

Curriculum vita

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Education

B.A. 1999, Virginia Commonwealth University, Magna Cum Laude, Political Science, minor in International Studies

M.A. 2002, University of Virginia, Government and Foreign Affairs
Thesis: Nationalism and the Causality of Critical Juncture Theory: US Foreign Policy in Vietnam, 1944-1945

Ph.D. program, University of Virginia, 1999-2004, Department of Politics, International Relations (degree not completed)

Professional Positions

Virginia Commonwealth University, May 2023-present:
Associate Professor, Teaching: Department of Political Science (promoted in 2023 via VCU P&T)

Virginia Commonwealth University, Fall 2016-April 2023:
Assistant Professor, Teaching: Department of Political Science (promoted via VCU P&T process)

Virginia Commonwealth University, Fall 2002- Spring 2016
Collateral Faculty (Term): Teaching Instructor, Political Science

Virginia Commonwealth University, August 2007-August 2013
Assistant Director for Student Engagement, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

Virginia Commonwealth University, 2006-August 2013
Director of Undergraduate Honors Program, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

Henrico County, Virginia, Mills Godwin High School--Teacher
Honors American and Virginia History-Summer 2002

Virginia Commonwealth University
Office of New Student Programs – Adjunct Instructor
VCU 101: Introduction to the University- *Fall 2001*

University of Virginia, Department of Government and Foreign Affairs 2000-2002
Graduate Teaching Assistant
GFIR 101: Introduction to International Relations
GFIR 311: International Law
GFIR 321: International Organizations and Institutions

Research Assistant, University of Virginia Department of Government and Foreign Affairs, 1999-2002.

Over this time, I was assigned to assist on several research projects for professors in academic department. Duties included primary research, document searches, interviewing, copyediting, and administrative tasks for Professors' Joshua Dienstag, Gerard Alexander, Kenneth Thompson, and David Waldner.

Research Associate, Performance Management Group, George Mason University, 1998-1999. Conducted data collection, entry, and analysis for project using academic departments to help implement strategic planning for Virginia Department of General Services

Honors/Awards (date, awarding organization/agency, purpose of honor or award)

Golden Key Honor Society 1997

Outstanding Student in Political Science, VCU/CHS 1997-1998, 1998-1999

Outstanding Student in International Studies VCU/CHS 1997-1998, 1998-1999

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Fraternity 1998

Pi Sigma Alpha, APSR Award Recipient, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1998.

Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges 1998, 1999

President's Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia 1999-2002

University of Virginia College of Arts and Sciences Doctoral Fellowship, 1999-2002

Woodrow Wilson Department of Government and Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1999-2002

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship, 2000-2002

Who's Who in The United States of America, 2008, 2010

VCU Athletic Department, Outstanding Teaching Award, 2009

John Borgard Award, VCU, 2009

VCU College of Humanities and Sciences Outstanding Service Award 2017

Research and Teaching Presentations:

"Conflicts in the International System: The Role of Natural Resources." Presented at the Virginia Commonwealth University International Studies Student Research Conference, April 1997.

"UN Peacekeeping in Cambodia: Was UNTAC a Success?" Presented at the Virginia Commonwealth University International Studies Student Research Conference, April 1998.

"Models of Foreign Policy Decision-Making: The Nixon-Kissinger Decision to Invade

Cambodia.” Presented at the Virginia Commonwealth University International Studies Student Research Conference, April 1998.

“A Multicausal Analysis of the US Military Intervention in Vietnam: A Jollian Application of Causality.” Presented at the Virginia Commonwealth University International Studies Student Research Conference, Causes of War Roundtable, April 1999.

“International Consensus and Domestic Consent: Critical Junctures and the UN Intervention in Cambodia.” Presented as part of the Intervention Forum at the Miller Center for Public and International Affairs, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, July 2000.

“Can International Relations Theory Explain Non-State Security Threats?” Old Dominion University International Studies Graduate Research Conference, February 2002.

“State Sovereignty in the Twenty First Century” Invited talk for the VCU Multicultural Studies Program, November 2003

“Cambodia: From Pol Pot to WTO” Invited talk to VCU Honors program; Debate on International Politics, November 2004

“The Electoral College: Is it Still Valuable?” Henrico County Public Schools (October 2004)

“International Law and The International Criminal Court” Gayton Public Library, Henrico County, Feb. 2005

“Genocide and State Interest: Cambodia and Rwanda” World Issues Roundtable Lecture, VCU, March 2005

“U.S. Foreign Policy” Henrico County Public Schools: (October 2005)

“Foreign Policy, Decision-making, and State Interest” Governor’s School, Commonwealth of VA, University of Richmond, Summer 2005

The Prospects for Peacekeeping in the Darfur, Sudan VCU World Issues Roundtable, Fall 2005

VCU Honors College: The Kurdish “Problem” and PKK in Turkey and Iraq: An Implication of US Foreign Policy? October 2008

Berglund Honors Lecture, VCU Honors College: “U.S. Foreign Policy: The Whole in American Democracy” November, 2009

VCU-University of Richmond Roundtable Discussion: Current States of Human Rights: Cambodia’s Rise to Normal Violator, October 2012

VCU Department of Political Science: Perspectives on the 2012 US Presidential Election: Forecasting the Impact of Obama’s Foreign Policy on World Affairs, November 2012

Berglund Honors Lecture, VCU Honors College: “Cambodia: The Charisma of Norodom Sihanouk, Pol Pot, and Hun Sen” November 2013

CSPAN3 Teaching American History Series: Lecture: The Rise of Nuclear Weapons and The Cold War (full class lecture taped for the CSPAN3 network. Taped in October of 2014, aired from December 2014-December 2015)

Berglund Honors Lecture, VCU Honors College: “Aquaculture as Sustainable Source of Food and Economic Development in Poor Island Nations: What We Can Learn from The Aloha State?” March 2015

Berglund Honors Lecture, VCU Honors College: “Food Security and Food Deserts at Home and Abroad” Fall 2016

VCU Department of Political Science Town Hall: The Presidency of Donald Trump (the impact on Foreign Policy) Spring, 2018

Berglund Honors Lecture, VCU Honors College: “Craft Economics: The Communitarian Model of Economic Development” Spring 2019

Berglund Honors Lecture, VCU Honors College: “Craft Beer Can Save Your Bible Belt Town!” October, 2019

Covenant Woods, “Great Decisions” US State Department Foreign Policy Lecture Series: “Turkey and US Relations” 2019

Covenant Woods, “Great Decisions” State Department Foreign Policy Lecture Series: “Supply Chains and US Foreign Economic Policy” July 2021

Covenant Woods, “Great Decisions” US State Department Foreign Policy Lecture Series: “Myanmar: Military Coup, Human Rights, and US Foreign Policy” March 2022

VCU Department of Political Science Town Hall: The Russian Invasion of Ukraine. February 2022

VCU Model UN, College of Humanities and Sciences, Ukraine, 9 Months Later. November 2022

Covenant Woods, “Great Decisions” US State Department Foreign Policy Lecture Series: “War Crimes, Human Rights, and The International Criminal Court in the War in Ukraine” January 2023

Professional Conference Presentations

“Socialization and the Critical Role of World Affairs Education in 21st Century American Democracy” April 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, ILL

“Keeping Democracy Strong: Education as the Key to Democracy and Security” June 2007, 2nd Annual TNP International Conference on Democracy and Security, Istanbul, Turkey

“Teaching International Relations: Beyond the Core Course” December 2007, Virginia Political Science Association, Richmond, Virginia

“International Relations in the Secondary Curriculum: A Necessary Expansion in the Post-9/11 United States” March 2008: International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, California

“The Writing on the Wall: Maintaining the Intellectual and Policy Integrity of Political Science in the Broader School Format” April 2008: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, ILL.

“Identity and Power in the War on Terrorism: PKK, Turkey, and US Foreign Policy” April 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, ILL

“Perception and Misperception in International Relations: Russian-US Perceptions in Politics and Society from The Cold War to the Present” May 21, 2008 St. Petersburg State University’s 17 Annual US-Russian Relations Forum, St. Petersburg, Russia

“Teaching International Relations: Strengthening American Democracy” February 2, 2009. American Political Science Association, Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, MD

“Realism and Identity in the Global War on Terror: The US, Turkey, and the PKK in Iraq” April 2, 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

“Teaching Political Science and International Relations in the Public Affairs Model” (w/John A. Aughenbaugh, April 4, 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

“Observations on Teaching Political Science in the Public Affairs Model” (w/Deborah M. Brock, John A. Aughenbaugh, Robyn McDougle, and William Newmann, April 22, 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

“Teaching Research Design to Advanced Undergraduate Political Science Students: Implications for Question Based Assignments” April 24, 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

Panel Chair: Teaching Political Science, April 22, 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

“Managing Large Classes Against Teaching Objectives in the Sub-Fields of Political Science” April, 2011, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL

Panel Chair: “Film as Instruction: International Relations and The Movies” April 2012, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL

“Small Farms and Political Attitudes: The Political Strange Bedfellows of Agricultural Policy” April, 2013 Virginia Social Science Association Annual Conference

Panel Chair: Undergraduate Poster Sessions, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014,

Panel Chair, Undergraduate Poster Sessions, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2015

Panel Chair, Undergraduate Research: International Relations; Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016

Panel Chair: Comparative Politics: Whither the Nation State: Virginia Social Science Association, Lynchburg, Virginia, March 2016

Panel Chair: Foreign Affairs: Issues in World Politics: Virginia Social Science Association, Richmond, Virginia, April 2017

Panel Chair: Human Security Roundtable: Virginia Social Science Association, Richmond, Virginia April 2017

Virginia Social Science Association Annual Conference: “Craft Economies: Beer, Booze, and BBQ and REAL Economic Growth in American Cities” Richmond, Virginia, March 2017

“Craft Comestible Economics: The Public Policy Challenge” (with Mitchell Smiley) Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2018

“Craft Economics: The Communitarian Model of Economic Development as a “Real” Model” (with Mitchell Smiley) Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2019

“Craft Economics: The Communitarian Model’s Appeal to Local Politics” Virginia Social Science Association Annual Conference, Farmville, VA (Longwood University) April 2019

“Beer/Whiskey + Community = Development: Overcoming Culture in the American South” Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January, 2020

“Setting The Hook: Student Research Conferences and Incentive To Graduate Education in Political Science” Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020

“Food Security and Craft Economics: Economic Growth and Nutrition for All.” Virginia Social Science Association 2022 Conference, Online, April 2022

Publications

Winter 2007

Review Essay: Martin Gill, “The Handbook of Security” *Security Journal*

The Handbook of Security

Martin Gill (ed.)

New York, NY, Palgrave Macmillan, 2006

ISBN: 0230006809

Security Journal (2008) **21**, 134 – 136. doi: 10.1057/palgrave.sj.8350077

Summer 2008

Book review: Thomas Weiss, “Humanitarian Intervention”

New York, NY, Polity Press, 2007

Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal, (3:1, Spring 2008)

Courses taught

POLI 103, Introduction to US Government

POLI/INTL 105, Introduction to International Relations

POLI 310 Public Policy

POLI/INTL 352, European Government and Politics

POLI/INTL 358, Concepts of Comparative Politics

POLI/INTL 361, Issues in World Politics

POLI/INTL 362, International Organizations and Institutions

POLI/INTL 363, U.S. Foreign Policy

POLI/INTL 364, Vietnam

POLI/INTL/HONR 365, International Political Economy (writing intensive)

POLI 380, Human Security

POLI 385, 391, International Security

POLI 388, International Relations Theory

POLI 391, Food Security

POLI/INTL 452, Seminar in Politics of Developing Areas

POLI 490, Senior Seminar in Political Science (writing intensive)

GVPA 490, Wilder Honors Seminar (writing intensive)

POLI 492 Independent Study in Political Science

New courses taught

POLI 380, Human Security (new in 2016)

POLI 391, International Security (new in 2017)

POLI 391 International Relations Theory (New in 2020)

POLI 391 Food Security (New in 2021)

Service

PROFESSIONAL

Virginia Social Science Association (VSSA)

Immediate Past President, July 2022-present

President, 2019-present,

Local Arrangements Chair, 2016-2018

Elected Secretary, 2016-2019

Board of Directors, 2014-present

UNIVERSITY

VCU Academic Success Council, 2022-2023 (Under Dr. Maggie Tolan, VP, VCU Student Success

VCU Faculty Senate, Executive Leadership Group, 2015-present

VCU Faculty Senate, Chair, Student Affairs Committee, 2015-present

VCU Faculty Senate: 2004-2005, 2014-present

VCU Academic Integrity Task Force, Spring 2017-2019

VCU Student Media Board, December 2017-present

VCU Honors College, Curriculum Committee, 2016-2018

VCU Undergraduate Honor Council, 2004-present

VCU UHC revision committee, 2005-2006

VCU: Hiring Committee, University Honor and Academic Integrity Officer, 2007-2008

VCU Hiring Committee, University Director of Online Education, Fall 2012

VCU: Undergraduate Honor Council Executive Board, 2009-2019

Faculty Learning Community: Teaching Large Classes (I presented and wrote the chapter on Academic Integrity and Cheating in Large Classes for the FLC/TLC Manual) 2007

VCU Selection Committee for the VCU collective book: selected a single book for the entire university community, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012

Reported to the University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for Wilder School, April, 2006

University Task Force, Office of the Provost: Teaching Research Methods 2007

VCU General Education Revision Committee, Grant approved for 2007-2009

VCU Undergraduate Research Opportunities Committee, 2010-present

Center For Teaching Excellence: Faculty Learning Community—Blended Learning and Teaching, 2012-2013

VCU Quality Enhancement Planning (QEP) Committee Member, March 2013-January 2014

Committee Co-Chair: VCU QEP General Education and Core Curriculum Committee, April 2013-November 2013

VCU-Faculty Senate QUEST Focus Committee, November 2014-2016

VCU Task Force, Student Activity Fee, November 2019-June 2020

VCU Faculty Senate CORE Committee (Race and Racism GenEd) September 2020-November 2020

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES

Search Committee, School of World Studies Term Faculty Position: International Studies (2015)

Search Committee, School of World Studies Term Faculty Position: International Studies/Political Science, 2015

Grade appeal Fall 2004

Grade appeal, Spring 2006

Grade appeals Spring 2007

Grade appeal Fall 2007

Grade appeal chair 2010

Grade appeal Fall 2011

Grade appeal, Fall 2015

Grade appeal, Fall 2016

Grade appeal chair, Spring 2019

VCU College of Humanities and Sciences COVID19 Teaching Committee (May-August 2020)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Wilder School Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2010-2011

Wilder School Faculty Council, 2004-2007 (Secretary)

Wilder School Faculty Council, Non-tenure 2007-2008, 2012-2013

Wilder School Awards Committee member (appointed)

Wilder School Honors and Research Program Committee

Wilder School Election chair

Wilder School Representative, Political Science Representative, VCU Open House, Fall 2007

Wilder School Representative, Political Science Representative, VCU Open House, Spring 2008

Political Science Representative, VCU Open House, Fall 2007, Fall 2008

Political Science Representative, VCU Open House, Spring 2017

Political Science Representative, VCU Open House, Spring 2018

Political Science Representative, VCU Open House, Spring 2019

Department of Political Science, Student Engagement Program (former Director for Student Engagement, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs) 2007-2015

Graduate Program Admissions Committee: Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, (appointed) 2008-2011

Interim Co-Director of Student Advising, December 2013-May 2014

Search Committee: Political Science and Sociology Advising Faculty Spring 2014

Search Committee: Political Science and International Studies, Teaching position

Search Committee: Political Science, Human Security, Teaching position (2016-2017)

Search Committee: Political Science, International Relations, Tenure Track Teaching (2019)

P&T Committee; 3rd Year Review, Dr. Christopher Burdett
P&T Committee; 3rd Year Review, Dr. John Froitzheim
Department of Political Science, Committee on At Risk Student Success 2017-18
Department of Political Science, Committee on Graduate Program Development 2017-2018
(formerly, MA in Human Security development committee)
Department of Political Science, Awards Committee 2014-present
Department of Political Science, Search Committee: Academic Advisor, 2014
Department of Political Science, Search Committee: Human Security Tenure Track position, 2016
Department of Political Science, By-Laws Committee, 2017-2018
Department of Political Science, Curriculum Committee, 2017-present
APSA, Pi Sigma Alpha, VCU Chapter, National Honor Society in Political Science, Xi Pi
Chapter Advisor (2013-current)

STUDENT SERVICE

Faculty advisor: World Issues Roundtable (WIRT) 2004-2006
Faculty Editor: The Journal of The World Issues Roundtable (WIRT, Volume 1)
Facilitated lecture series, contacted scholars, government officials, etc.
WIRT published a student research journal fall, 2005 (copy included), which I edited
Faculty advisor: VCU Model UN (2005-2010)
Model UN Hosted a conference, Spring 2006, and won awards at a national conference, Fall 2006
College of Humanities and Sciences, Moderator for Student Debate on War in Iraq, April 2006
College of Humanities and Sciences, Moderator for Student Debate on Voting, March, 2008
College of Humanities and Sciences, Moderator for Student Debate, Gun Control, April 2008
Faculty Advisor, Americans For Informed Democracy (2010-2016)
VCU Launch, Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium: Judge, VCU Honors College,
2017-2019
VCU Honors College, National Scholarship Office: Fullbright Scholar Evaluation Committee;
2014-present
VCU Honors College, National Scholarship Office: CLS Fellowship Evaluation Committee,
2016-present

VCU Honors College, National Scholarship Office: Boren Fellowship Evaluation Committee, 2012-present

VCU AUCTUS, Faculty Section Editor for student academic journal, Social Science section, 2019-present

Pi Sigma Alpha, VCU Chapter, National Honor Society in Political Science, Xi Pi Chapter Advisor, 2014-present

Director, Political Science Student Research Conference, 2007-present (since 2007 we have attracted over 1000 students from VCU and dozens of universities and colleges around the region and 18 nations.

VCU Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Research Grant: Mentored Lena Sinanian for Microfinance NGO in Armenia program (received 500 dollar grant) 2015

VCU Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Research Grant: Mentored Jasmine Jaghab for Uyghurs as Chinese Policy Threat research, (received 250 dollar grant) 2017

VCU Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Research Grant: Mentored Jhanys Gardner for Genocide Early Warning Systems research AND assistance to create Herb Hirsch Genocide Library (500 dollar research grant) 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

International Studies Association (1999-2015)

- Peace studies section
- Human rights section

American Political Science Association (1998-2004, 2007-2015)

- Teaching and Learning Section
- International Relations Section

Midwest Political Science Association (2003-present)

Southern Political Science Association (2005-present)

Virginia Social Science Association (2009-present)

Board of Directors: Together Virginia (PAC)

Board of Directors: Alliance for Progressive Virginia

Board of Directors: Virginia Social Science Association

Board of Directors: Birdhouse Farmers Market and Community Garden

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Lucy Saladino Memorial Spaghetti Dinner (2007-present) 14 years of organizing and cooking spaghetti dinner for over 2000 people for Cystic Fibrosis Research. To date the “Spaghetti Dinner” has raised almost \$300,000.00 for CF Related Charities. 100% of all money goes to charity. I do all the cooking ☺

Recipient: CFF Fundraiser of The Year, Virginia Chapter, 2018-2019

CFF Inspiration Lifetime Award 2020

Lecturer: Covenant Woods State Department World Affairs Series, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

(Information Current as of January, 2023)