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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Politics, University of Virginia, 2000
M.A., Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 1986
B.S., Foreign Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1984

PRESENT POSITION

Department of Politics and International Affairs, *Wake Forest University*

Full Teaching Professor, 2020-present
Associate Teaching Professor, 2014- 2020
Senior Lecturer, 2011-2014
Lecturer, 2008-2011
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2005-2008

PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

January 1997-present: *James Madison University* (1997;1999); *University of Virginia* (1997-2001); *Sweet Briar College* (1997-98; 1999-2005); *Randolph-Macon Women's College* (2002); *Randolph-Macon College* (2003; 2005)

SPECIAL ACADEMIC INTERESTS

International Relations
Irregular Warfare; Globalization and Geopolitics; Terrorism; Intelligence

COURSES TAUGHT:

Terrorism and Political Violence
Intelligence and International Politics
Irregular Warfare

Globalization
Politics of Global Media and Culture
International Law
Nationalism and World Order
Geopolitics of James Bond

International Political Economy
Political Economy of Development

Introduction to International Relations
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to Political Theory/ Political Philosophy

Political Economy of East Asia
Asian Financial Crisis
East Asian Politics
Politics of India and Pakistan / Comparative Politics of South Asia

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Coordinator, *Great Decisions Speaker Series*, Center for Global Programs and Studies, Wake Forest University (2016-)

Faculty Adviser, *Wake Forest Model United Nations*, (2009-)

Faculty Adviser, *Chi Psi Alpha Fraternity* (2016-)

Faculty Adviser, *Pi Sigma Alpha* political science honor society (2021-2023)

Faculty Adviser, *Philomathesian Society* (2021-2022)

Faculty Adviser, *College Republicans* (2021-)

Faculty Adviser, *Young Americans for Freedom* (2022-)

Chair and Faculty Member, *Committee on Student Life* (2016-2019)

Member, *Faculty Fulbright Committee*, (Fall 2019)

Resident Professor, *Wake in Washington Program* (Spring 2019)

Faculty Director, *Worrell House London Program*, (Spring 2015)

Faculty Director, *Wake Forest University Summer Program in Fez, Morocco* (2008 and 2010)

Faculty Director, *Wake Forest University "Helping Hands" Service Trip to Russia*, Spring 2007 (trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg May 10-24, 2007)

Faculty Participant, *President Leadership Conference*, Wake Forest University, September 14-15, 2018.

Faculty Discussion Leader, *Project Wake Book Discussion*, First-Year Orientation, Fall 2017.

Moderator, *Undergraduate Research Symposium*, Wake Forest University, September 26, 2008; October 4, 2013.

Instructor, "Globalization", *The Ben Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative: Summer Institute for Youth*, Wake Forest University, July 9-12, 2007

Academic Advisory Board, *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in World Politics*, McGraw-Hill Publishers.

Member, *Omicron Delta Kappa*, Wake Forest University

Masters Theses Reader (Department of Communications)

Honors Thesis and Independent Study Advisor (Department of Political Science)

PANELS, CONFERENCES AND TALKS

Speaker, "Geopolitics of Energy", *Great Decisions Speaker Series*, Wake Forest University, April 6, 2023.

Moderator, "Challenges to America in the Middle East: OPEC and Otherwise", *Alexander Hamilton Society*, Wake Forest University, October 27, 2022.

Speaker, "Russia vs. NATO: Crisis in Ukraine", *Great Decisions Speaker Series*, Wake Forest University, April 14, 2022.

Panelist, "Why the Russia-Ukraine Conflict Matters", *Department of Politics and International Affairs*, Wake Forest University, April 4, 2022.

Moderator, "Russia's Invasion of Ukraine and its Implications", Speaker Dr. Jeffrey Gedmin, *Alexander Hamilton Society*, Wake Forest University, March 23, 2022.

Speaker, "The Ukraine Conflict and the Russia-China Relationship in the Global Order", *Young Americans for Freedom Seminar*, February 23, 2022.

Speaker, "United States Intervention in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict", *Philomathesian Society*, Wake Forest University, September 30, 2021

Speaker, "The State of Al Qaeda and ISIS in 2019", *Brunch and Learn*, Wake Washington Center, Washington, D.C., February 23, 2019

Keynote Speaker, "'No Fear' Battalion Spring Formal", Wake Forest ROTC Department, Wake Forest University, April 28, 2018.

Speaker, "Warning Strike: Syria, Trump and the Middle East", *Euzelian Society*, April 18, 2017

Speaker, "Nuclear Politics", *Great Decisions 2017*, Wake Forest University Center for Global Studies, April 13, 2017

Speaker, "The Rise of ISIS" and "The European Refugee Crisis", *Adventures in Learning*, Shephard Center, Winston-Salem, NC, October 25-27, 2016

Moderator, "The Syrian Refugee Crisis and its Role in the 2016 Presidential Election" *Wake the Vote*, Wake Forest University, October 9, 2016.

"The Rise of ISIS", *Great Decisions 2016*, Wake Forest University Center for International Studies, April 7, 2016.

Speaker, "The Nuclear Agreement With Iran", *Euzelian-Roosevelt Society*, February 11, 2016.

Guest Speaker, "China's Security Environment", ROTC Leadership Lab, Wake Forest University Department of Military Science, February 4, 2016

Panels, Conferences and Talks (cont.)

“The Internet: Control, Security and Regulation”, Talk and Discussion, *Roosevelt Society*, Wake Forest University, November 19, 2015

Panelist, “The Syrian Tragedy: Human Rights, Security Dilemma, and Global Responsibilities”, Wake Forest University, October 6, 2015

“ISIS and American Foreign Policy”, Talk and Discussion, *Euzelian Society*, Wake Forest University, September 9, 2014

Panelist, “Rethinking America’s Global Engagement”, *Euzelian, Arch, and Roosevelt Societies Symposium*, Wake Forest University, April 12, 2014

“An Analysis of U.S. Drone Policy”, Middle East and South Asia Studies Program Lecture Series, November 13, 2013, Wake Forest University.

“Assessing Threats to the United States”, *Great Decisions 2013*, Wake Forest University Center for International Studies, March 26, 2013.

“Sanctions and Nonproliferation”, *Great Decisions 2011*, Wake Forest University Center for International Studies, April 21, 2011

Respondent, “Public Debate With Paisley Magnet School Students”, *Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities: Symposium*, Wake Forest University, April 7, 2011

Panelist, “The Arab Spring”, *Interdisciplinary Panel on Political Transformation in the Middle East*, Wake Forest University, April 5, 2011

Panelist, Panel Chair, *The Biennial Wake Forest Argumentation Conference*, Wake Forest University, March 20, 2010

“Transnational Crime: Globalization’s Shadowy Stepchild”, *Great Decisions 2010*, Wake Forest University Center for International Studies, March 18, 2010

Panelist, “What’s Next for the Middle East?”, Wake Forest University College Democrats, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, April 2, 2007

“Central Asia: Three Power Resource Rivalry”, *Great Decisions 2007*, Wake Forest University Center for International Studies, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, March 29, 2007.

Panelist, “The Immigration Debate”, VOICES (Wake Forest University student association) panel discussion, October 24, 2006.

“Terrorism and Political Violence”, Wake Forest University College Democrats Speaker Series, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, September 26, 2006.

“India and China: Competition and Cooperation”, *Great Decisions 2006*, Wake Forest University Center for International Studies, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, April 13, 2006

Panels, Conferences and Talks (cont.)

"States and Business in East Asian Regionalism: Japan and China between Rivalry & Integration", paper presented at a conference on "Managing Globalization: The Role of Business and the State", University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, October 22, 2004.

Center for South Asia Studies, 18th Annual Conference, University of California-Berkeley, February 14, 2003

- paper presentation: "The BJP and the World Trade Organization: From *Swadeshi* To Globalization"
- panel discussant, *Managing Pressures of Globalization: Local, National, and International Dimensions of India's Attempts to Engage the Global Economy*

"Strange Bedfellows: U.S. Foreign Policy and Antiterrorism Coalition", Sweet Briar College Lunch and Learn Series: "Understanding the War on Terrorism", January 30, 2002.

"The Historical and Ideological Roots of Hindutva", guest lecture for 'War and Peace in South Asia', Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, July 12, 2000.

"Teaching About South Asia in Relation to Social Studies S.O.L.'s", workshop for secondary school teachers, Roanoke, Virginia, April 10, 2000.

"Grassroots Globalization in India: Swadeshi and the Politics of the World Trade Organization", paper presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the IPSA Research Committee on Socio-Political Pluralism, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, September 18, 1998.

"The BJP and the 1998 Parliamentary Elections", panel presentation, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Virginia, March, 1998.

"Internationalization and Nativist Politics in India", Panel Presentation; Economic Security and Prosperity in Asia Panel, at Asia to 2010: The Interdependence of Security & Prosperity. Conference sponsored by University of Virginia East Asia Center and the Atlantic Council of the United States (ACUS), University of Virginia, November 2, 1996.

"Economic Nationalism and the 1996 Parliamentary Elections in India": Roundtable Presentation, Center For South Asian Studies, University of Virginia, October 25, 1996.

"Economic Policy and the 1996 Parliamentary Elections in India", Joint-Presentation with John Echeverri-Gent, 25th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, October 20, 1996.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

["Battering Down Chinese Walls? Globalization and Democratization in the People's Republic of China"](#), *Al Ahram Democracy Review*, October 2007, pp. 66-78

["Swadeshi's in Competition: Enron and India's Anti-Globalization Movement"](#), *Contemporary Politics*, December 2007, pp. 313-329.

“[What is Civic Renewal? A Guide to the Civil Society Debate](#)”, *Center for Civic Renewal*, Sweet Briar College, October 2000.

BOOK SECTIONS

“[Cyberwar and Espionage](#)”, in Brent S. Steele, ed., *Science and Politics: An A-to-Z Guide to Issues and Controversies*, Sage, 2014, pp. 116-120

“[Terrorism, Domestic](#)”, “[Terrorism, Middle East](#)”, and “[Philanthropy](#)”, David Coates, ed., *The Oxford Companion to American Politics*, 2012.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Craig Whitlock, *The Afghanistan Papers: A Secret History of the War*, New York: Simon and Schuster, 2021 in [The Independent Review](#), Winter 2021/2022

Textbook Reviews:

*Brigitte L. Nacos, *Terrorism and Counterterrorism*, 3rd ed., Pearson, 2010

*Jeffrey A. Frieden, David A. Lake and Kenneth A. Schultz, *World Politics*, W.W. Norton & Company, 2010

Review of Bruce Podobnik, *Global Energy Shifts: Fostering Sustainability in a Turbulent Age* (Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press, 2006) in *Labor History Journal*

Review of Mary Ann Tétreault and Robert A. Denemark, *Gods, Guns & Globalization: Religious Radicalism & International Political Economy*: (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2004.) in [The Journal of Politics](#), Vol. 67, No. 4 (Nov., 2005), pp. 1314-1316.

Review of Ross Mallick, *Development, Ethnicity and Human Rights in South Asia*, in *INCORE: The Ethnic Conflict Review Digest*, March 2000, p. 16

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Program Coordinator, *Center for Civic Renewal*, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia (September 2000-June 2004) (www.civicrenewal.org)

- Worked with Director and Assistant-Director to create speaker events, solicit speakers, arrange logistics for speaker weekends, and coordinate public relations for these events. (2000 Technology and Democracy; 2002 Religion in the Public Square; 2003 Black History Month, etc.)
- Edited and created template for Center for Civic Renewal newsletter and coordinated mass-mailing
- created and edited first CCR website

KPMG Peat Marwick, Honolulu, Hawaii: translator (Japanese to English) and research assistant for the Management Consulting Division. (February -October, 1991)

United Friendship Organization Academy, Sabae, Japan: English instructor (August 1989 – October 1990)

Minobu High School, Minobu, Japan: Assistant English Teacher, Ministry of Education JET (Japanese English Teacher) Program. (August 1988-August 1990)

Smith Bucklin, Washington, DC: Association Management: executive assistant. (October 1987 – June 1988)

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA: Executive Assistant, Division of Training and Development (July 1986 – May 1987)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Advanced German, Japanese, French, and Spanish; intermediate Hindi and Italian