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curriculum vitae – August 2019

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Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-present
Faculty Affiliate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 2009-present
Research Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, 2018-present
Associate Editor, *Security Studies*, 2015-2019
Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2010-2011
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2001-2009

Research Interests

International relations; international organization and law; international political economy; international environmental politics; U.S. foreign policy

Education

Ph.D., 2001, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science
M.A., 1997, University of Chicago, Department of Political Science
B.A., 1994, Connecticut College, International Relations, *summa cum laude*

Book

Channels of Power: The UN Security Council and U.S. Statecraft in Iraq. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2009.

- winner of the Chadwick F. Alger Prize, International Studies Association
- winner of the J. David Singer Book Award, International Studies Association

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

Forthcoming. "Once Bitten, Twice Shy? Investment Disputes, State Sovereignty and Change in Treaty Design." *International Organization*. (with Tomer Broude and Yoram Z. Haftel)

2019. "The Power in Opacity: Rethinking Information in International Organizations." In *International Institutions and Power Politics*, edited by T.V. Paul and Anders Wivel. Georgetown University Press. (with Austin Carson)

2018. "When Do States Renegotiate Investment Agreements? The Impact of Arbitration." *Review of International Organizations* 13(1): 25-48. (with Yoram Z. Haftel)

2018. "Who Cares about Regulatory Space in BITs? A Comparative International Approach." In *Comparative International Law*, edited by Anthea Roberts, Paul Stephan, Pierre-Hugues Verdier & Mila Versteeg. Oxford University Press. (with Tomer Broude & Haftel)

2017. "The Trans-Pacific Partnership and Regulatory Space: A Comparison of Treaty Texts." *Journal of International Economic Law* 20(2): 391-417. (with Haftel & Broude)
2015. "Efficient Orchestration? The Global Environment Facility in the Governance of Climate Adaptation." In *International Organizations as Orchestrators*, edited by Kenneth W. Abbott, Philipp Genschel, Duncan Snidal & Bernhard Zangl, 114-38. Cambridge University Press. (with Erin R. Graham)
2014. "Multilateralism, Bilateralism, and Regime Design." *International Studies Quarterly* 58(1): 15-28. (with Daniel Verdier)
2013. "Delayed Ratification: The Domestic Fate of Bilateral Investment Treaties." *International Organization* 67(2): 355-87. (with Haftel)
2013. "Coercive Enforcement of International Law." In *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Law and International Relations*, edited by Jeffrey L. Dunoff & Mark A. Pollack, 502-23. Cambridge University Press.
2012. "Why Did Bush Bypass the UN in 2003? Unilateralism, Multilateralism and Presidential Leadership." *White House Studies* 11(4): 345-64.
2011. "International Organization: Institutions and Order in World Politics." In *Production of Legal Rules*, edited by Francesco Parisi (*Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, 2nd Ed.). Edward Elgar Press. (with Duncan Snidal)
2010. "Rational Design in Motion: Uncertainty and Flexibility in the Global Climate Regime." *European Journal of International Relations* 16(2): 269-96.
2010. "The Politics of IO Performance: A Framework." *Review of International Organizations* 5(3): 227-48. (with Tamar Gutner)
2010. "Mitigation through Resource Transfers to Developing Countries: Expanding Greenhouse Gas Offsets." In *Post-Kyoto International Climate Policy*, edited by Robert N. Stavins & Joseph E. Aldy, 439-68. Cambridge University Press. (with Andrew Keeler)
2009. "The Rational Enforcement of International Law: Solving the Sanctioners' Dilemma." *International Theory* 1(2): 307-21.
2006. "Coercion through IOs: The Security Council and the Logic of Information Transmission." *International Organization* 61(1): 1-34.
 -winner of the Robert O. Keohane Award
 -reprinted in Lisa L. Martin, ed., *Global Governance*. Ashgate, 2008, pp. 135-69.
2006. "The Independence of International Organizations: Concept and Applications." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 60(2): 253-75. (with Haftel)
2006. "Screening Power: International Organizations as Informative Agents." In *Delegation and Agency in International Organizations*, edited by Darren G. Hawkins, David A. Lake, Daniel L. Nielson & Michael M. Tierney, 229-54. Cambridge University Press.
2006. "Management under Anarchy: The International Politics of Climate Change." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 7-29.
2006. "Adaptive Management of the Global Climate Problem: Bridging the Gap between Climate Research and Climate Policy." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 217-25. (with 11 co-authors)

2006. "Economy, Politics and Institutions: From Adaptation to Adaptive Management in Climate Change." *Climatic Change* 78(1): 1-5. (with J. Arvai, B. Sohngen, P. Robbins & T. Koontz)
2003. "International Commitments and Domestic Politics: Institutions and Actors at Two Levels." In *Locating the Proper Authorities: The Interaction of Domestic and International Institutions*, edited by Daniel W. Drezner, 197-230. University of Michigan Press. (with Duncan Snidal)
2002. "Applying Rational Choice Theory to International Law: The Promise and Pitfalls." *Journal of Legal Studies* 31(1): S285-S306.
2000. "Canadian Foreign Policy and Straddling Stocks: Sustainability in an Interdependent World." *Policy Studies Journal* 28(1): 219-35.
2000. "International Organization." In *Encyclopedia of Law & Economics, Vol. 5*, edited by Boudewijn Bouckaert & Gerrit De Geest, 692-722. Edward Elgar. (with Snidal)

Journal Special Issues

2010. Co-Editor, *The Politics of IO Performance. Review of International Organizations*, Vol. 5, No. 3. (with Tamar Gutner)
2006. Co-Editor, *Economy, Politics and Institutions: From Adaptation to Adaptive Management in Climate Change. Climatic Change*, Vol. 78, No. 1. (with Arvai, Koontz, Robbins & Sohngen).

Other Publications

- "The Future of the Financial Mechanism." In *The Paris Agreement and Beyond: International Climate Change Policy Post-2020*, edited by Robert N. Stavins & Robert C. Stowe. Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, October 2016.
- "The Global Regime for Climate Finance: Political and Legal Challenges." In *The Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change Law*, edited by Cinnamon P. Carlarne, Kevin R. Gray & Richard Tarasofsky, 141-64. Oxford University Press, 2016.
- "Analyzing the Performance of International Organizations." In *Routledge Handbook on the European Union and International Institutions*, edited by Knud Erik Jørgensen & Katie Verlin Laatikainen, 55-70. Routledge, 2013. (with Tamar Gutner)
- "The Politics of Investment Treaty Ratification," UN Conference on Trade and Development, Featured Discussion, December 17, 2013. (with Yoram Z. Haftel)
- "Industrialized-Country Mitigation Policy and Resource Transfers to Developing Countries: Improving and Expanding Greenhouse Gas Offsets." Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements Discussion Paper 08-05, September 2008. (with Andrew Keeler)
- "Kyoto Protocol." *Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, edited by Paul Robbins. Sage Publications, 2007.
- "Extreme-Right Discourse and Anti-Immigrant Violence in Europe: Implications of the French Case." Center for German & Europe Studies Working Paper Series, Georgetown University, May 1999.

Book Reviews

- Review of *The Performance of International Courts and Tribunals*, edited by Theresa Squatrito, Oran R. Young, Andreas Follesdal, and Geir Ulfstein (Cambridge, 2018). *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2019.
- Review of *Coalitions of Convenience: United States Military Interventions after the Cold War*, by Sarah E. Kreps (Oxford, 2011). H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable, Vol. IV, No. 7 (2012).
- Review of *The UN Security Council and the Politics of International Authority*, edited by Bruce Cronin and Ian Hurd (Routledge, 2008), and *The United States and the Security Council*, by Brian Frederking (Routledge, 2007). *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2009.
- Review of *Council Unbound: The Growth of UN Decision Making on Conflict and Postconflict Issues after the Cold War*, by Michael J. Matheson (USIP Press, 2006), and *UN Peacekeeping: Myth and Reality*, by Andrzej Sitkowski (Praeger, 2006). *Political Science Quarterly*, Winter 2007-08.
- Review of *Democracy from Above: Regional Organizations and Democratization*, by Jon C. Pevehouse (Cambridge, 2005). *Review of International Organizations*, September 2006.
- Review of *Governance in a Global Economy: Political Authority in Transition*, edited by Miles Kahler & David A. Lake (Princeton, 2003). *Perspectives on Politics*, December 2004.

Invited Talks & Workshops

- University of Zurich, Workshop on International Organization Dissolution, June 2019
- Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva, May 2019
- Technical University of Munich, IR Speaker Series, May 2019
- Ludwig Maximilian University, Center for Advanced Studies, Munich, November 2018
- European University Institute, Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Florence, May 2018
- Santa Barbara City College, Global Studies, April 2018
- Duke University, Security, Peace and Conflict Workshop, November 2017
- Oxford University, Nuffield College, Workshop on the Governor's Dilemma, September 2017
- University of Chicago, Compliance in International Security Institutions Workshop, May 2017
- International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington, Brown Bag Lunch Workshop, March 2017
- European Consortium for Political Research, Keynote Roundtable on International Institutions and Global Power Shifts, Prague, Sept. 2016
- Harvard Kennedy School, Workshop on Climate Policy after Paris, July 2016
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of International Relations, May 2016
- Freie Universität Berlin, Workshop on Text Analysis and International Institutions, Jan. 2016
- University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science, November 2015
- Dartmouth College, Dickey Center, May 2015
- German Development Institute, Conference on the Political Economy of Investment Agreements, Bonn, Dec. 2014
- Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, Oct. 2014
- Princeton University, Niehaus Center, May 2014
- University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center, April 2014
- Clark University, George Perkins Marsh Institute, April 2014
- University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics, Nov. 2013
- Ohio Wesleyan University, Sagan National Colloquium, Oct. 2013
- University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, Workshop on Global Climate Cooperation, July 2013
- Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), May 2013
- Mercator Research Institute and Harvard Project on Climate Agreements, Berlin, Workshop on Identifying Options for a New International Climate Regime, May 2013

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, IOs as Orchestrators conference, May 2012
Case Western Reserve University, Briskin Global Currents Lecture Series, March 2012
Temple University, Beasley School of Law, International Law and International Relations conference, May 2011
Yale University, Leitner Program, International Environmental Policymaking and Agreements conference, April 2011
George Washington University, Institute for Global and International Studies, Feb. 2011
University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2010
Hofstra University, Kalikow Center, Presidential Leadership at the UN symposium, Oct. 2010
International Center for Climate Governance and Harvard Project on International Climate Agreements, Workshop on Institutions for Climate Governance, Venice, May 2010
University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, April 2010
Yale University, IR Workshop, March 2010
Connecticut College, Department of Government, March 2010
Harvard Law School, IR-IL Workshop, Feb. 2010
University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, Oct. 2009
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Sept. 2009
Columbia University International Politics Seminar, Oct. 2008
Northwestern University, IR Theory Colloquium, May 2008
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Political Science, April 2008
University of Texas, Austin, Department of Political Science, April 2008
McGill University, Research Group in International Security, Nov. 2007
University of Chicago, Program on Political Institutions, Oct. 2007
University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, Oct. 2004
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, Feb. 2004
Georgetown University, Workshop on Intervention, Oct. 2003
UC San Diego, Workshop on Delegation to International Organizations, Sept. 2003
Graduate Institute of International Studies (HEI), Geneva, May 2003
Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, April 2003
Boston College, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2001
University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Affairs, Oct. 2001
Indiana University, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Nov. 1998

Conference Presentations (selected)

APSA: 1998-2001, 2003, 2005-08, 2011-13, 2015, 2017-18
ISA: 2001-03, 2005-08, 2010, 2012-19
European Consortium for Political Research: 2007, 2009, 2016
Midwest Political Science Association: 2001-02, 2005, 2007-08
International Political Economy Society: 2006, 2008, 2011, 2018
Political Economy of International Organizations: 2018
Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS): 2005
American Society of International Law: 2014
Berlin Conference on the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change: 2005

Awards and Grants

2018-20 Visiting Research Fellowship, Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München (LMU Munich) (in-residence May-July 2019)
2018-19 Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "Interests, Power and the Evolution Global Climate Institutions"
2018-19 Casper Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University

- 2014 Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "The Politics of Climate Finance: Bridging the North-South Divide"
- 2011 J. David Singer Book Award, International Studies Association-Midwest
- 2011 Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, Ohio State
- 2010 Chadwick F. Alger Prize for best book on international organization and multilateralism, International Studies Association
- 2008 Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "The Performance of International Organizations"
- 2007 Robert O. Keohane Award for best article by an untenured scholar in *International Organization* during the previous year
- 2007 International Studies Association, Venture Research Workshop Grant (co-PI with Tamar Gutner)
- 2004-05 Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "IO Legitimation and the Use of Force"
- 2005 Finalist, College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award, Ohio State
- 2002-03 Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "Channeling Statecraft: Economic Coercion through International Organizations"
- 2002-03 Faculty Seed Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State
- 2002-03 Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, "Human Elements of Global Warming in the International Context"
- 2000-2001 Mellon Foundation Final-Year Dissertation Fellowship
- 2000 Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago (declined)
- 1999-2000 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship
- 1999 Program on International Security Policy research grant, University of Chicago
- 1998 Summer Research Grant, Center for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation, University of Chicago
- 1994 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1990-1994 American Foreign Service Association Academic Scholarship

Professional Service

Associate Editor, *Security Studies*, 2015-19

Referee (selected): *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *World Politics*, *International Security*, *American J. of Political Science*, *J. of Politics*, *European J. of International Relations*, *Security Studies*, *British J. of Political Science*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *J. of European Public Policy*, *J. of Peace Research*, *Review of International Organizations*, *The World Economy*, *Global Governance*, *International Theory*, *International Environmental Agreements*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Studies Review*, *J. of International Relations and Development*, *International Interactions*, *Global Policy*, *Environmental Science & Policy*, *Climatic Change*, *Journal of International Organizations Studies*, National Science Foundation, Swiss National Science Foundation, Cornell University Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Westview Press, W.W. Norton

Department Committees

Diversity Committee (2019-present); Admissions and Recruitment (2019-present); Graduate Studies (2001-03, 2010-12, 2018-present) (Chair/DGS, 2010-11); Speaker Series Committee, Chair (2017-18); Graduate Program Committee (2017-18); Chair's Executive Committee (2010-17); IR Field Head (2011-16); Undergraduate Studies (2006-10, 2013-18); Annual Review Committee (2014-15); Admissions (2011-12); Political Economy Field Head (2011-2013); Faculty Search Committee (2002-04, 2006-07, 2015-16); Financial Aid (2004-06); IR Search Committee, University of Chicago (1998)

University Service (selected)

2012-present Faculty Advisor, Collegiate Council on World Affairs (student organization)
2007-present Co-Director, Workshop on Globalization, Mershon Center
2016-19 Faculty Advisory Council, College of Arts & Sciences
2011-19 International Studies Program Oversight Committee
2012-16 Mershon Center Internal Advisory Committee
2012-14 Division of Social & Behavior Sciences, Student Recruitment Panel
2012-15 Hayes Chair Search and Speaker Committee, Mershon Center
2005-10 Environmental Citizenship Minor Committee
2008-09 Advisor, International Studies Student Advisory Committee

Other Professional Activities (selected)

Member, ISA award committee, IPE Distinguished Scholar (2018-present)
Member, ISA award committee, Chadwick Alger Prize (2010-2013)
Expert Reviewer, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Working Group III (2011-12)
Advisory Board, Delegation of Power to International Organizations (DELPOWIO) Project, European Research Council (2016-19)
Advisory Board, Explaining the Performance of Transnational Public-Private Governance Initiatives, University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) (2018-present)
Coordinator, Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES), University of Chicago (1998-1999)

Teaching and Advising

Undergraduate courses taught: Global Politics, The United Nations System, International Environmental Politics, The Politics of Global Problems
Graduate courses taught: Theories of International Relations, International Organization, International Political Economy
Advising: Dissertation committee member for 35 students (Chair for 8)
Undergraduate thesis advisor for 12 students