

Teaching

Associate Professor, University of Vermont

2016-Present

Introduction to International Relations, Middle East politics, Islam and world politics, Terrorism and Counterterrorism

- Course format: large lecture, small seminar, online

Instructor, Department of Government/School of Continuing Studies, 2010- 2011
Islam and World Politics

Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, Georgetown University 2008-2010
Contemporary US Foreign Policy, Introduction to International Relations

Presentations

Recent Conference Presentations

“Does any of this work? Religious engagement and Countering Violent Extremism,” presented at a poster session of the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2021

“A Weapon in the Diplomatic Arsenal: Saudi Arabia’s Islamic Pact”

- Presented at the 2020 American Political Science Association conference
- Presented at the 2019 International Security Section conference

“The impact of the Arab Spring on Islamist influence: A social network analysis,” (with Shahryar Minhas and Howard Liu)

- Presented at the 2020 International Studies Association-Midwest conference
- To be presented at the 2021 International Studies Association annual meeting

“What are the effects of US religious soft power?” presented at the 2021 International Studies Association annual meeting

“Beyond Soft Power: Religious appeals and foreign policy,” scheduled to be presented at the 2020 annual meeting of the International Studies Association

“The Role of Islam in Post-Arab Spring International Relations: A Social Network Analysis”

- presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2019
- presented at the 2019 Political Networks conference
- to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2019

“Weapon of the Strong?: Government Support for Religion and Majoritarian Terrorism,” presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2019

Discussant, “Quantitative Studies in Religion and IR,” panel at the International Studies Association conference, 2019

“Religious appeals and symbolic power in interstate crises,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2018

“Follow the leader: Symbolic obeisance, informal hierarchies and Middle East conflicts,” presented at the International Studies Association International Security Studies section/International Security and Arms Control section conference, 2017

“Religion-state ties and the contours of terrorism,” presented at the International Studies Association Conference, 2017

Discussant, “New Research on Terrorism,” panel at American Political Science Association conference, 2016

“Never Waste a Religious Crisis: How States Can Benefit from International Religious Crises,” presented at:

- American Political Science Association Conference, 2016

- International Studies Association Conference, 2013

“Reversing the Causal Arrow: Explaining Arab States’ Reactions to the Protests of Early 2011” (with John Owen), presented at the International Studies Association conference, 2016

“The UN Human Rights Council and Religious Freedom,” presented at the International Studies Association conference, 2016

Recent Invited Presentations

“What are the effects of US religious soft power?” Talk as part of Georgetown University’s Berkley Center Religious Soft Power speaker series, January 2021

“Religion as a tool in US foreign policy,” Georgetown University’s Berkley Center conference on the geopolitics of faith, scheduled, March 2020

“Computational approaches to religious conflict,” Michigan State University Political Science/John Jay College working group, 2018

“Islam and counterterrorism: What’s the connection” (based on findings from *Islamic Politics, Muslim States and Counterterrorism Tensions* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

-National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Response to Terrorism, 2017

-United States Department of Homeland Security, 2017

“Religious Freedom and Violent Extremism: What do the data tell us?” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, 2016

“Global Religion and Demographics,” part of US Department of State Foreign Service Institute’s Religion and Policy Course, 2015, 2016

“Understanding and tracking global religious freedom,” part of “Multinational Efforts to Promote Freedom of Religion and Belief” conference, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2015

“Religious Freedom and Foreign Policy,” Newseum Institute’s Religious Freedom Center, 2015

“Global religious restrictions,” Rumi Forum, 2015

Reviewer

Journals:

American Journal of Political Science; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Democracy and Security, International Interactions; International Journal of Media, Culture and Politics; International Journal of Religious Freedom, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Politics and Religion; Politics, Religion and Ideology; Religion, State and Society; Religions, Theory and Society; Security Studies; Social Compass; St. Anthony’s International Review; Terrorism and Political Violence

Books:

Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, Lynne Reiner Press, MacMillan

Professional Service

Editorial board, <i>International Studies Perspectives</i>	2020-Present
American Political Science Association	
Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Award Committee,	2020-2021
International Security Section,	
Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation award committee,	2020-2021

Religion and Politics section, American Political Science Association
 International Studies Association
 Vice Chair, Religion and International Relations section 2018-2020
 Secretary, Religion and International Relations section 2016-2018

University Service

Director, Middle East Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, 2019-Present
 University of Vermont
 Curriculum Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont 2019-Present
 Social Media Director, Political Science Department, University of Vermont 2019-Present
 Political Science Department representative to the University of Vermont 2016-Present
 College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Meetings
 Participant in Phase II of EAB Advising Software roll-out, 2018-2019
 Appointed by Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Vermont
 Appointed member, Political Science Department chair search committee, 2017
 University of Vermont
 Notetaker, Political Science Department, University of Vermont, 2016-2019

Recent Policy/Popular Publications and Media Appearances

Appearances in Vermont media:

WCAX News:

- "Expert analysis of the situation in Iran," January 2020
- "Analysis: What will be the impact of Iranian general's death?" January 2020
- "Where will the Khashoggi mystery end?" October 2018
- "What do sanctions against Iran mean for us?," August 2018
- "What's the next step in relations with Iran," May 2018
- "Assessing the Impact of Airstrikes on Syria," April 2018
- "Local lawmakers react to military strikes on Syria," April 2018
- "What will Trump's Jerusalem announcement mean," December 2017

Dave Gram Show, WDEV:

- "Iran retaliations for Suleimani's death," January 2020
- "Saudi Arabia and School Sports," December 2018
- "Peter Henne on the ongoing situation in North Korea," May 2018

Interviewed for "Senate tables Sanders-led effort to withdraw from Yemen," *VT Digger*, March 2018

Other Media Appearances:

Interviewed for "State Department Religious Freedom Event ends with comments, critiques," in *Religion News Service*, July 2018

Interviewed for "Current events in Pakistan," *WION News* (India), December 2017

Interviewed for "5 Faith Facts about Sam Brownback," in *Religion News Service*, July 2017

Policy/Popular Publications:

Contributor, *Duck of Minerva*, Sept. 2018-Present

"It's time to end 'name and shame' religious freedom policy," *Religion News Service*, November 2020

“Pompeo investigation could undermine religious freedom movement’s ‘success,’” *Religion News Service*, May 2020

“Saudi Arabia held secret talks with Iran to ease regional tensions: Are they holding back the United States?” *The Washington Post Monkeycage*, December 2019

“The geopolitics of faith: Religious soft power in Russian and US foreign policy,” *Brookings Institute/Berkley Center program on The Geopolitics of Religious Soft Power*, June 2019

“Is patriotism the solution to nationalism?” *The Big Q: Project for Public Interest Media* (New Zealand), December 2018

“Does the Russia Turkey deal on Idlib signal a new era of relations in the Middle East,” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, October 2018

“Is Trump v. Hawaii about religious liberty? An international perspective,” *Berkley Forum*, May 2018

“Integrating and restoring religious minority communities in Iraq,” *Center for American Progress*, April 2018

“Trump says Pakistan harbors terrorists. The real story isn’t so simple,” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, August 2017

“What effect does religious freedom promotion have on counterterrorism?” *Religious Freedom Institute Cornerstone Blog*, June 2017

“How Trump’s budget may hurt counterterrorism,” *Political Violence at a Glance*, March 2017

Professional Experience

Research Associate, Pew Research Center	2014- 2016
Senior Researcher, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland	2013-2014
Research Associate, Religious Freedom Project, Berkley Center For Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University	2012
Senior Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton	2004-2009