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## EMPLOYMENT

2004-present: Professor of Political Science and Mershon Professor of International Security, Ohio State University

1999-2004: Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago

1997-1999: Associate Professor of Government, Dartmouth College

1995-1997: Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University

1989-1995: Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University

## EDUCATION

1989 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Minnesota

1982 B.A., Political Science major, Philosophy minor, Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2015 Quantum Mind and Social Science: Unifying Physical and Social Ontology, Cambridge University Press

Translations: Chinese and Korean forthcoming

1999 Social Theory of International Politics, Cambridge University Press

“Best Book of the Decade” Award (2006) from the International Studies Association (my primary professional affiliation)

Translations (12): Chinese (2000), Farsi (2005), Lithuanian (2005), Korean (2006), Arabic (2007), Italian (2007); Romanian (2011), Turkish (2012), Serbian (2014), Japanese, Polish, and Portuguese forthcoming

### Edited Books

2010 New Systems Theories of World Politics, edited by Mathias Albert, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Alexander Wendt, Palgrave

### Articles and Chapters

2018 “The Mind-Body Problem and Social Science: Motivating a Quantum Social Theory,” Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour, 48, 188-204

2010 “Flatland: Quantum Mind and the International Hologram,” in Mathias Albert, Lars-Erik Cederman, and Alexander Wendt, eds., New Systems Theories of World Politics, Palgrave, pp. 279-310

2009 “Why There Is International Theory Now” (with Duncan Snidal), International Theory, 1(1), 1-14

2008 “Sovereignty and the UFO” (with Raymond Duvall), Political Theory, 36(4), 607-633

2006 “*Social Theory* as Cartesian Science: An Auto-Critique from a Quantum Perspective,” in Stefano Guzzini and Anna Leander, eds., Constructivism and International Relations: Alexander Wendt and his Critics, Routledge, pp. 181-219

2005 “Agency, Teleology, and the World State: A Reply to Shannon,” European Journal of International Relations, 11(4), 589-598

“How Not to Argue Against State Personhood,” Review of International Studies, 31(2), 357-60

- 2004 “The State as Person in International Theory,” Review of International Studies, 30(2), 289-316
- 2003 “Why a World State is Inevitable,” European Journal of International Relations, 9(4), 491-542
- 2001 “Driving with the Rearview Mirror: On the Rational Science of Institutional Design,” International Organization, 55(4), 1019-1049
- “Rationalism *v.* Constructivism? A Skeptical View” (with James Fearon), in Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse, and Beth Simmons, eds., Handbook of International Relations, Sage Publications, pp. 52-72
- 2000 “What is IR For? Notes Toward a Post-Critical View,” in Richard Wyn Jones, ed., Critical Theory and World Politics, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, pp. 205-224
- “On the Via Media: A Response to the Critics,” Review of International Studies, 26(1), 165-180.
- 1999 “A Comment on Held’s Cosmopolitanism,” in Ian Shapiro and Casiano Hacker-Cordon, eds., Democracy’s Edges, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 127-133
- 1998 “On Constitution and Causation in International Relations,” Review of International Studies, 24 (special issue), 101-117
- 1997 “The Misunderstood Promise of Realist Social Theory” (with Ian Shapiro), in Kristen Monroe, ed., Contemporary Empirical Political Theory, Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 166-187
- 1996 “Norms, Identity and Culture in National Security” (with Ronald Jepperson and Peter Katzenstein), in P. Katzenstein, ed., The Culture of National Security, New York: Columbia University Press, pp. 33-75
- 1995 “Hierarchy Under Anarchy: Informal Empire and the East German State” (with Daniel Friedheim), International Organization, 49, 689-721; earlier version in Thomas Biersteker and Cynthia Weber, eds. (1996), State Sovereignty as Social Construct, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 240-277

- “Constructing International Politics,” International Security, 19, 71-81
- 1994 “Collective Identity Formation and the International State,” American Political Science Review, 88, 384-396; revised as “Identity and Structural Change in International Politics,” in Yosef Lapid and Friedrich Kratochwil, eds. (1996), The Return of Culture and Identity to International Theory, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, pp. 47-66
- 1993 “Dependent State Formation and Third World Militarization” (co-authored with Michael Barnett), Review of International Studies, 19, 321-347
- 1992 “Anarchy is What States Make of It: The Social Construction of Power Politics,” International Organization, 46(2), 391-425
- “The Difference that Realism Makes: Social Science and the Politics of Consent” (with Ian Shapiro), Politics and Society, 20(2), 197-223
- “The International System and Dependent Militarization” (with Michael Barnett), in Brian Job, ed., The Insecurity Dilemma: National Security of Third World States, Boulder: Lynne Rienner, pp. 97-119
- 1991 “Review essay: Bridging the Theory/Meta-Theory Gap in International Relations,” Review of International Studies, 17, 383-392; reply from Martin Hollis and Steve Smith followed by my “Levels of Analysis vs. Agents and Structures: Part III,” ibid., 18, 181-185, and another reply
- 1989 “Institutions and International Order” (with Raymond Duvall), in Ernst-Otto Czempiel and James Rosenau, eds., Global Changes and Theoretical Challenges, Lexington: Lexington Books, pp. 51-74
- 1987 “The Agent-Structure Problem in International Relations Theory,” International Organization, 41(3), 335-370

#### Manuscripts in Pipeline

- “Why IR Scholars Should Care about Quantum Theory”; this is an introduction (4035 words) to a forum on my book, QMASS, and has been conditionally accepted at International Theory for some time. I have been waiting on the other authors before completing my final revisions
- “Beyond the Limit Case: On Some Classical Critiques of Quantum Mind and Social Science”; this is a response to critics (8637 words), and has been

conditionally accepted at International Theory for some time. I have been waiting on the other authors before completing my final revisions

“Quantizing IR: The Case for Quantum Approaches to International Theory and Security Practice” (with James Der Derian); this is a framing essay for a special issue of Security Dialogue on quantum approaches to international security, which is currently under review

“Quantum Theory as Critical: Entanglement, Alienation, and the Politics of Social Physics” (about 50% complete as of 6/15/2019); a free-standing article that I plan to submit to the APSR by the early fall

### Other Publications

2010 “Militant Agnosticism and the UFO Taboo” (co-authored with Raymond Duvall), in Leslie Kean, ed., UFOs: Generals, Pilots, and Government Officials Go on the Record, New York: Harmony Books, pp. 269-281

### JOURNAL EDITOR

With Duncan Snidal I am co-founder and co-editor (emeritus as of March 1, 2019) of International Theory, published by Cambridge University Press. IT brings together international relations theory, international legal theory, and international political theory, and in 2017 had a 5-year Impact Factor of 2.594 (16<sup>th</sup> out of 86 IR journals).

### TEACHING AREAS

Quantum Social Science  
International Relations Theory  
Social Theory and Philosophy of Social Science  
International Organization and Global Governance

### EXTERNAL RECOGNITION

From the Final Report of the 2013 TRIP Survey of IR scholars in the U.S.:

#1 in answer to the question, “Name Four Scholars Who Have Had the Most Influence on the Field of IR in the Past 20 Years”