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### CURRENT POSITION

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2012 – PRESENT	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>	WASHINGTON, DC
2021	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ELLIOTT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS <i>Adjunct Faculty</i>	WASHINGTON, DC

### EDUCATION

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2010 – 2018	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY <i>Ph.D. in International Relations (School of International Service)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: “Securing American Identity through the Telling of ‘9/11’”</li><li>• Summer methods and theory program (Gregynog Ideas Lab III, IV, V) at Aberystwyth University, Wales (2014, 2015, 2016)</li><li>• Summer methods course at University of Essex, UK (2013)</li><li>• Greenberg Seminar certificate on effective teaching at the university level (2010-2013)</li><li>• 3.94 GPA</li></ul>	WASHINGTON, DC
2007 – 2009	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PARIS <i>Master of Arts, Department of International Affairs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M.A. Thesis: “Trauma and Identity: The Search for Peace in Palestine” (with distinction)</li><li>• Fieldwork: 2008-2009 West Bank</li></ul>	PARIS, FRANCE
2007 – 2009	INSTITUT CATHOLIQUE DE PARIS <i>Master Sociologie des conflits (M2)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete immersion in a French university</li><li>• 3.86 GPA</li></ul>	PARIS, FRANCE
1995 – 2003	DARTMOUTH COLLEGE <i>Bachelor of Arts: French Language and Literature; War and Peace</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• French Consulate Prize for outstanding achievement</li><li>• <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> (3.75 GPA)</li></ul>	HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### FELLOWSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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2020	CLASSICS OF STRATEGY AND DIPLOMACY PROJECT <i>2020 Scholar</i>	AT LARGE
2019 – 2020	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, CLEMENTS CENTER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY <i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i>	AUSTIN, TX

### ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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2021	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY PRESS <i>Translator of the book, Toxique: Enquête sur les essais nucléaires français en Polynésie</i> (French to English)	WASHINGTON, D.C.
2014 – 2018	INTERNATIONAL STUDIES QUARTERLY (ISQ) ONLINE <i>Managing Editor</i>	WASHINGTON, D.C.
2017	ISSS-ISAC CONFERENCE 2017 <i>Conference Coordinator (300 participants from around the globe)</i>	WASHINGTON, D.C.
2014 – 2016	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE <i>MAIR Online Academic and Instructional Design Support</i>	WASHINGTON, D.C.
SUMMER 2010	THE CARTER CENTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 weeks in the Peace and Conflict Resolution Department working on Middle East with a focus on Israel/Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and Lebanon</li> <li>• Research, presidential briefing writing, and monitoring of daily events in the Middle East</li> </ul>	ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SUMMER 2008	TOMORROW'S YOUTH ORGANIZATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 weeks developing and teaching courses to Middle School-aged refugee children</li> </ul>	NABLUS, WEST BANK

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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2021	“Counterinsurgency in Changing Times: Winning Hearts and Minds in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century,” <i>International Relations</i> , Under Review.
2018	“Who’s Not Afraid of ISIS?” <i>Critical Studies on Security</i> 6(1): 50-65.
2017	“Encountering the Stranger: Ontological Security and the Boston Marathon Bombing,” <i>Cooperation and Conflict</i> 52(1): 126-143.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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2022	“Iran, Proxy Warfare, and the Tradition of State Sovereignty,” In <i>ISIS and the Others: Hybrid Revolutionaries in Global Politics</i> , editors Ondrej Ditrych, Jakub Zahora, and Jan Daniel. Edinburgh University Press, <i>Forthcoming</i> .
2021	“Paved with Good Intentions: U.S. Foreign Policy After 9/11,” co-written with Andrew L. Peek for Routledge Publishing’s <i>History of U.S. Foreign Policy</i> textbook. <i>Forthcoming</i> .
2019	“Who’s Not Afraid of ISIS?” In <i>Who’s Afraid of ISIS: Towards a Doxology of War</i> , edited by Daniel B. Monk, 50-65. London: Routledge.
2019	“Constructing a Scholar on the Road Less Traveled,” editors Brent J. Steele, Harry D. Gould, and Oliver Kessler for <i>Tactical Constructivism: Expressing Method in International Relations</i> . University of Michigan Press.

## ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

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2021	“On the Origins of COIN: Bugeaud, Galliani, and Lyautey.” Classics of Strategy and Diplomacy Project (25 September). <a href="https://classicsofstrategy.com/2021/09/25/uncovering-the-french-origins-of-coin/">https://classicsofstrategy.com/2021/09/25/uncovering-the-french-origins-of-coin/</a>
2019	“How to Teach the American Empire Debate.” <i>H-Diplo Teaching Roundtable</i> XXI-20 (20 December). <a href="https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/5583678/h-diplo-teaching-roundtable-xxi-20-teaching-american-empire#_Toc27579556">https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/5583678/h-diplo-teaching-roundtable-xxi-20-teaching-american-empire#_Toc27579556</a>

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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- 2021
- Discussant on panel *People, States, and Anxiety: Symbols and Security in Moments of Extreme Uncertainty*, European International Studies Association Annual Conference, 13-18 September 2021.
- “Equivocal Sight: The Politics of Visibility in Media Coverage of Drone Strikes,” presented on panel *Dynamics of Drone Warfare: Media, War, and Conflict*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, 6-9 April 2021.
- “Ambiguous Encounters: Critical Aesthetics, Equivocal Identity, and the Unmasking of Weaponized State Imagery,” paper co-written with Dr Luke Campbell, presented on panel *Affect, Emotions, and the Aesthetic Bias in Global Politics*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, 6-9 April 2021.
- Panelist on roundtable: “More than a Game: National Identity, Culture, and the Militarization of Sport,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, 6-9 April 2021.
- Panelist on roundtable: “Careers Outside the Classroom,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, 6-9 April 2021.
- 2020
- Panelist on roundtable: “Ontological Security in the Age of Trump,” International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, 5-7 November 2020.
- Panelist on roundtable: “Doing Qualitative Research During the Pandemic,” International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, 5-7 November 2020.
- “Tactical Restraint, Strategic Expansion,” paper presented at *Restraint and National Security* Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 6 February 2020.
- “Iran, Proxy Warfare, and the Tradition of State Sovereignty,” Manuscript workshop for *ISIS and the Others: Hybrid Revolutionaries in Global Politics*. Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 1 April 2020.
- 2019
- “Counterinsurgency in Changing Times: Winning Hearts and Minds from Vietnam to Afghanistan,” paper presented on panel *The Politics of Wartime in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Providence, RI, 8-9 November 2019.
- Panelist on roundtable: “The Challenge of Restraint: Author Meets Critics Roundtable for Brent Steele’s *Restraint in International Politics*,” International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Providence, RI, 8-9 November 2019.
- 2018
- “Proxy Warfare and the Sovereignty Question,” paper presented on panel *New and Newer Wars*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2-3 November 2018.
- “Stranger Danger – the Securitized Discourse of the Unknowable,” paper presented on panel *Social Dimensions of Terrorism*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2-3 November 2018.
- 2017
- “The Media Footprint of ISIS,” paper presented on panel *The Critical Politics of Security*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Providence, RI, 3-4 November 2017.
- “Why are there no Shia terrorists?” co-authored paper (Andrew L. Peek) presented on panel *Identity in the Arab World*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Providence, RI, 3-4 November 2017.

- “The Visual Cues of Terror,” paper presented on panel *Images, Imagining, and Visual Representations in World Politics*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, 22-25 February 2017.
- 2016 “Constructing a Scholar on the Road Less Traveled,” paper presented on panel *The Constructivist Tactics of Tactical Constructivism*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Baltimore, MD, 4-5 November 2016.
- “Who’s Not Afraid of ISIS?” paper presented on panel *Seeing and Hearing in the War on Terror*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Baltimore, MD, 4-5 November 2016.
- “Who’s Not Afraid of ISIS?” paper and article manuscript presented at the War Seminar’s “Who’s Afraid of ISIS?” Colgate University, 9-10 September 2016.
- "Intelligence and National Security: An Overview" invited speaker for *National Student Leadership Conference*, 29 June 2016, 21 July 2016
- “Drone Strikes and the (in)securing of American Identity,” paper presented on panel *Drones, Peace, and Conflict*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, 15-19 March 2016.
- “For a Good Cause: Reclaiming the Why of Privileged Speech,” paper presented on panel *The Role of Language in IR Explanations*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, 15-19 March 2016.
- 2015 “Body and Soul: Securing the Self in an Age of Terror,” paper presented on panel *Ontological Security: An Emerging Research Agenda*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Providence, RI, 6-7 November 2015.
- “Across the Alienation: Green Day’s American Idiot and the False Messiah of Post-9/11 America,” paper presented on panel *A Whole New World: Musicals and World Politics*, International Studies Association – Northeast Regional Conference, Providence, RI, 6-7 November 2015.
- “Know Thy Self: Mapping Ontological and Physical Security onto Identity,” paper presented on panel *The Body Politic: Reimagining the ‘Self’ of Security*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 18-21 February 2015.
- 2014 “Disciplining 9/11,” paper presented on panel *Critical Security Studies (1)*, International Studies Association – Northeast, Baltimore, MD, 7-8 November 2014.
- “Gendered Bodies: Legitimizing Drone Attacks in the War on Terror,” paper presented on panel *‘Securitizing’ American Identity*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, CANADA, 26-29 March 2014.
- 2013 “Turkish Rambo in Iraq and the Rhetoric of American Exceptionalism,” paper presented on panel *The Proliferation of Identity Networks and US Identity Abroad*, International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 3-6 April 2013.
- 2012 Participant in workshop on “Interpretive and Relational Research Methodologies,” International Studies Association – Northeast, Baltimore, MD, 2-3 November 2012.
- Session Chair, *The War of Targeted Killings and the Use of UAVs*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Terrorism & Global Security Conference, Washington, DC, 30-31 May 2012.

2010 "Trauma and Identity in Palestine," paper presented at Inash USRA's annual conference on Israel/Palestine in conjunction with Birzeit University, Ramallah, West Bank, 23-25 April 2010.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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2021 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
*Online Master of Arts in International Relations*

- "International Studies: History, Theory, Practice" (SISG-760, Spring 2021)
- "Security from Inside the State" (SISG-767, Fall 2021)
- "Global International Relations" (SISG-760, Fall 2021)

TEACHING ASSISTANT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- "MAIA Cornerstone" (IAFF-6101-10, Fall 2021)

2020 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
*Online Master of Arts in International Relations*

- "International Studies: History, Theory, Practice" (SISG-760, Spring 2020)
- "Security from Inside the State" (SISG-767, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Fall 2020)

TEACHING ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
*University of Texas at Austin*

- "International Security" (GOV 360D, Fall 2020)

2019 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
*Online Master of Arts in International Relations*

- "International Studies: History, Theory, Practice" (SISG-760, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
- "Security from Inside the State" (SISG-767, Summer 2019, Fall 2019)

2018 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
*Master of Arts in Security Policy Studies*

- "International Security Politics" (PSC 6349, Spring 2018, Summer 2018)

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
*School of International Service*

- "Gateway: Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution" (SISU-210, Fall 2018)
- "Gateway: Identity, Race, Gender, Culture" (SISU-260, Fall 2018)

*Online Master of Arts in International Relations*

- "International Studies: History, Theory, Practice" (SISG-760, Spring 2018)
- "Security from Inside the State" (SISG-767, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018)

*Community of Scholars*

- "Diplomacy and Dictators: U.S. Foreign Policy in an Uncertain World" (SISU-102, Summer 2018)

2017 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
*School of International Service*

- "War in Sci Fi/Fantasy Movies" (SISU-106-007, Spring 2017)
- "Global International Relations: Applied Theory" (SISG-619-013, Fall 2017)

*Online Master of Arts in International Relations*

- "International Studies: History, Theory, Practice" (SISG-760, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Fall 2017)

- “Security from Inside the State” (SISG-767, Summer 2017, Fall 2017)

*Community of Scholars*

- “Diplomacy and Dictators: U.S. Foreign Policy in an Uncertain World” (SISU-102, Summer 2017)

2016 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

*Online Master of Arts in International Relations*

- “International Studies: History, Theory, Practice” (SISG-760, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Fall 2016)
- “Security from Inside the State” (SISG-767, Fall 2016)

*School of International Service*

- Breakout instructor for the course “World Politics” (SIS-105, Fall 2016), Head Teaching Assistant

*National Student Leadership Conference*

- “Security and Intelligence” (SIS-102, Summer 2016)

2015 ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

*Online Master of Arts in International Relations*

- “International Studies: History, Theory, Practice” (SISG-760, Fall 2015)

*School of International Service*

- Breakout instructor for the course “World Politics” (SIS-105, Fall 2015)

*National Student Leadership Conference*

- “Security and Intelligence” (SIS-102, Summer 2015)

2014 ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

*School of International Service*

- Breakout instructor for the course “World Politics” (SIS-105, Fall 2014, Spring 2014)

*National Student Leadership Conference*

- “Security and Intelligence” (SIS-102, Summer 2014)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GRADUATE ASSISTANT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

*School of International Service*

- Research Lab advisor for “World Politics, Honors” (UCOL-101, Spring 2014)

2013 ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

*School of International Service*

- Breakout instructor for the course “World Politics” (SIS-105, Fall 2013)

2012 ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

*School of International Service*

- Breakout instructor for the course “World Politics” (SIS-105, Fall 2012)

**SERVICE**

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- Governing Council, International Studies Association – Northeast (November 2015 – current)
- PhD Student Representative, American University (2011 – 2018)

- PhD Admissions Committee, American University (2011 – 2013)
- PhD Task Force, American University (2012 – 2013)
- Faculty Search Committee, History of US Foreign Policy, American University (2012)

## RA EXPERIENCE

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2013	RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Dr. Patrick Thaddeus Jackson, School of International Service</i>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
2010 - 2012	TEACHING ASSISTANT / RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, School of International Service</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RA for the book <i>The Thistle and the Drone: How America's War on Terror Became a War on Tribal Islam</i> (Brookings Institution Press, 2013)</li> <li>• TA and designer of the course "Cinema and Politics in Muslim Society" (SIS-400-001, Spring 2012)</li> <li>• TA for the course "The World of Islam" (SIS-245-001, Spring 2011; Spring 2012)</li> <li>• TA for the course "Bridging the Great Divide: The Jewish-Muslim Encounter" in conjunction with Cambridge University, UK (SIS-419-052OL/SIS-676-015OL/JWST-496-001OL, Fall 2011)</li> <li>• TA for the course "Muslims in America" (SIS-619-007/HNRS-302-007H, Fall 2010; SIS-400-001, Spring 2011)</li> </ul>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
2008 -2009	RESEARCH ASSISTANT <i>Dr. Susan B. Perry, Director, MA in International Affairs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on trauma, memory, gender, and politics</li> </ul>	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PARIS

## SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

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- Postdoctoral Fellow, \$83,000, Clements Center for National Security (2019-2020)
- Conference Travel Grant, \$950, Clements Center for National Security (2019)
- Conference Travel Grant, \$100, International Studies Association (2016)
- Summer Alternative Research Methods Grant, \$3,000, American University (2015)
- Dean's Fellowship, \$76,800, American University (2010-2014)
- Summer Dissertation Grant, \$5,000, American University (2014)
- Summer Pre-dissertation Grant, \$5,000, American University (2013)
- Summer Alternative Research Methods Grant, \$3,000, American University (2013)
- Summer Pre-dissertation Grant, \$6,250, American University (2012)
- PhD Conference Travel Grants, \$3,200, American University (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- Research Grant, \$550, American University of Paris (Winter 2009)
- James B. Reynolds Fellowship for International Study, \$25,000, Dartmouth College (2007-2008)
- Graduate School Tuition Scholarship, \$15,600, American University of Paris (2007-2009)
- Class of '41 Endowed Scholar, \$25,000, Dartmouth College (2000-2002)
- Guild-Times Scholarship, \$14,400, New York Times (1995-1998, 2001)
- Dartmouth Club of Westchester Endowed Scholar, \$12,500, Dartmouth College (1996-1997)
- Betty Manley Endowed Scholar, \$12,500, Dartmouth College (1995-1996)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Outstanding Teaching by a PhD Student Award (2013-2014)

- Distinction awarded on Master's Thesis, "Trauma and Identity: The Search for Peace in Palestine" (2009)
- *Magna Cum Laude*, GPA 3.75, Dartmouth College (2003)
- French Consulate Prize for outstanding academic achievement, French and Italian Department, Dartmouth College (2003)
- Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College (1997-1998)
- Green Key National Honor Society (inducted 1997)

## INTERESTS

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- Identity studies and nationalist conflicts
- Small wars, counterinsurgency, and irregular warfare
- Critical security studies, counterterrorism, terrorism
- U.S. foreign policy
- South Asia (Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan) and the MENA region, particularly Levant
- Colonial history and Postcolonial theory
- Political and social theory
- Qualitative analysis; Discourse, rhetoric, narrative, and linguistic approaches

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

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### FRENCH

- Consultant and translator for *Éditions du Seuil*, publishing house (2009-2019)
- *Institut Catholique de Paris*, Master's Degree: *Sociologie des conflits* (2007-2009)
- A.B. in French Language and Literature, Dartmouth College (2003)
- Study abroad at Université de Toulouse/Dartmouth College (1997)

### ARABIC

- Beginner's Course on standard Arabic, *American University of Paris* (2009)
- Field Work in West Bank using colloquial Arabic (2009)
- Beginner's Course on colloquial Arabic at *an-Najah National University*, Nablus, West Bank (2008)

### ITALIAN, RUSSIAN

- Beginner's Courses at Dartmouth College

## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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- International Studies Association (ISA), ISA-NE governing council member
- #NatSecGirlSquad member
- Women's Foreign Policy Group member
- Women in International Security member
- Golden Key National Honors Society



## REFERENCES

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- Dr. James Golby      Senior Fellow  
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