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Current Appointment

Senior Lecturer, August 2024- present.
5-5 course load. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.

Previous Appointments

Lecturer, August 2018- August 2024.
5-5 course load. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University.

Preparing Future Faculty Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow, August 2016- August 2018.
3-3 course load. Department of Political Science, University of Missouri.

Graduate Instructor, January 2015- August 2016.
Department of Political Science, University of Missouri.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri. July 2016. Concentrations: International Relations, Comparative Politics. Advisers: A. Cooper Drury (chair), Amanda Murdie, Moises Arce, and Mary Stegmaier. Dissertation: *Rhetoric as Repression: The Roles and Effects of Government Framing*.

Geospatial Intelligence Certificate Program (GIS certification), May 2015.

M.A., Political Science, University of Missouri, May 2013.

B.A., History, Economics, University of Missouri, May 2010.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Mothers for Mutiny: Child Trafficking, (Dis)information and the Gendered Politics of the Women of QAnon” (with Kate Perry and Tobias Gibson), Forthcoming at *Politics and Gender*.

“Regime Rhetoric and Protests: How Government Statements Can Repress.” 2021. *Terrorism and Political Violence*. 33(5).

“Justifying Power: When Autocracies Talk About Themselves and their Opposition” (with Alexander Dukalskis). 2019. *Contemporary Politics*. 25(4).

“Russia Plays the (Triangular) Sanctions Game” (with A. Cooper Drury). 2018. In *Triangular Diplomacy among The United States, The European Union, and the Russian Federation: Responses to the Crisis in Ukraine*. Birchfield, Vicki L. and Alasdair Young (Eds.). Palgrave Studies in European Union Politics.

“Resource Wealth, Democracy, and Mobilisation” (with Moises Arce, Rebecca Miller, and Marc Polizzi). 2018. *The Journal of Development Studies*: 54(6).

“Legitimacy and the UN Security Council Agenda” (with Brian Frederking). 2017. *PS: Political Science and Politics*: 50(2).

Conference Presentations

“Human Rights in Dark and Hard Times: Contesting Antihuman Rights Counternarratives” (with Murat Yilmaz and Crystal Whetstone), paper presented at the “Who is a Terrorist, an Extremist, a Radical? Critical Scholars’ Challenges Studying ‘New Fascisms’ and ‘Old Terrorisms’” workshop, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois, 2025.

“Mothers for Mutiny: Child Trafficking, (Dis)information and the Gendered Politics of the Women of QAnon” (with Kate Perry and Tobias Gibson), paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, California, 2024 and the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL, 2023.

“Early Warnings: Domestic/Gendered Violence as a Predictor of Lone-Actor Terrorism” (with Nicola Mathieson), paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, 2023.

“Testing Stochastic Terror: Enabling and Triggering Lone Actor Attacks,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Nashville, TN, 2022 and the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, remote, 2021.

“Counter-Diffusion: Does Russian Propaganda Wind Up in America?” (with Marc Polizzi), paper presented at the Social Practice of Human Rights Conference, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, 2019.

“Power of Persuasion: Regime Legitimation during Authoritarian Elections,” paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX, 2019 and the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 2019.

“Home or Abroad: The Patterns of Russian Disinformation,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2018.

“Justifying Repression: Regime Legitimation Tactics in Democracies and Autocracies” (with Alex Dukalskis), paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2018.

“Shaming the Truth: Naming and Shaming and Transitional Justice” (with Marc Polizzi), paper presented at The Social Practice of Human Rights 3rd Biennial Conference, Dayton, OH, 2017.

“How Rhetoric Helps Target Regimes Resist Sanctions,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2017.

“Guns or Voices? Structural Determinants of Violent Social Movements” (with Marc Polizzi), paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2017.

“Localized Effects of Foreign Aid and Government Violence” (with Jeffrey King), paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2017.

“Protest Accessibility and Government use of Force: Protest Policing in the United States” (with Timothy Matisziw), paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, 2016.

“Where State Repression Occurs During Civil Conflict,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2015.

“‘I Won’t Do What You Tell Me:’ International Shaming and State Repression,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Midwest Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2014.

“Selective Repression: The Effect of Protest Type on the Decision to Repress,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.

“Diversionary Diplomacy: Russian Domestic Politics and U.S. Directed Foreign Policy,” paper presented at the International Studies Association Midwest Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2013.

Research in Progress

“Human Rights in Dark and Hard Times: Contesting Antihuman Rights Counternarratives” (with Murat Yilmaz and Crystal Whetstone). Exploring cases of advocacy networks set against protection of human rights norms and examining implications for the future expansion of human rights protections.

“Early Warnings: Domestic/Gendered Violence as a Predictor of Lone-Actor Terrorism” (with Nicola Mathieson). Second round of data collection and preparation for submission for review.

Teaching Experience

Sam Houston State University, Senior Lecturer and Lecturer

Course load: 5-5, 2-3 courses per summer.

Graduate Seminars

Graduate Seminar in Political Science: Scope and Methods of Political Science

Summer 2026, online

Fall 2025, online

Summer 2025, online

Spring 2025, online

Summer 2024, online

Graduate Seminar in American Politics: Misinformation, Propaganda, and Politics

Summer 2026, online

Summer 2025, online

Summer 2023, online

Summer 2022, two sections, online

Graduate Seminar in Comparative Politics: Extremism and Political Violence

Spring 2023, online

Spring 2022, online

Spring 2021, online

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Summer 2026, online

Research and Writing for Political Science

Spring 2026

Fall 2025

Spring 2025, two sections, one online

Fall 2024

Spring 2024, two sections, one online

Fall 2023, online

Spring 2023, two sections, one online

Fall 2022, hybrid instruction

Spring 2022, two sections

Fall 2021

Spring 2021

Spring 2020

Fall 2019

Spring 2019
Fall 2018, two sections

Model United Nations

Spring 2026
Spring 2025

Conflict Studies

Spring 2026, Writing Enhanced, online
Spring 2025, Writing Enhanced, online
Spring 2024, Writing Enhanced, online
Spring 2023, Writing Enhanced
Spring 2022, Writing Enhanced

Extremism, Terrorism and Political Violence

Fall 2023, Writing Enhanced, online
Fall 2022, Writing Enhanced, online
Fall 2021, Writing Enhanced
Fall 2020, online

International Political Economy

Fall 2025, Writing Enhanced, online
Fall 2024, Writing Enhanced, online
Fall 2023, Writing Enhanced, online
Fall 2022, Writing Enhanced, online
Fall 2021, Writing Enhanced, online
Spring 2021, Writing Enhanced, online
Fall 2020, Writing Enhanced, online
Spring 2020, Writing Enhanced, online
Spring 2019, Writing Enhanced, online

Introduction to International Relations

Fall 2020, hybrid course due to COVID-19

Propaganda and Politics

Fall 2019

American Government

Summer 2026
Spring 2026
Fall 2025
Summer 2025
Fall 2024, three sections, two online
Summer 2024, online, two sections
Fall 2023, two sections

Summer 2023, online
Summer 2022, online
Spring 2022
Fall 2021
Summer 2021, online, two sections
Spring 2021, online, two sections
Fall 2020, hybrid course due to COVID-19
Summer 2020, online, two sections
Spring 2020
Spring 2020, online, two sections
Fall 2019, three sections
Summer 2019, online, two sections
Spring 2019
Spring 2019, online, two sections
Fall 2018

Texas Government

Spring 2024, online, two sections
Spring 2023, online
Fall 2022
Fall 2020, hybrid course due to COVID-19
Fall 2018

University of Missouri, Postdoctoral Fellow

Course load: 3-3

Genocide, Terrorism, and Civil War

Fall 2017
Fall 2016

Global Human Rights

Spring 2018
Spring 2017

American Foreign Policies

Spring 2018, Writing Intensive

Strategy and Warfare

Spring 2017

Politics of International Economic Relations

Fall 2017
Fall 2016

International Relations

Summer 2018, online

Spring 2018, online

Fall 2015

American Government

Spring 2016

Summer 2015

Spring 2015

Graduate Instructor

Instructed small discussion sections of 50 students.

Political Science 1400: International Relations, with Dr. Amanda Murdie. Fall 2014.

Political Science 1400: International Relations, with Dr. A. Cooper Drury. Spring 2013.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Attended lectures, assisted students, graded for faculty.

Political Science 4412: Strategy and Warfare (Writing Intensive Course), with Dr. Mark Nieman. Spring 2014.

Political Science 4210: Constitutional Rights (Writing Intensive Course), with Dr. Justin Dyer. Fall 2013.

Political Science 4720: Politics of Development, with Dr. Moises Arce. Fall 2012.

Political Science 1100: American Government, with Dr. Justin Dyer. Spring 2012.

Political Science 1400: International Relations, with Dr. Michael Allen. Fall 2011.

Pedagogy Training

Association of College and University Educators Effective Teaching Practices Fellowship (2019-2020). Sam Houston State University.

Active Learning Summer Institute (2019). Sam Houston State University. Training in active learning provided by the Summer Institutes on Scientific Teaching, Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning.

Online Course Redesign and Faculty Certification (2019). Sam Houston State University. University organized training and certification program in effective online teaching.

“Safe Space Training” (2017). University of Missouri LGBTQ Resource Center.

“Teaching Human Rights: Challenges and Best Practices” (2017). Roundtable at The Social Practice of Human Rights Conference. Dayton, OH.

Preparing Future Faculty Program. (2016). University of Missouri.

Service

Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University:

Faculty Advisor, Model United Nations, 2024-present.
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2018-2024.
Recruitment and Enrollment Committee, 2020-2024.

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University:

CHSS Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2018-2023.

- Chair, LGBTQ+ working group, 2020-2023. Organized October 2020 and 2021 LGBT History Months, focusing on a series of conversations surrounding our BIPOC LGBT community.

The Graduate School, Sam Houston State University

Academic Success Program in Research Empowerment (ASPIRE). 2023-2024. Serve as an ally and mentor for first generation and BIPOC graduate students during their MA/PhD programs.

Student Organizations, Sam Houston State University

Love Oriented Community of Kind and Inclusive Teamwork (LOCK IT). 2023-2025. Faculty advisor.

Awards

Professional and Academic Center for Excellence Teaching Innovation Grant, Sam Houston State University, 2018.

Jeffrey D. Byrne Scholarship, University of Missouri, 2015. Outstanding graduate student award.

Brian L. Forbis Scholarship, University of Missouri, 2012.
Award for policy relevant research.

Additional Experience

Independent GIS Consultant. (April 2017-May 2020). TJP Strategies. Lee's Summit, MO.

Coercive Institutions Under Authoritarianism Project (February 2013-May 2013. Research Assistant), Sheena Chestnut Greitens, Harvard University.
Researched structure of coercive institutions in Russia and Asia.

Foreign Service Intern (June 2012-August 2012), US Department of State. Embassy of the United States of America: Moscow, Russian Federation. Office of Environment, Science, Technology and Health.

Software: Stata, R, Python.

Geographic Information Systems: ESRI ArcGIS and QGIS.

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association, 2015-present

International Studies Association, 2014-present

References

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