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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs, August 2008

- Dissertation: *Bargaining on the Curve: Technological Change and the Prospects for International Arms Control.*
- Committee: Dale C. Copeland (Advisor), Jeffrey Legro, John M. Owen, David Coleman
- Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.), June 2000

- Policy Area of Concentration: International Security
- Methodological Areas of Concentration: Negotiation and Conflict Resolution; Macroeconomics
- Policy Analysis Exercise: "The Future of the U.S.-Japan Security Alliance," with Christopher D. Winship.

Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts

B.A. Cum Laude in History, Political Science, May 1995

- Senior Honors Thesis: "The Quest for Stability: United States Intervention in Latin America, 1950-1961."

WORK EXPERIENCE

Current Position: St. John's University, Queens, New York

Department of Government and Politics

Assistant Professor (promoted to Associate - effective Sept. 2015)

Courses Taught Include:

- *Core Contemporary Government*
- *Foreign Policy of Major Powers*
- *International Relations*
- *Current Terrorist Movements*
- *Arms Races and Arms Control*
- *Military Force in International Relations (Graduate)*
- *Political Research Methods (Graduate)*
- *U.S. National Security Policy (Graduate)*

- *Politics of War, Revolution, and Terrorism (Graduate)*
- *U.S. Intelligence Policy (Graduate)*
- *U.S. Defense Politics and Policy (Graduate)*

**Previous Work
Experience:**

RAND Corporation, Arlington, Virginia

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, September 2010- August 2011
Engaged in Independent Research, Produced an Original RAND Publication; Assisted in RAND Analysis Projects on Future U.S. Land-Based Strategic Forces and U.S. Global Basing Posture

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut

Department of Government

Visiting Lecturer, 2007/2008 Academic Year

- *Introduction to International Relations Theory*
- *International Relations of East Asia*
- *The Politics of Arms Control*
- *Terrorism and Political Violence*

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics

Lecturer, *The Politics of Arms Control*, Spring 2007

Lecturer, *International Relations and Technology: Innovation, Arms Races and Arms Control*, Fall 2006

Lecturer, *International Relations of Western Europe*, Fall 2005

Lecturer, *US Foreign Policy*, Summer Session 2004, 2005

Scientific Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia

NATO Crisis Management Exercise 04

Brussels, Belgium

Consultant/Analyst, March 2004.

Scientific Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia

Strategic Assessments Center

Summer Associate, 2002 & 2003.

Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Research Associate, 2000-2001.

Middle East Security Quarterly.

Contributor/Kuwait Analyst, 2001-2002.

World Peace Foundation Program for Intrastate Conflict,
John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University,
Cambridge, Massachusetts,
Research Assistant, 1999-2000.

PUBLICATIONS

Book (Peer Reviewed)

Great Power Security Cooperation and Technological Change
(Lexington Books: Lanham, 2014).

Book (Peer Reviewed):

*Facing the Missile Challenge: U.S. Strategy and the Future of the
INF Treaty* (RAND Corporation: Santa Monica, 2012).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

“Toward Alliance or Ambivalence: A Theoretical Assessment of
U.S.-India Relations,” *India Review* 13:2 (2014) 129-148.

“Air-Sea Battle and the Challenge of Access,” *American Foreign
Policy Interests* 36:1 (January-February 2014) 34-43.

“Air-Sea Battle and China’s Anti-Access and Area Denial
Challenge,” *Orbis* 58: 1 (Winter 2014) 132-146.

“The Future of US Deterrence in East Asia: Are Conventional
Land-Based IRBMs a Silver Bullet?” *Strategic Studies Quarterly*
7:4 (Winter 2013) 93-116.

“A Hard Case for Soft Power: China’s Rise and Security in East
Asia,” *Journal of Asian Politics and History* 1:3 (Fall 2013) 1-26.

“The Hard Truths about Soft Power” *Journal of Political Power*
4:1 (March 2011) 65-85.

“Review Essay: Liberal Power Play,” *Journal of Power* 3:2
(August 2010) 275-282.

“The Baruch Plan and the Quest for Atomic Disarmament,”
Diplomacy & Statecraft 21:1 (March 2010) 41-67.

Book Reviews:

“The Culture of Military Innovation: The Impact of Cultural Factors on the Revolution in Military in Russia, the US, and Israel, by Dima Adamsky” *Political Science Quarterly* 125:4 (Winter 2010-11) 713-715.

“The Politics of Space Security: Strategic Restraint and the Pursuit of National Interest, by James Clay Moltz” *Review of Policy Research* 27:4 (July 2010) 530-532.

Other Publications:

International Relations and Security Network (ISN) Solicited Essay:

“1914 Revisited: Great Power War in the 21st Century,” May 19, 2014. (<http://isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Articles/Detail/?lng=en&id=179733>)

The Daily Journalist: Contributor Column (Available on my author page: <http://thedailyjournalist.com/author/davidkearn/>)

“Did Russia Violate the INF Treaty?” March 14, 2014.

The Huffington Post: Contributor Columns (Available on my author page: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/david-w-kearn/>)

“5 Questions for the ‘Bomb Iran’ Caucus,” April 6, 2015.

“Dead Letter: The Senate Intervenes in the Iranian Nuclear Negotiation,” March 12, 2015.

“Two Cheers for Obama’s Ukraine Policy,” January 9, 2015.

“The INF Treaty and the Crisis in US-Russia Relations,” December 30, 2014.

“Managing the Pentagon in 2015: Challenges for the Next Defense Secretary,” December 1, 2014.

“Attacking ISIS: Military Force, U.S. Public Opinion and the Long War on Terrorism,” September 23, 2014.

“Even Limited Air Strikes Should Serve a Larger Strategy,” August 15, 2014.

“The Roots of the Iraq Crisis: Political Failure, Military Collapse,” June 19, 2014.

“Crisis in the South China Sea,” May 14, 2014.

“The Boston Marathon Bombing One Year Later: What We Still Don’t Know,” April 24, 2014.

“Improving Trilateral Relations in East Asia: A Key to Long-Term Regional Peace and Stability,” March 27, 2014.

“The Crisis In Ukraine: Western Ideals, Russian Interests,” March 13, 2014.

“Did Russia Violate the INF Treaty?” February 12, 2014.

“The Folly of New Iran Sanctions,” January 19, 2014.

“The Looming Security Dilemma in the Western Pacific,” December 20, 2013.

“China’s Dual Challenges,” December 2, 2013.

“China, Soft Power, and the Philippine Crisis,” November 14, 2013.

“Troubled Waters: The Rising Risk of Crisis in the Western Pacific,” November 8, 2013.

“Isolationism Revisited? The Tea Party and American Leadership in the World,” October 15, 2013.

“Retrenchment: A Foreign Policy for the Tea Party?” October 11, 2013.

“A Diplomatic Breakthrough With Iran?” October 7, 2013.

“Syria, the Tea Party, and the Future of American Power,” September 13, 2013.

“The Use of U.S. Military Force in Syria: The Wait May Be Worth It,” September 4, 2013.

“Back to the Future: Egypt’s Battle With Islamic Terrorism,” August 26, 2013.

“The Tragic Implications of Egypt’s Bloody Crackdown,” August 16, 2013.

“The INF Treaty and Regional Missile Threats,” August 1, 2013.

“Russia’s ‘Resurgence’ and the Syrian Civil War,” July 24, 2013.

“The U.S. Does Not Need New Theater Missiles,” July 19, 2013.

“The Syrian Civil War and Turmoil in the Middle East,” July 12, 2013.

“Air-Sea Battle and the Challenge of Access,” July 2, 2013.

“China, Taiwan and the ‘Anti-Access’ Challenge,” June 26, 2013.

“The Regional Implications of China’s Rise,” June 20, 2013.

“China’s Rise and the Future of World Politics,” June 18, 2013.

“The Challenge of U.S.-China Relations,” May 24, 2013.

“Old Battle Lines Emerge As Syrian Conflict Intensifies,” May 16, 2013

“Differences Between Rwanda and Syria Highlight Challenges of Intervention,” May 13, 2013.

“Was Something Missed Before the Boston Marathon Bombing,” May 3, 2013.

“Boston Marathon Attacks Push the Limits of Post-9/11 Reforms,” May 2, 2013.

“Why We Need to Know,” April 25, 2013.

“The Era of Homegrown Islamic Terror,” April 24, 2013.

Conference Report:

Final Report: Fletcher Conference 2000 – National Strategies and Capabilities for a Changing World, co-editor with Christopher E. Hornbarger, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, 2001.

CONFERENCE PAPERS
DELIVERED

“Deterrence in East Asia: Assessing the Balance in the Wake of Chinese Modernization,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29-September 1, 2013.

“Ghosts of the Hague: Security Cooperation in the Face of Technological Change,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American political Science Association, Chicago, August 29-September 1, 2013.

“A Hard Case for Soft Power: China’s Rise and Security in East Asia,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Political Science Association, Madrid, July 8-12, 2012.

“‘Expand, don’t Scrap’ The INF Treaty and U.S. National Security Policy,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, April 1-4, 2012.

“Great Power Security Cooperation: Arms Control and the Challenge of Technological Change,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 1-4, 2011.

“A Hard Case for Soft Power: China’s Rise and Security in East Asia,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 1-4, 2011.

“Understanding Security Cooperation in the Face of Technological Change,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, September 3-6, 2009.

“Great Power Security Cooperation: The Influence of Technological Change on the Prospects of Arms Control,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2-5, 2009.

“‘Keeping it Real’: Towards a Realist Post-Bush Foreign Policy,” paper delivered to the Department of Politics and Government Colloquium Series, St. John’s University, Queens, NY, February 23, 2009.

“Of Eagles and Elephants”: The Emerging U.S.-India Alliance as a Case of Extraregional Balancing,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, November 13-15, 2008.

“Timing can be everything’: Technological Change, Military Innovation, and Arms Racing,” poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 28-31, 2008.

“Killer Apps or Bargaining Chips? Expectations, Military Technology, and Arms Control,” poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30-September 2, 2007.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPT AND WORKING PAPERS

“Great Power Security Cooperation and the Challenge of Technological Change.”

“Red Catastrophe: Operation Barbarossa and Soviet Political-Military Disintegration.”

“Technology and Arms Control in the Interwar Period: The Failure of the World Disarmament Conference at Geneva, 1932-1933.”

PRESENTATIONS DELIVERED

“Air-Sea Battle and the Challenge of Chinese Military Modernization,” delivered at the Government & Politics Department Colloquium, October 26, 2013.

“Facing the Missile Challenge: U.S. National Security Strategy and the Future of the INF Treaty,” delivered to the Strategy & Policy Department, Naval War College (Dr. John Maurer, Chairman), Newport, CT, August 8, 2011.

“Facing the Missile Challenge: U.S. National Security Strategy and the Future of the INF Treaty,” delivered to Dr. James Blackwell, Special Advisor to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters, U.S. Air Force, Washington, DC, June 8, 2011.

“Facing the Missile Challenge: U.S. National Security Strategy and the Future of the INF Treaty,” delivered to Lt. Gen. Newton, Director, Air Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, DC, May 5, 2011.

“United States Interwar Tank Development and the Concept of Tank Destroyer,” delivered to Dr. James Blackwell, Strategic Assessments Center, Scientific Applications International Corporation, McLean, VA, 2003.

“The (Flawed) Use of Surrogates in the Development of Tank Destroyer,” delivered to Dr. James Blackwell, Strategic Assessments Center, Scientific Applications International Corporation, McLean, VA, 2003.

“The Development of a Model Terrorist Network Incorporating Insights of Network-Centric Warfare,” delivered to Dr. Michael Brown, Director, Strategic Assessments Center, Scientific Applications International Corporation, McLean, VA, 2002.

“Wargaming against a Network: Terrorist Attack Scenario,” delivered to Dr. Michael Brown, Director, Strategic Assessments Center, Scientific Applications International Corporation, McLean, VA, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, International Political Science Association, 2012-present
Member, International Studies Association, 2011-present
Member, Midwest Political Science Association, 2008-present
Member, Northeast Political Science Association, 2007-present
Member, American Political Science Association, 2006-present

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Anonymous Reviewer: *Journal of Asian Politics and History*, 2014
Anonymous Reviewer: *Diplomacy & Statecraft*, 2014
Anonymous Reviewer: *Diplomatic History*, 2013-2014
Participant, “Long-Term Competitive Strategies War Game,”
Conducted by the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments
For the Office of Net Assessment, OSD, January 13-15, 2009