

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Politics (June 2022)
 Science & Justice Research Fellow
 University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
 Advisors: Dr. Sikina Jinnah and Dr. Roger Schoenman
- M. A. Political Science
 University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- B. A. International Affairs
 Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR

RESEARCH FIELDS/TEACHING INTERESTS

- Politics of Emerging Weapons Technologies/Military Innovation
- Critical Security Studies
- International Relations and IR Theory
- Technoscience and Global Security Politics
- US Foreign Policy (Contemporary and Historical)
- Science and Technology Studies (STS)
- Nationalism and Collective Identity Formation
- Pedagogy and Active Learning in International Relations

DISSERTATION PROJECT

Fighting in the Future Tense:

Norm Collision and Imaginaries in the Emergence of Autonomous Weapons

Within the current global security environment, several new military technologies hold the potential to transform warfare fundamentally and—by extension—how international actors use force toward political ends. In particular, autonomous weapon systems (AWS) emerged as a focal point of normative contestation at the global, domestic, and institutional levels. My research focuses on why the US, as the pre-eminent military power, is developing this weapons technology despite growing normative arguments against AWS at the international level. I draw on historical and discursive methods to argue that a collision between incompatible norm regimes, one within global governance structures and another across global security cultures, accounts for this disjuncture. My research suggests that international politics, in a profoundly constructivist sense, is embedded in the process of creating new military technologies like autonomous weapons via the logic of what I call the strategic imaginary.

(Successfully defended: June 2022)

PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

2024-present	Visiting Assistant Professor of International Affairs Berry College Dept. of Political Science and International Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contemporary World Politics (Introductory)• International Relations (Upper-Division)• Seminar in Political Science (Upper-Division)
2023-2024	Visiting Assistant Professor University of Massachusetts Boston McCormack Graduate School of Policy & Global Studies Dept. of Conflict Resolution, Human Security & Global Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theories and Concepts of International Relations (Graduate)• Doctoral Research Design (Graduate)• International Organizations (Graduate)• Doctoral Research Group (Graduate)
2023	Adjunct Professor Stevens Institute of Technology School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Politics (Introductory)
2021-2023	Adjunct Professor Iona University Dept. of Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Politics in Film (Upper-Division)• The American Presidency (Upper-Division)• Capstone in Political Science: National Security in Uncertain Times (Upper-Division)• Introduction to Global Politics (Introductory)
2022-2023	Adjunct Assistant Professor SUNY Farmingdale State College Dept. of History, Politics and Geography

- Introduction to International Relations (Introductory)
- Introduction to Politics (Introductory)

2016-2017 Summer Instructor | University of California, Santa Cruz | Dept. of Politics

- Introduction to International Relations (Introductory)

Courses Taught as Teaching Assistant

2022-2022 Teaching Assistant | University of California, Santa | Dept. of Environmental Studies

- Environmental Policy and Economics (Introductory)

2012-2017 Teaching Assistant | University of California, Santa | Dept. of Politics

- The Nation-State in Global Perspective (Introductory)
- Global Politics (Introductory)
- Nationalism (Introductory)
- Theories of International and World Politics (Upper-Division)
- Citizenship and Action (Introductory)
- Comparative Politics of the Developing World (Introductory)
- Constitutional Law (Introductory)
- Politics of East Asia (Upper Division)
- State and Capitalism in American Political Development (Upper Division)
- Security, Conflict, Violence, and War (Upper-Division)
- International Law (Upper-Division)
- Modern Political Thought (Upper-Division)
- International Political Economy, (Upper-Division)
- Politics, Labor, and Markets (Upper-Division)
- Global Climate Change Politics (Upper-Division)
- Early Modern Political Thought (Upper-Division)

2014 Teaching Assistant | University of California, Santa | Dept. of History

- US History to 1877 (Introductory)

Summer 2011 Teaching Assistant | Harvard University | Summer School

- Global Energy & Environmental Politics (Upper-Division)

WORKING PAPERS

"Strategic Instability in the Future Tense: Military Imaginaries, Autonomous Weapons, and Inadvertent Escalation" (Target for peer-review submission: October 2024)

"The Past as Prologue and the Future as Probable: The Function of History in Emerging Military Technologies" (Target for peer-review submission: December 2024)

"Making our World: Emerging Weapons Technology and the Security Imaginary"
(Target for peer-review submission: May 2025)

"Fighting in the Future Tense: Norm Collision and Imaginaries in the Emergence of
Autonomous Weapons" (Target book proposal submission: September 2025)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS IN ACADEMIA

- 2012 Assistant Director of Academics and Short-Term Programs
 Office of Global Studies
 St. John's University, Queens, NY
- 2005-2011 Assistant Coordinator for Study Abroad
 Center for International Education
 University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- 2004-2005 International Admissions Coordinator
 Study Group USA, New York, NY
- 2003 Program Coordinator
 Council on International Educational Exchange, Prague, Czechia
- 1999-2003 Program Advisor, Central Europe, Russia, and the Middle East
 Council on International Educational Exchange, New York, NY

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS, WORKSHOPS

Papers and Presentations

"Strategic Instability in the Future Tense: Military Imaginaries, Autonomous Weapons,
and Inadvertent Escalation" April 2024: ISA Annual Convention; San Francisco, CA

"Emergent Military Technologies: A Literature Review of Technoscience and
Transformation" April 2019: MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

"The Past as Prologue and the Future as Probable: The Function of History in Emerging
Military Technologies" May 2019: ISA Annual Convention; Toronto, Canada

"Making our World: Emerging Weapons Technology and the Security Imaginary" April
2018: ISA Annual Convention; San Francisco, CA

"Disembodiment and De-Sovereignty: The Vibrant, Distributed Agency of Drone
Warfare" February 2015: ISA Annual Convention; New Orleans, LA

"Disembodiment and De-Sovereignty: The Vibrant, Distributed Agency of Drone
Warfare" September 2014: ISA West; Pasadena, CA

"Integrating Research into Undergraduate Study Abroad and the International Affairs Curriculum: A Proposal" co-written with Dr. Ben Cole, February 2010: ISA Annual Convention; New Orleans, LA

"Waltz Among the Anarchist: Political Theories of Anarchy Applied to Waltz's Neo-Realism" October 2009: ISA Northeast; Baltimore, MD

Invited Lectures

"Global Insecurity and Technological Change"

Iona University, 2022

(Keynote speaker: Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony)

"New Trends in Global Conflict: The View from the Pentagon"

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2017

(Security, Conflict, Violence, and War)

"Climate Change and Security"

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2017 (Global Climate Change Politics)

"Theories of International Relations and Global Environmental Politics"

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2017

(Global Climate Change Politics)

"New Technologies and War: Cyber & Drone Warfare"

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2015

(Security, Conflict, Violence, War)

"Targeted Killing: The Individualization of International Violent Conflict"

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2015

(The Law of War)

"Global Environmental Politics"

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2013

(Global Politics)

"Free Trade, the Global South and the Evolving Global Climate and Chemicals Regimes"

Harvard University Summer School, 2011

(Global Energy & Environmental Politics)

"Other IR Theories: Constructivist, Critical, and Postmodern Perspectives on Identity"

University of New Hampshire, 2011

(Introduction to International Affairs)

Chair and Discussant

Chair, ISA Annual Convention; San Francisco, CA

"Rethinking War Ethics: The Complex Dilemmas of Contemporary Warfare"

April 2018

Chair and Discussant, University of New Hampshire, Undergraduate Research Conference, April 2010 and April 2011.

Workshops

University of Iceland, Reykjavik
"Emerging Arctic Conflicts, Law, and Ethics"
June 2018

University of California, Davis
"Science & Technology Studies Summer Retreat"
June 2015

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Memberships

2009-present International Studies Association
2011-present American Political Science Association
2018-2020 Midwest Political Science Association

Institutional Service

2019 UCSC Politics Department Teaching Assistant Training Co-instructor

2016-2017 UCSC Politics Department Graduate Representative (internal to department)

2012- 2013 UCSC Graduate Student Association, Representative for Politics Department

2012- 2013 UCSC Committee on International Education, Graduate Representative

Conference Organizer

Winter 2015 The H+ Film Festival: An Exploration of Cyborg Futures and Fictions in conjunction with Crown College Social Fiction Conference, UCSC

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 University of California, Santa Cruz Politics Department: Summer Research/Writing Fellowship

2015 University of California, Santa Cruz, The Science & Justice Research Fellowship Certificate

2015 University of California, Santa Cruz Politics Department: Summer Research/Writing Fellowship

2014-2015 University of California, Santa Cruz Politics Department:

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award

2012-2017 University of California, Santa Cruz: Politics Tuition Fellowship

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

1998-1999 Internship: New York, NY, The Eurasia Group

Spring 1996 Overseas Study: Budapest, Hungary, CIEE Program at Corvinus Univ.

Spring 1996 Internship: Budapest, Hungary, Center for Defense and Security Studies

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs

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COMPLETED GRADUATE COURSES

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

- Security & the Use of Force
- Pro-Seminar
- Theories of International Relations
- Introduction to Statistical Analysis
- American Federalism
- Global Energy & Environmental Politics
- American Ways of War
- Politics of Poverty
- US Foreign Policy

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

- Logics of Inquiry
- Politics of Protest
- Fundamentals of Political Research
- Political Economy of Affect
- Professional Development
- Social Forces and Political Change Core Seminar
- Comparative Methods
- Political and Social Thought Core Seminar
- Critical Interventions in IR Theory and Global Political Economy
- Teaching Assistant Seminar
- States and Political Institutions Core Seminar
- Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Making of the Modern
- Science and Justice: Experiments in Collaboration
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Conflict and Change in American Politics and Policy
- Multivariate Techniques for Psychology
- Topics in Feminist Science Studies

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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