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Curriculum Vitae

Modified for web

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016–present Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Affairs, Naval Postgraduate School.
- 2010–2014 Assistant Professor, International Relations/Political Science Department, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2009–2010 Predoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Chicago, Department of Political Science (December 2010).
- M.A. University of Chicago, Department of Political Science (2004).
- B.A. University of California at Santa Cruz, History Department (Highest Honors) (2000).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2020 *The Oil Wars Myth: Petroleum and the Causes of International Conflict* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press).
Reviewed in: H-Diplo roundtable (in press).

Refereed Journal Articles

- (in press) “Over a Barrel? Oil Busts and Petrostate Stability,” *Comparative Politics*.
- 2021 “Understanding the Mechanisms of International Influence in an Era of Great Power Competition” (with Rachel Sigman), *Journal of Global Security Studies*.
- 2017 “Joint Development in the South China Sea: Exploring the Prospects of Oil and Gas Cooperation Between Rivals,” *Energy Research & Social Science* 24: 65–70.
- 2016 “Dismantling the Oil Wars Myth,” *Security Studies* 25, no. 2: 258–288.

- 2013 “Climate Change and Conflict: Avoiding Small Talk about the Weather,” *International Studies Review* 15, no. 2: 185–203.
- 2011 “Energy Security and Sub-Saharan Africa,” *International Development Policy* 2: 44–59.

Invited Journal Articles

- 2010 “International Relations Theory as Politics, International Politics as Theory: A Nigerian Case Study,” *African Nebula* 1, no. 2.

Book Chapters

- (in press) “Oil, Materiality, and Interstate War,” in *Oil and International Relations*, Roland Dannreuther and Wojciech Ostrowski, eds. (Cheltenham: Edgar Elgar).
- 2021 “Weaponizing Energy Interdependence,” in *The Uses and Abuses of Weaponized Interdependence*, Daniel Drezner, Henry Farrell, and Abraham Newman, eds. (Washington, D.C.: Brookings).
- 2016 “Do Countries Fight Over Oil?” in *Handbook of the International Political Economy of Energy*, Thijs Van de Graaf, Arunabha Ghosh, Florian Kern, Michael T. Klare, and Benjamin K. Sovacool, eds. (London: Palgrave).
- 2015 “Disconnecting Climate Change from Conflict: A Methodological Proposal,” in *Reframing Climate Change: Constructing an Ecological Geopolitics*, Shannon O’Lear and Simon Dalby, eds. (New York: Routledge).

Book and Article Reviews

- (in press) “Reconsidering Petro-Aggression and Preventing Dataset Remorse: A Commentary on ‘Pax Petrolica? Rethinking the Oil–Interstate War Linkage,’ by Hye Ryeon Jang and Benjamin Smith,” *Security Studies*.
- (in press) H-Diplo roundtable on *Oilcraft: The Myths of Scarcity that Haunt U.S. Energy Policy* by Robert Vitalis (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2020).
- 2017 H-Diplo, “ISSF Article Review 86, for Tang et al. ‘Does Oil Cause Ethnic War? Comparing Evidence from Process-Tracing with Quantitative Results,’ *Security Studies*,” October 10.
- 2016 “*Carbon Conflicts and Forest Landscapes in Africa* by Melissa Leach and Ian Scoones, eds. Routledge: New York (2015),” *Energy Research & Social Science* 14: 131–132.
- 2013 “*The Power Surge* by Michael Levi,” *International Politics Reviews* 1, no. 2: 117–131.

Web-Based Publications

- 2020 “The Exaggerated Threat of Oil Wars,” *Lawfare*, August 2.
- 2020 “The Oil Price Crash and International Petro-Politics,” *Duck of Minerva*, April 24.
- 2020 “This Year’s Low Oil Prices Will Hurt These Countries the Most” (with Jeff D. Colgan), *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage blog, April 6.
- 2019 “The Real Reason Trump Won’t Attack Iran,” *Foreign Policy*, September 18.
- 2018 “How Cheap Oil Hurts Sub-Saharan Africa,” Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, June 21.

- 2016 “Trump’s ‘Take Iraq’s Oil’ Isn’t a New Idea. Here’s Why It Won’t Work,” Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, September 13.
- 2016 “Oil Wars: Why Nations Aren’t Battling Over Resources,” Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, May 19.
- 2015 “The Real Reason Tensions are Rising in the South China Sea,” *Vox.com*, May 24.
Also published as “Don’t Blame the Oil Rigs,” *The Weekly Wonk*, New America Foundation, May 21; *The Pacific Standard*, May 27; *TIME.com*, June 10.

Articles in Preparation

- “Evaluating Oil Busts’ Political Effects: The 1980s Case”
- “Power Plays: Oil and Gas Development in the South China Sea”
- “The Energy Transition and Oil Wars: Will There Be a Peace Dividend?”
- “Oil is What States Make of It: Petroleum and Territorial Dispute Dynamics”

GRANTS

- 2021 Lead Course Developer, “Intermediate Global Cross Cultural Competence,” Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU), \$205,000.
- 2019 PI, “U.S. vs. Competitor Influence in African Countries,” sponsored by U.S. Marine Forces Africa (MARFORAF), \$64,000.
- 2018 Co-PI, “U.S. Influence and Levers of Power in Africa,” sponsored by U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), \$95,000.

INVITED TALKS

Universities

- 2022 Title TBD, Security Policy Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, January 31.
- 2021 “Oil Wars: Facts and Fiction,” Security Studies Program, MIT, May 5.
- 2021 “Oil Busts and Petrostate Stability,” Gulf Security Forum, Indiana University, April 30.
- 2020 “Oil and Gas Development in the South China Sea,” conference on Taiwan in the Indo-Pacific Region, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, October 15.
- 2017 “Energy Competition in Maritime East Asia: A Red Herring for U.S. Foreign Policy,” Sea Control and Foreign Policy Symposium, Naval War College, April 5–7.
- 2016 “No Empire for Oil: Petroleum Cooperation in the Falkland/Malvinas Islands Dispute,” conference on Oil Imperialism, Sorbonne University, Paris, November 4–5.
- 2016 “The Geopolitics of Cheap Oil,” North Carolina State University, February 25.
- 2015 “Come in or Stay Out? The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Europe,” San Francisco State University, November 18.

Public Outreach

- 2020 “Petro-aggression: How Has Oil Fuelled Global Conflict?” Imperial War Museums (London), December 16.
- 2020 “Oil and Gas Disputes: One Less Thing to Worry About,” Monterey World Affairs Council, August 14.
- 2017 “Climate Change and Conflict: Assessing the Risks,” Monterey World Affairs Council, September 18.

Podcasts and Media Appearances

- 2020 “The Myth of Oil Wars,” American Security Project (ASP) Flashpoint, July 15.
- 2020 “How the Oil Wars Myth Continues to Shape U.S. Foreign Policy,” S&P Global Capitol Crude, July 20.
- 2020 “20th Century Conflict: The Oil Wars Myth,” Military History Inside Out, July 21.
- 2016 *Here & Now*, National Public Radio (NPR), December 16.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

- 2021 “Evaluating Oil Busts’ Political Effects: The 1980s Case,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, September 30–October 3.
- 2021 “The Energy Transition and Oil Wars: Will There Be a Peace Dividend?” International Studies Association annual convention, Las Vegas (virtual), April 6–9.
- 2021 “Weaponizing Energy Interdependence,” Las Vegas (virtual), April 6–9.
- 2020 “Taking Stock of U.S. Influence in Africa” (with Rachel Sigman), International Studies Association annual convention, Honolulu, HI, March 25–28 (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 “Understanding U.S. Influence in Africa” (with Rachel Sigman), African Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, MA, November 21–23.
- 2019 “The Microfoundations of Rivalry Emergence” (with Jonathan M. DiCicco), International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, Canada, March 27–30.
- 2018 “Over a Barrel? Oil Producers’ Search for Security,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–7.
- 2018 “Climate Change and U.S. Engagement in the Persian Gulf,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–7.
- 2017 “Oil vs. Islands in the East China Sea: Disentangling the Causes of Territorial Disputes,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 31–September 3.
- 2017 “Oil vs. Islands in the East China Sea: Disentangling the Causes of Territorial Disputes,” International Studies Association annual convention, Baltimore, MD, February 22–25.

- 2016 “Fueling Cooperation: Oil’s Role in the Falkland/Malvinas Islands Dispute,” International Studies Association annual convention, Atlanta, GA, March 16–19.
- 2016 “Book Discussion: *Reframing Climate Change: Constructing Ecological Geopolitics*,” Association of American Geographers annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 29–April 2.
- 2014 “Fighting to Agree: Conflict and Cooperation in Oil-Related Territorial Disputes,” International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26–29.
- 2013 “Oil in Interstate Conflict: One More Thing to Fight About,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6.
- 2012 “Oil and Water: Petroleum’s Role in Maritime Boundary Delimitation,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Diego, CA, April 1–4.
- 2012 “Uranium and Internal Conflict: A Question of Value,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 30–September 2 (cancelled due to hurricane).
- 2011 “Uranium and the Resource Curse,” International Studies Association annual convention, Montreal, Quebec, March 16–19.
- 2011 “Climate Change and Conflict: Avoiding Small Talk about the Weather,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1–4.
- 2010 “When is an ‘Oil War’ Not about Oil? The Bakassi Dispute,” International Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, LA, February 17–20.
- 2010 “Locating the Oil Wars,” International Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, LA, February 17–20.
- 2008 “Oil, Water, or Enduring Rivalry? Causes of Conflict in the Middle East,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, March 26–29.
- 2007 “No Blood for Oil? Natural Resources and International War,” International Studies Association annual convention, Chicago, IL, February 28–March 3.
- 2007 “The Rational Politics of State Suicide,” International Studies Association annual convention, Chicago, IL, February 28–March 3.
- 2005 “Missing the Target: Light Weapons and the Limits of Global Governance,” International Studies Association annual convention, Honolulu, HI, March 1–5.

Working Groups and Workshops

- 2015 “Rethinking Energy Geopolitics” (workshop), International Studies Association annual convention, New Orleans, LA, February 18–21.
- 2014 “Global Political Economy of Energy” (workshop), International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26–29.
- 2013 “The Political Economy of Resources: Creating Networks and Linkages” (working group), International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6.

Additional Roles

- 2018 (Chair and Discussant) “Causes of War and Peace,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, MA, August 30–September 2.

- 2017 (Discussant) “Natural Resources and Interstate Conflict: What is the Relationship?” American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 31–September 3.
- 2016 (Chair and Discussant) “Climate, Energy, and Security,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 1–4.
- 2014 (Panel organizer) “Conflict and Cooperation in International Petroleum Geopolitics,” International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, ON, March 26–29.
- 2013 (Discussant) “Power, Ideas, and the Global Politics of Resource Extraction,” International Studies Association annual convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6.
- 2011 (Discussant) “Oil, Security, and International Conflict,” International Studies Association annual convention, Montreal, QC, March 16–19.

CAMPUS TALKS

Naval Postgraduate School

- 2021 “China and Russia in Global Energy Markets,” Great Power Competition lecture series, Department of National Security Affairs, Summer quarter. Also presented in Summer quarter 2020 and September 11, 2019.
- 2018 “Who Owns the Arctic?” NPS Discovery Day, October 26.
- 2018 “A Document Camera for the Classroom,” Teaching and Learning Commons, September 20.
- 2017 “Climate Change and National Security,” NPS Discovery Day, December 1.
- 2017 “The Geopolitics of Cheap Oil,” Defense Energy Seminar, Energy Academic Group (EAG), January 6.

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

- 2013 “Africa: Between Resource Led Growth and Conflict,” Annual Event for Alumni and the Diplomatic Community, October 28.
- 2011 “Energy Security and Sub-Saharan Africa,” Symposium presenting the current issue of *International Development Policy*, October 5.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Naval Postgraduate School, Instructor of Record

American National Security Policy

Winter 2021 (online); Winter 2020

Environmental Security

Summer 2021 (HyFlex); Summer 2020 (online); Summer 2019; Summer 2018; Summer 2017

Introduction to International Relations

Summer 2020 (online); Winter 2020; Summer 2019; Fall 2018; Summer 2018; Fall 2017; Summer 2017; Fall 2016

Energy Security and Geopolitics

Winter 2021 (online); Winter 2020; Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Fall 2016

Directed Study

In Strategic Studies with Ph.D. student Adam Young, Spring 2020 (online)

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Instructor of Record

International Security

Fall 2013

Qualitative Methods

Fall 2013; Fall 2012; Fall 2011

Dynamics of Conflict and Cooperation

Spring 2013; Spring 2012; Spring 2011

Environmental Security

Spring 2013; Fall 2010

Energy Geopolitics

Spring 2012

Global Environmental Politics

Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Fall 2011

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Lecturer

International Affairs and Multilateral Governance summer program: 2013; 2012; 2011

Executive Master's in Oil and Gas Leadership program: 2013; 2011.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE, NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

Chair Appointment Committee, Department of National Security Affairs (2021).

Member, Climate Security Network (CSN), Naval Postgraduate School (2020–present).

Ph.D. Committee Chair, Department of National Security Affairs (2020–present).

Ph.D. Committee Member, Department of National Security Affairs (2019–present).

Search Committee Member, Department of National Security Affairs, Europe/Eurasia search (2019).

Academic Associate for 688 curriculum, 681 curriculum, and 246 certificate, Department of National Security Affairs (2018–present).

Co-coordinator, Global Connections speaker series, Department of National Security Affairs (2017–2018).

Participant, Research Connections seminar series, Department of National Security Affairs (2017–present).

Participant, Energy Academic Group (EAG), Naval Postgraduate School (2016–present).

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer for Cambridge University Press; Georgetown University Press; Oxford University Press;
American Political Science Review; *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*; *Climatic Change*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Millennium*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Security Studies*; *Third World Quarterly*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Sections: International Security; Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics

International Studies Association

Sections: Environmental Studies; International Security Studies

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Teaching Fellows Program, Naval Postgraduate School (2017–2018).

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap Program, American University (2016).

FIELDWORK

- 2018 United Kingdom National Archives at Kew, May. Conducted archival research on the Falkland/Malvinas Islands dispute.
- 2012 Conflict Records Research Center, National Defense University, Washington, DC, January. Conducted archival research in the Saddam Hussein Regime Collection.
- 2009 Nigeria and Cameroon, April–May: Interviewed government officials and examined archives at the National Institute for International Affairs (Lagos), National Boundary Commission (Abuja), and Institut de Relations Internationales du Cameroun (Yaoundé).

LANGUAGES

French: reading (advanced), speaking (advanced), writing (advanced).

Modern Standard Arabic: reading (intermediate), speaking (intermediate), writing (intermediate).

Spanish: reading (intermediate), speaking (beginner), writing (beginner).