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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, 2017-present

- Partial Course List:
 - *World Politics*
 - *International Political Economy*
 - *Global Capitalism and Its Critiques*
 - *Political Economy of the European Union*
 - *Trade and U.S. Foreign Policy*
 - *Introduction to Comparative Politics*
 - *The Politics of Finance & Financial Crises*

EDUCATION

George Washington University, PhD in Political Science, 2013

Major: Comparative Politics *Minor*: International Relations

- **Dissertation**: “Saving the Market From Itself: Bailouts, Nationalizations, & the Politics of Financial Intervention”
- Committee: Harvey Feigenbaum (chair), Susan Sell, Emmanuel Teitelbaum
- Winner, Samuel A. Beer Prize for Best Dissertation on British Politics, the British Politics Group of the American Political Science Association, 2014.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan:

Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2007

Boston College, MA in Political Science 2006

Major: International Relations *Minor*: Comparative Politics

- Passed Comprehensive Exams with Distinction.

Middlebury College, BA in History, 2001

Major: History *Minors*: Mathematics, Physics

- Departmental Honors (History)
- **Senior Thesis**: *Divided Search for a Common Front: Leftist Paramilitary Politics in the Weimar Republic, 1924-1933*

PUBLICATIONS

- *Saving the Market From Itself: The Politics of Financial Intervention* (Cambridge University Press, Fall 2016)
- “The Structure of Financial Markets and the Form of State Bailouts, 1974-2009” (*Business & Politics*, Vol. 18, No. 2 – August 2016)
- “Congress is about to loosen the reins on the banking industry. Here’s why.” (The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, May 21, 2018)
- “Here’s how Brexit may cripple Britain’s financial sector – and the British economy” (The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, June 28, 2016)
- “Book Review: *Govern Like Us: U.S. Expectations of Poor Countries* by M.A. Thomas” (*Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 131, No. 4 – 2016)

WORKING PAPERS

- “United We Stand: From Banking System Structure To State Preferences In European Banking Union”
- “Impacts of Additive Manufacturing on US High End Production”

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HONORS & AWARDS

- 2014 Winner, Samuel H. Beer Prize for the Best Dissertation on British Politics from the British Politics Group of the American Political Science Association
- 2013 Winner, Top Paper Prize, Old Dominion University Graduate Research Conference
- 2012-2013 Doctoral Fellow, Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, The George Washington University
- 2011 Guest Scholar, Collaborative Research Center, Freie Universität-Berlin
- 2011 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant
- 2011 German-American Academic Exchange (DAAD) Research Grant, Germany
- 2001 Departmental Honors, Department of History, Middlebury College
- 1997-2001 Freeman Foundation Vermont Scholar, Middlebury College

CONFERENCE HISTORY

- American Political Science Association, 2018 Annual Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2018
- 25th International Conference of Europeanists, March 28-30, 2018
- Northeastern Political Science Association, November 9-11, 2017
- International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, November 3-4, 2017
- 23rd International Conference of Europeanists, April 14-17, 2016
- American Political Science Association, 2015 Annual Meeting, September 2-6, 2015
- New England Political Science Association, 2015 Annual Meeting, April 24-25, 2015
- Northeastern Political Science Association, November 13-15, 2014
- Banks and Financial Regulation Workshop, Center for European Excellence, University of Denver/University of Colorado-Boulder, May 16-17, 2014
- New England Political Science Association, 2014 Annual Meeting, April 25-26, 2014
- 21st International Conference of Europeanists, March 14-16, 2014
- Bridging the Gap 2013 New Era Foreign Policy Conference, March 10-13, 2013
- Old Dominion University Graduate Research Conference, February 22, 2013
- Midwest Political Science Association 69th Annual Conference, March 31-April 3, 2011

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- ABC/KSRO, "KSRO Morning News," May 23, 2018
- NPR Marketplace, "This graduation season, think back to what's changed in 10 years," May 22, 2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Banking Union Research

- Research explores how differences in the structure of national financial systems shapes state positions on European Banking Union, and ultimately led to French preferences dominating German preferences in debates over the Single Supervisory Mechanism and Single Resolution Mechanism.
- Working Paper: "United We Stand: From Banking System Structure To State Preferences In European Banking Union"

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Additive Manufacturing Research

- Research explores which sectors and stages of the production process are most and least vulnerable to disruption from the expansion of additive manufacturing (3-D printing) through a series of case studies of sectors with high potential for transformative effects from the growth of new production techniques.
- Working paper: “Impacts of Additive Manufacturing on US High End Production”

Financial Crises Research

- Research explains divergent state responses to financial crises in advanced capitalist states by examining how stronger private governance networks in bank-based financial systems creates greater capacity for privately-funded rescues as well as greater political clout to win favorable terms for state rescues than in atomized capital market systems.
- Assembled and analyzed a database of state responses to bank failures in advanced capitalist states from 1974 to 2009.
- Conducted case study research of state responses to the 2007-2009 crisis in the United States, United Kingdom, and Germany via archival research and interviews of policymakers, regulators, and business leaders.
- Publications: *Saving the Market From Itself* (Cambridge University Press, 2016), “Financial Structure & Bank Bailouts, 1974-2009” (*Business & Politics*, 2016).

As a Research Assistant

Prof. Llewelyn Hughes, The George Washington University, 2010-2011

- Congressional funding and offshore drilling projects.
- American Congressional politics and global climate change debates.

Prof. John Sides, Henry Farrell, & Marc Lynch, The George Washington University, 2009

- The role of new media in Iranian democracy protests.

Prof. Emmanuel Teitelbaum, The George Washington University, 2008-2010

- Indian labor law and labor activism.
- Treatment of Indian Scheduled Castes and Tribes

Prof. Matthew Dickinson, Middlebury College, 2000-2001

- Presidential appointments and party ideology in the United States.

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Director, International Trade & Investment Policy Program, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, 2015-2016

- Managed a professional Masters program, including coordinating courses, organizing events, and recruitment and admissions decisions.
- Directed MA-level small-group research capstone projects in partnership with outside sponsor, including the IMF, OPIC, the World Bank, the US Department of Commerce, the US Department of State, the US Treasury, and private firms.
- Managed outreach to alumni and government and non-government organizations for fundraising, event coordination, and maintenance of professional networks.
- Oversaw program staff efforts in monitoring student status including visa status, coordination with University offices, and oversight of event planning.

Visiting Assistant Professor of International Affairs/Professorial Lecturer, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, 2011-present

- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*
- *International Political Economy* (undergraduate & graduate level)
- *The Politics of International Financial Crises* (undergraduate & graduate level)

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- *International Economics Capstone*
 - Group policy research project with for MA program students.
- *International Trade & Investment Policy Capstone*
 - Group policy research project with external sponsor for MA program students.
- *Nuts & Bolts of US Trade Policy*
 - Graduate seminar in partnership with the Washington International Trade Association

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, The George Washington University, 2012-2013

- Worked with undergraduate students to develop plans of study.
- Coordinated and oversaw undergraduate internships.
- Managed student participation in study abroad programs.

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC

International Trade Analyst, 2016 – 2017

- Prepared estimates of the economic impacts of proposed changes to U.S. trade policies, including changing tariffs on specific items, negotiations of new and revised trade agreements, and changing market dynamics.
- Prepared reports on potential changes to U.S. trade dynamics, including technological innovations, global supply chains, and national security implications of tradable goods.
- Prepared reports to advise the President and Congress on trade and tariff policy.

Waddell & Reed Financial Services, Waltham, MA, Vienna, VA

Assistant Financial Analyst, 2005 – 2008

- Performed asset allocation analysis and competitive analysis of mutual funds.
- Managed individual and small business client accounts, including fund allocation.

W-M Realty Services, Centennial, CO

Vendor & Client Manager, 2003

- Managed valuation and foreclosure processes for multiple national and international banks and mortgage providers via a national network of brokers, realtors, and appraisers.

United Nations Foundation, Washington, DC

Public Affairs Intern, 2003

- Assisted in planning and execution of events.
- Assisted in creation of promotional materials, including filming and editing video.
- Assisted in solicitation and distribution of grant funding to organizations and individuals.

World Bank, Europe & Central Asia Infrastructure & Energy, Washington, DC

Temporary Office Assistant, 2002 – 2003

- Catalogued and organized bid documents and other files.
- Assisted in preparation of reports, including research and presentation.

U.S. Rep. Bernard Sanders (I-VT), Burlington, VT

Staff Assistant, 2001 – 2002

- Coordinated constituent advocacy efforts.
- Compiled constituent opinion and position data.
- Wrote Op-Ed pieces and floor speeches for the Congressman.

LANGUAGES & TECHNICAL SKILLS

- French, German, Stata, SPSS, SAS, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, QuickBooks