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Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

American University
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Academic Positions

American University – Washington, DC
Senior Professorial Lecturer, School of International Service, 2022-Present
Professorial Lecturer, School of International Service, 2017-2022
Adjunct Instructor, School of International Service, 2013-2017

Emerson Preparatory School – Washington, DC
Social Studies Department Head, 2012-2014
International Studies Faculty, Social Studies Department, 2011-2014

Education

American University, School of International Service
Doctor of Philosophy – International Relations, 2017
Dissertation: *Trading Spaces: Openness, Deconcentration, and the Great Recession*
Committee: Stephen Silvia (Chair), Miles Kahler, Joseph Young, Aaron Boesenecker

University of Kentucky
Master of Arts – Diplomacy and International Commerce, 2009
Concentration: Development

Miami University
Bachelor of Arts – Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs & Philosophy, 2007
Dolibois European Center, Luxembourg, Spring 2005

Teaching Interests

International Relations

International Relations Theory

International Human Rights

International Political Economy

Research Methods

Social Science Research Design

Quantitative Methods

Philosophy of Science

Teaching Experience

American University

- *Quantitative Methods*
- *International Studies: History, Theory, Practice*
- *Introduction to International Studies Research*
- *International Diplomacy*

National Student Leadership Conference Lecture Series

- *Key Concepts and History of World Politics*
- *Theories of International Relations*
- *Issues in World Politics*

Emerson Preparatory School

- *Advanced International Relations*
- *Advanced Research Colloquium: Conduct of Social Science Inquiry*
- *Arab Spring: Revolution and Evolution in Comparative Perspective*
- *Comparative Politics*
- *Critical Thinking*
- *Current Events in a Globalized World*
- *International Human Rights*
- *Introduction to Moral Philosophy*
- *Peace and Conflict Resolution*
- *Political Geography: Borders, Blood, and Belonging*
- *Principles of Macroeconomics*
- *Principles of Microeconomics*
- *Topics in Modern World Politics*
- *World Politics*

Presentations

2024 International Studies Association Annual Convention **San Francisco, CA**

Utopia at a Crossroads: Thinking Theoretically About the Future of Human Rights

2019 International Studies Association Annual Convention **Toronto, ON**

Power over Rules or Rules of Power? Global Economic Deconcentration and Trade Openness in the Trump Era

2019 Ann Ferren Conference **Washington, DC**

On-Campus & Online: Locating Higher Education in the Digital Age

2018 University of Kentucky Political Science Colloquium **Lexington, KY**

Whither the Global Liberal Economic Order? Trade Openness and Deconcentration in an Era of Renewed Economic Nationalism

2015 Transworld Young Researchers Workshop **Washington, DC**

Who Saved Trade? Diffusion, the G-20, and the Great Recovery

2014 World Affairs Council Summer Institute on International Affairs **Washington, DC**

Revolutions 101: Concepts, Theories, and Insights from Comparative Politics and International Relations

2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting **Chicago, IL**

Is Economic Hegemony Necessary for Maintaining Open Trade? (with Stephen J. Silvia)

Panel: How the World Trading System Undermines Openness

2013 International Studies Association Annual Convention **San Francisco, CA**

Diffuse Openness: An Empirical Challenge to the Hegemonic Stability Theory (with Stephen J. Silvia)

Panel: Scientific Study of International Political Economy

Other Research Experience

American University – Washington, DC, 2009-2013

Research Assistant

Creative Learning – Washington, DC, 2010-2011

Program Officer – America's Unofficial Ambassadors (AUA) Initiative

Research Skills

Extensive Knowledge of SPSS and STATA

French

Eight years of study, native speaking experience, working knowledge

Tool of Research (TOR) certification

Awards

Dean's Fellowship Award, American University, Fall 2009

Kewal Singh Memorial Scholarship, University of Kentucky, Summer 2008

Patterson School Fellowship, University of Kentucky, Fall 2007

Kentucky Graduate Scholarship, University of Kentucky, Fall 2007

Harrison Scholarship, Miami University, Fall 2003

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

International Studies Association