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## CURRENT POSITION

2008-Present American University, School of International Service Washington, DC  
*Assistant Professor, International Politics & U.S. Foreign Policy*

- Course Director, core undergraduate IR theory course (World Politics)
- Co-Director, Precollege Programs
- Courses taught: World Politics, Insurgency & Counterinsurgency, Introduction to International Relations Research Methods, Analysis of U.S. Foreign Policy, Introduction to Peace & Conflict Resolution, Strategic Intelligence Analysis, Intelligence Analysis: Theory & Method
- Course design: Insurgency & Counterinsurgency, Strategic Intelligence Analysis, Total Peace (Honors Social Science Colloquium), Intelligence Analysis: Theory & Method

2010-Present CNRS-CEPEL University of Montpellier, Dep. of Law & Politics Montpellier, France  
*Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Political Sociology & International Security*

- International research project on elite social networks and defense decision-making funded by the Centre national de la recherche scientifique (French National Center for Scientific Research, CNRS), Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (ANR-08-BLAN-0032).

## Awards

- Curriculum Development Grant, Provost, American University (2009)
  - Online course development grant, Provost, American University (2009)
  - Outstanding Teaching by a PhD Candidate, American University (2008)
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## EDUCATION

2010 American University, School of International Service Washington, DC  
*Ph.D. International Relations (International Politics, International Security)*

- Dissertation: "Military Innovation in the U.S. Army: Anarchy, Bureaucracy, and Doctrine, 1975-1995"
- Dissertation committee: James H. Mittelman (chair), Stephen Silvia, Christopher Layne, Charles Tilly (prior to his passing)

2010 National Defense Intelligence College (DIA) Washington, DC  
*MS, Strategic Intelligence*

- U.S. government professional training program for the intelligence community run through the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- Credentialing path for U.S. Army *Strategic Intelligence Analysts* (FA 34)
- Thesis: "Mapping Indicators and Warnings of Military Innovation" (classified); thesis honored with the Reserve Officer Association Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Military Leadership

2007 American University, School of International Service Washington, DC  
*MA, International Affairs, International Peace & Conflict Resolution*

1997 University of Wisconsin, Madison Madison, WI  
*BA, English and Communications*

#### *Awards*

- Reserve Officer Association Award for Outstanding Scholarship (2010)
- Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (2008)
- SIS Dean's Fellowship, American University (Fall 2004 – Spring 2007)
- Alan Taylor Memorial Prize for Middle Eastern Scholarship (2004)
- SIS Graduate Merit Award, American University (Fall 2003 – Spring 2004)
- Academic Scholarship, US Army R.O.T.C. Georgetown University (Fall 2002 – Spring 2004)

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Refereed Journals*

- "Network Bandits: Understanding Recruitment Networks in Contemporary Counterinsurgency Operations" *American Intelligence Journal* 25(2): 73-84 (Winter 2007/2008)
- "Demilitarizing Demographics: U.S. Policy Options for Strengthening Georgian Internal Security" *Low Intensity Conflict & Law Enforcement* 12(1):51-90 (Spring 2004)
- "Non-violence as a Methodology of Social Change in Islam" (published in Italian: *La Nonviolenza Come Metodologia Del Cambiamento Sociale Dell'islam*), *Satyagraha* 5: 101-131 (2004); co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- "Confronting Fear: A History of Terrorism" *Low Intensity Conflict and Law Enforcement*. 11(2-3) (Book Review Winter 2002)

### *Opinion Editorials*

- "Islamic democracy is achievable Goal" *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 16, 2006; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- "Islam and the West trapped in lies told about each other" *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, February 9, 2006; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- "A late revision can help Iraq's election" *The Daily Star* (Beirut), January 28, 2005; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- "Shining Path to Democracy" *Al-Hayat* (London), December 2004; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- "Losing the Cold War one election at a time..." *The Daily Star* (Beirut), November 2, 2004; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- "The Ghosts of Old Revolutions" *Al-Hayat* (London), August 30, 2004; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said.

- “Let Iraqis boo Sadr off the stage.” *The Daily Star* (Beirut), August 28, 2004; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- “Muqtada al-Sadr, dramatist” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, August 24, 2004; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- “Syria: The Sheriff, the Outlaw, and the Diplomat” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, November 12, 2003; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- “Iraq and Lessons from Japan” *Al-Hayat* (London), September 28, 2003; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- “The American Concept of Security” *Al-Hayat* (London), September 24, 2003; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said

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#### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Mapping the U.S. Defense Sector” presented at CEPPEL (South European Center for Political Studies), Montpellier, France July 6, 2010
- “Transformation: Charting Programmatic Elite in the U.S. Defense Sector” presented at University of Montpellier, Department of Law and Political Science, Montpellier, France January 24, 2010
- “Forging the Sword: A Neoclassical Realist Model of Doctrinal Change in the U.S. Army, 1973-2003” presented at the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual International Studies Association Northeast, Baltimore, MD October 2-3, 2009
- “Innovative Pedagogy in International Relations” panelist, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual International Studies Association Northeast, Baltimore, MD October 2-3, 2009
- “Signaling Security: Relational Perspectives on the Politics of the Everyday in Stability and Support Operations” presented at the 50th annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY February 15-18, 2009; co-authored with Peter Howard
- “Perspectives on the Life & Work of Charles Tilly” Ph.D. Lecture Series, American University December 3, 2008
- “Mapping Small Arms Proliferation Networks” Human Security Forum, American University March 7, 2008
- “The Networked Bandit: Organization, Mobilization, and Resistance in Modern Warfare” presented to The Center on Organizational Innovation, Columbia University April 28 2006, New York, NY
- “The Network Bandit: The Political Economy of Refugee Militarization in the Gaza Strip.” presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, California, USA, March 22, 2006
- “Women in the Military.” Series on Gender and Conflict, International Peace and Conflict Resolution Department, Peacebuilding and Development Institute American University, School of International Service February 15, 2006, Washington, DC.
- “Forging the Sword: The Political Economy of U.S. Military Doctrine” presented at the, International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA November 17-19 2005
- “The Shifting Dynamics of Refugee Security” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL April 2004
- “Human Rights in Iran.” (Panel Chair) Democracy in Iran Conference, American University School of International Service Washington, DC Fall 2003

- “Horizontal Inequalities in the Chechen Conflict: An Analysis of Structural Conflict Typologies” presented at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Fourth Annual Conference, Cambridge, MA October 3, 2003
  - “The Nexus of God and Citizen: The Individual as Citizen and Believer in Ibn Al-Arabi's Social Contract” presented at the Center for Islam and Democracy Fourth Annual Conference, Washington, DC May 16, 2003, co-authored with Lynn Kunkle
  - “Towards a Better Defense: How Military Culture Encumbers US Army Effectiveness in Afghanistan” presented at the Georgetown Security Studies Conference, Washington DC, February 28 2003, co-authored with CPT Kenneth Quail (USA)
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## GOVERNMENT WORK

### *Requested Policy Memorandum*

- “Iraq Election Memorandum” submitted to (former) Iraqi President Sheikh Ghazi Al-Yawar, November 2004; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said
- “Iraq Work Foundation: A Proposal to use a National Jobs Program to Develop National Identity, Fight Unemployment, and Regain Self-Respect” (mua'sasat al-'amal al-iraqi), submitted to (former) Iraqi President Sheikh Ghazi Al-Yawar August 2004; co-authored with Abdul Aziz Said & Adam Shapiro
- “Democratization in the Middle East: A Principled Approach” and “Understanding & Defeating Terrorism: Developing Supply & Demand Driven Strategies” presented to Congressman Jim Saxton (New Jersey, 3rd District) July 2004; co-authors Abdul Aziz Said and Nathan Funk.
- “Getting Back on Track: A Proposal for a Crisis Intervention Team in Iraq” presented to Ambassador Frank Ricciardone, Iraq Transition Team, May 2004

### *Working Papers*

- *Indicators and Warnings of Conventional Conflict in South Asia* June 2009 (classified)
- *Mapping influence Networks in the Balkans* 2008 (multiple, classified)

### *Presentations*

- “History of MASINT” presented to the MASINT Committee, December 2008 (classified)
- “Organization Innovation in MASINT” Presented to ASSETS Division, SAIC, October 2008 (classified)

### *Modeling & Simulations*

- KFOR 13, stability and support operations adviser, May 2010
  - Iraqi Elections Simulation, 29 ID Analysis and Control Element (ACE), January 2010
  - KFOR 12, ethnic tension script writer, September 2010
  - PANAMEX, land forces script writer, May 2009
  - KFOR 11, ethnic tension script writer, January 2009
  - KFOR 10, intelligence script writer, May 2008
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## SERVICE

### *Military*

2010-Present	G2 Section, 29 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (MDARNG) <i>Analysis &amp; Control Element (ACE) Chief</i>	Laurel, MD
2008-Present	G2 Section, 29 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (MDARNG) <i>Targeting Officer</i>	Laurel, MD
2006-2007	G5 Section, 29 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (MNTF-E, KFOR 7) Intelligence Planner	Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo
2005-2006	c/629 MI BN, 29 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (MDARNG) <i>Prophet PLT Leader</i>	Laurel, MD
2005	Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course <i>Student</i>	Fort Huachuca , AZ
2004-2005	c/629 MI BN, 29 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (MDARNG) <i>Intelligence &amp; Surveillance PLT Leader</i>	Laurel, MD

### *Professional Memberships*

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)

### *Community*

- Stoddert Elementary PTA President, 2010-2011
- Little League Coach (tee-ball, machine pitch) 2008-Present

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *Defense Contracting*

2010-Present	Aptima <i>Subject Matter Expert (SME) Military Doctrine and Planning</i>	Washington, DC
2008-Present	General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT) <i>Subject Matter Expert (SME) Stability &amp; Support Operations</i>	Fairfax, VA
2008-2010	SAIC <i>Defense Policy Analyst</i>	McClean, VA

### *Finance*

2001-2002	Globicus <i>Economic Research Associate</i>	New York, NY
1998-2001	UBS <i>Strategic Analyst (Private Banking Division)</i>	New York, NY