

# Michael R. Stanaitis

## Curriculum Vitae

### Contact Information

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### Academic Positions

*American University* – Washington, DC  
Adjunct Instructor, School of International Service, 2013-Present

*National Student Leadership Conference* – Chicago, IL  
Lecturer, International Diplomacy Program, 2013-Present

*Emerson Preparatory School* – Washington, DC  
Social Studies Department Head, 2012-2014  
International Studies Faculty, Social Studies Department, 2011-2014

### Education

**American University**, School of International Service  
*Doctor of Philosophy* – International Relations, In Progress  
All but dissertation (ABD) status

#### **University of Kentucky**

*Master of Arts* – Diplomacy and International Commerce, 2009

#### **Miami University**

*Bachelor of Arts* – Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs and Philosophy, 2007  
Dolibois European Center, Luxembourg, Spring 2005

## Teaching Interests

### International Relations

International Relations Theory  
International Human Rights  
International Political Economy

### Research Methods

Social Science Research Design  
Quantitative Methods  
Philosophy of Science

## Teaching Experience

### American University

- *Quantitative Methods (Graduate)*, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2014
- *International Diplomacy*, Summer 2013/2014
- *Introduction to International Relations Research*, Fall 2013

### National Student Leadership Conference

- *Key Concepts and History of World Politics*, Summer 2013/2014
- *Theories of International Relations*, Summer 2013/2014
- *Issues in World Politics*, Summer 2013/2014

### Emerson Preparatory School

- *Advanced International Relations*, Spring 2014
- *Advanced Research Colloquium: Conduct of Social Science Inquiry*, Spring 2014
- *Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, Spring 2014
- *Peace and Conflict Resolution*, Fall 2013
- *Principles of Macroeconomics*, Fall 2013
- *World Politics*, Fall 2013
- *Arab Spring: Revolution and Evolution in Comparative Perspective*, Spring 2013
- *Critical Thinking*, Spring 2013
- *Principles of Microeconomics*, Spring 2013
- *Comparative Politics*, Fall 2012
- *Political Geography: Borders, Blood, and Belonging*, Fall 2012
- *International Human Rights*, Spring 2012
- *Current Events in a Globalized World*, Spring 2012
- *Topics in Modern World Politics*, Fall 2011

## Research

### **Dissertation Research**, American University

*Globalizing Stability: An Alternative Structural Explanation for Enduring Trade Openness in an Era of Hegemonic Decline*

Chair: Stephen J. Silvia

### **Collaborative Research Project**, American University

*Is Economic Hegemony Necessary for Openness? An Empirical Challenge to the Hegemonic Stability Theory* (with Stephen J. Silvia)

### **Independent Study**, University of Kentucky

*The Dual-Layer Culture in the Growth of Transnational Action*

Adviser: Karen A. Mingst

## Presentations

### **2014 World Affairs Council Summer Institute on International Affairs**

*Revolutions 101: Concepts, Theories, and Insights from Comparative Politics and International Relations*

### **2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**

*Is Economic Hegemony Necessary for Maintaining Open Trade?* (with Stephen J. Silvia)

Panel: How the World Trading System Undermines Openness

### **2013 International Studies Association Annual Convention**

*Diffuse Openness: An Empirical Challenge to the Hegemonic Stability Theory* (with Stephen J. Silvia)

Panel: Scientific Study of International Political Economy

## Other Research Experience

**American University** – Washington, DC, 2009-2013

*Research Assistant*

**Creative Learning** – Washington, DC, 2010-2011

*Program Officer* – America's Unofficial Ambassadors (AUA) Initiative

## **Research Skills**

**Extensive Knowledge of SPSS and STATA**

### **French**

Eight years of study, native speaking experience, working knowledge  
Tool of Research (TOR) certification

## **Awards**

**Dean's Fellowship Award**, American University, Fall 2009

**Kewal Singh Memorial Scholarship**, University of Kentucky, Summer 2008

**Patterson School Fellowship**, University of Kentucky, Fall 2007

**Kentucky Graduate Scholarship**, University of Kentucky, Fall 2007

**Harrison Scholarship**, Miami University, Fall 2003

## **Professional Affiliations**

**American Political Science Association**

**International Studies Association**

**World Affairs Council, Washington, DC**