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curriculum vitae – January 2012

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Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-present
Director of Graduate Studies, Political Science, Ohio State University, 2010-2011
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2001-2009

Research Interests

International Relations; International Organization and Law; International Environmental Politics; International Political Economy; 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
-Reid Hall (Columbia University) and Institut d’Etudes Politiques, Paris, Spring 1993

Book

- winner of the Chadwick F. Alger Prize, International Studies Association
- winner of the Best Book Award, International Studies Association-Midwest

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters


- winner of the Robert O. Keohane Award


**Works in Progress and under Review (selected)**


“Multilateralism, Bilateralism and Regime Design.” (with Daniel Verdier)

“Principal Problems: UN Weapons Inspections in Iraq and Beyond.”


“The Soft Law Future of the Global Climate Regime.”

“IGO Orchestration in Climate Finance.” (with Erin Graham). Part of a project on IOs as Orchestrators, led by Kenneth Abbott, Philipp Genschel, Duncan Snidal and Bernhard Zangl

“The Domestic Politics of International Delegation: U.S. Support of WTO Dispute Settlement”

“Guarding the Equilibrium: Regime Management and the WTO” (with Duncan Snidal)

“Scaling Up: Applying Lower-Level Theories to International Relations”

**Journal Special Issues**


Co-author of framework and concluding articles (both peer-reviewed):

**Other Publications**


Invited Talks

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, February 2011
University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, November 2010
Hofstra University, Kalikow Center, symposium on U.S. Presidential Leadership at the United Nations, October 2010
International Center for Climate Governance & 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, February 2010
University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, October 2009
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, September 2009
Columbia University International Politics Seminar, October 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, November 2007
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy, October 2007
University of Chicago, PIPES Workshop, October 2004
Georgetown University, Workshop on Intervention, October 2003
UC San Diego, Workshop on Delegation to International Organizations, September 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, November 2001
University of Notre Dame, Department of Government and International Affairs, October 2001
Indiana University, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, November 1998

Conference Presentations (selected)


“Treaty Politics: Signature, Ratification, and Bilateral Investment Agreements” (with Yoram Haftel). Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, 3-6 April 2008.


“The Autonomous Role of the WTO as an Institution” (with Duncan Snidal). Program on Political Institutions, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 24, October 2007.


“Guarding the Equilibrium: The WTO as a Regime Manager” (with Duncan Snidal). APSA, Chicago, 1-4 September 2005.


Awards and Grants

Pending
Peaceful Management of Climate Stress, Minerva Research Initiative (co-PI with C. Jenkins, H. Mosley-Thompson, D. Sui, C.K. Shum, B. Mark and M. Moritz)

2011
Best Book Award, International Studies Association-Midwest 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, Colleges 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 Award, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ohio State University

2002-03
Mershon Center Faculty Research Grant, “Human Elements of Global Warming in the International Context” (co-PI)

2000-2001
Mellon Foundation Final-Year Dissertation Fellowship

2000
Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago (declined)

1999-2000
MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, through the Center for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation, University of Chicago

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

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate courses: Introduction to International Relations, The United Nations System, International Environmental Politics

Graduate courses: Theories of International Relations, International Organization, International Political Economy, Institutions and International Political Economy
Professional Activities

Referee (past five years)

Conference Activity
2010 Panel Discussant, APSA
Panel Discussant, ISA
2009 Panel Chair, ISA
Panel Organizer and Discussant, European Consortium for Political Research
2007 Panel Chair, ISA
Panel Discussant, ISA
Panel Chair and Discussant, MPSA
2005 Discussant and Commentator, Conference on “The UN Security Council and International Authority,” Northwestern University
Panel Chair and Discussant, ISA
2003 Panel Chair and Discussant, APSA
Panel Discussant, CEEISA-ISA Budapest
Discussant, Workshop on Delegation to International Organizations, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University
2002 Co-Convener, Conference on Adaptive Research and Governance in Climate Change, Mershon Center, Ohio State University

Department Committees
Admissions Committee (2011-present); Graduate Studies Committee, Chair (2010-11);
Executive Committee (2010-11); Undergraduate Studies Committee (2006-10); IR Search Committee (2006-07); Financial Aid Committee (2004-06); Search Committee (2003-04); Graduate Studies Committee (2001-03); IR Search Committee, University of Chicago (1998)

University Committees
2011 Carnegie Junior Fellowship Panel
2005-10 Environmental Citizenship Minor Committee
2008-09 Advisor, International Studies Student Advisory Committee
2009 Campus Undergraduate Fulbright Committee

Other Professional Activities
Member, ISA award committee, Chadwick Alger Prize (2010-present)
Co-director, Workshop on Globalization, Mershon Center, Ohio State
Faculty Associate, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State
Faculty Affiliate, John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Ohio State
Coordinator, Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES), University of Chicago (1998-1999)