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CURRENT POSITION

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, 2008-

Research interests: Security studies, democracy and conflict, the political economy of defense, technology and international politics, globalization and the defense industry

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science

Ph.D., 2008

Subfields: International Relations, Methodology and Comparative Politics

Dissertation: “Death and Taxes: Sources of Democratic Military Aggression”

Committee: John Mearsheimer (chair), Charles Glaser, Jeffrey Grynviski, and Duncan Snidal

University of Chicago, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies

M.P.P. with concentrations in international security and political economy, 2003

Harvard University, Harvard College

A.B. *Magna Cum Laude* in History and Literature, 1995

Honors Thesis: “Building National Character: The Gentleman-Spies of Erskine Childers and John Buchan,” awarded the John Clive English Prize for best honors thesis in field

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Why the U.S. Will Fight More Small Wars...Poorly,” argues that democracies will select and fight small wars using a firepower-intensive military strategy because such a doctrine reduces the costs of conflict for the average voter more than it reduces the benefits from an ineffective strategy. The paper supports the theory with a case study of Vietnam War counterinsurgency.

“Who Pays for Defense? Inequality, Redistribution and the Foundations of Democratic Militarism,” presents a formal model of the median voter’s arming decision, and empirically shows that democracies with high economic inequality among voters build capitalized militaries.

“War is Costly, but for Whom? The Political Economy of War-prone Democracies,” formally models the role internal cost distribution plays in mobilization, appeasement and war initiation; demonstrates empirically that democracies with heavily capitalized militaries are more likely to initiate militarized disputes.

PUBLICATIONS

“United States Hegemony and the New Economics of Defense.” *Security Studies* 16, no. 4 (October–December 2007): 597–613.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Why the U.S. Will Fight More Small Wars...Poorly,” to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, February, 2009 and the New Directions for International Relations Conference, Herzliya, Israel, July, 2009. Previous versions presented at the:

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30, 2008

“Power and *Democratic* Weakness: A Neoconservative Theory of International Politics?” to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, February, 2009.

“For Whom is War Costly? Redistributive Militaries and Aggressive Democracies,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30, 2008. Previous versions presented at the:

Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, November 3, 2007

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 3, 2007

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 22, 2006

“Send the Mild Hindoo: Imperial Subjects as Source of British Military Labor,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 28, 2008. Previous versions presented at the:

Nicholson Center for British Studies Conference on Economies of Empire, University of Chicago, February 9, 2007

“Who Pays for Defense in Democracies? A Rational Theory of Inequality and Militarism,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1, 2006. Previous versions presented at the:

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, July 12, 2006

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Why the U.S. Will Fight More Small Wars...Poorly,” to be presented at the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, February 6, 2009. Previous versions presented at the:

Program in International Security Policy (PISP), University of Chicago, March 11, 2008

International Relations/Foreign Policy Working Group, Dartmouth College, February 27, 2008

“Democratic Militarism,” presentation to the Board of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York, December 12, 2008.

“The Bush Doctrine,” seminar for the Deliberating in a Democracy Program, the Constitutional Rights Foundation, Chicago, November 8, 2008.

“Instituting a Military Draft,” presentation to the Illinois Youth Summit, Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago, March 15, 2007.

“Death and Taxes: A Rational Theory of Democratic Grand Strategy” presented at the International Security Brown Bag Seminar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, October 4, 2007. Previous versions presented at the:

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2, 2006

“Death and Taxes: The Political Economy of War-prone Democracies,” presented at the Program in International Political Economy and Security (PIPES), University of Chicago, March 2, 2006

“Blood and Treasure: Testing a Theory of Democratic Defense Production,” presented at the Political Economy Workshop, University of Chicago, March 28, 2005

“The Impact of Biological Weapons (BW) on Mobility: Leveraging U.S. Pacific Territories,” National Defense Research Institute, RAND Corporation, August 30, 2004

ACADEMIC HONORS

Dissertation Fellowship, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2007-08

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, 2007-08

Clark Wilson Summer Research Award, University of Chicago, 2007

Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, Spring 2007

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Grant, 2006

Program in International Security Policy (PISP) Summer Research Fellowship, 2005

William J. and Myrtle N. Hawley Graduate Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2003-2007

Dean’s Fellowship, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago, 2001-03

John Clive English Prize for best undergraduate honors essay in field, Harvard College, 1995

Harvard Scholarship for Academic Achievement of High Distinction, Harvard College, 1992-95

Naval Reserve Officer’s Training Corps Four-Year Scholarship, 1991-95

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

Undergraduate course, “U.S. Foreign Policy,” 2008

Graduate course, “International Relations Theory,” 2008

Teaching Assistant, Harris Graduate School of Public Policy Studies, University of Chicago

Graduate course, “National Security Policy,” taught by Charles Glaser, 2005

Graduate course, “Political Economy for Public Policy,” taught by Duncan Snidal, 2004

Teaching Assistant, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Undergraduate course, “Realism,” taught by John Mearsheimer, 2006

Undergraduate course, “American Grand Strategy,” taught by John Mearsheimer, 2004

Assistant Professor of Naval Science, Northwestern University (U.S. Navy)

Undergraduate course, “Naval Engineering,” 2001-03

Undergraduate course, “Naval Leadership and Management,” 2001-03

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Program in International Security Policy (PISP), University of Chicago

Coordinator, 2006-07

RAND Corporation

Summer Research Associate, conducted independent research on the optimal use of U.S. bases and territories in the event of a biological weapon attack in the Western Pacific, 2004

United States Navy, *USS Houston*

Operations/Communications Officer, directed daily operations of the submarine and 140 crew members in four complex tactical exercises and five special operations missions, 1999-2001

Main Propulsion/Reactor Controls Assistant Directed operation and quality control of all maintenance and repairs on nuclear mechanical and reactor control systems, 1998-99

National Security Program, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Research Associate, researched and edited studies by senior military officers on joint warfare, Chinese military policy, and military technology support doctrine, 1994-95

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*

Member, American Political Science Association, International Institute of Strategic Studies, International Studies Association, Midwestern Political Science Association

Member, Northwestern Radiation Safety Committee, responsible for evaluating security, storage, and risk management for university research involving radioactive material, 2000-02

Speaker, "Change Management" for Northwestern Undergraduate Leadership Program, 2001

Speaker, "Leading Volunteers" for Northwestern Alternative Spring Break Program, 2001

OTHER AWARDS

StandUp for Kids National Leader of the Year, for establishing the Chicago chapter of the national non-profit charity for homeless children, 2001

Navy Commendation Medal (three times) for "leadership skills and technical ability" as "tactician and strategic planner" for "missions of vital importance to national security," 1999, 2000 and 2003

Navy Achievement Medal (twice) for "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties," 1997 and 1998

REFERENCES

Daniel Drezner, Professor, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

Charles Glaser, Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

John Mearsheimer, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago

Duncan Snidal, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago