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CURRENT POSITION

Brown University

Providence, RI

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012 – present
Faculty Affiliate, Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences

PAST FELLOWSHIPS AND POSITIONS

Columbia University

New York, NY

Visiting Scholar, Harriman Institute, Fall 2016

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Hayward R. Alker Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Studies, 2011–2012

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2011

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

A.B., International Relations, June 1999, Phi Beta Kappa

BOOKS

Virtual Territories: War and the State in a Digital Age.

Oxford University Press, under contract.

The Cartographic State: Maps, Territory, and the Origins of Sovereignty. Cambridge University Press.
Cambridge Studies in International Relations (2014). Arabic translation 2016.

Academic reviews: *Journal of Politics*, *Review of Politics*, *Imago Mundi*, *Revue française de science politique*, *The Cartographic Journal*, *Journal of Borderland Studies*, *The Canadian Geographer*, *Revista Conjuntura Austral* (Brazil).

Review essay: Stuart Elden, “From hinterland to the global,” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (2015).

Press reviews: *Revista Intellector* (Brazil), *The Globe* (Australia), *Geographical* (UK).

Awards: Honorable Mention for the 2016 Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations, International Studies Association; 2016 Past Presidents’ Bronze Book Award, Association for Borderlands Studies.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Territorial Conflict in the Digital Age: Mapping Technologies and Negotiation.” *International Studies Quarterly* 61:3 (2017). 557–569.

“Territory as an Institution: Spatial Ideas, Practices, and Technologies.” *Territory, Politics, Governance* 5:2 (2017). 131–144.

Reprinted in *Territorial Designs and International Politics*, edited by Boaz Atzili and Burak Kadercan (Routledge, 2017)

“Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in International Relations.” *International Organization* 70:4 (2016). 845–869.

“How should states be shaped? Contiguity, compactness, and territorial rights.” *International Theory* 8:1 (2016). 1–28.

“‘Colonial Reflection’ and Territoriality: The Peripheral Origins of Sovereign Statehood.” *European Journal of International Relations* 18:2 (2012). 277–297.

“Mapping the Sovereign State: Technology, Authority, and Systemic Change.” *International Organization* 65:1 (2011). 1–36.

Winner of the 2011 Robert O. Keohane Award (given annually to an article by an untenured scholar published in *International Organization*)

CHAPTERS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Decolonizing the Map: Cartography from Colony to Nation* (James R. Akerman, ed.). *New Global Studies* (2019).

“Technology and Constructivism: Interrogating the Material-Ideational Divide.” Invited chapter in *Constructivism Reconsidered: Past, Present and Future*, ed. by Patrick James, Jarrod Hayes, and Mariano Bertucci (University of Michigan Press, 2018).

“Territory.” Invited chapter in *Visual Global Politics*, ed. by Roland Bleiker (Routledge, 2018).

Review of *Historical Institutionalism and International Relations: Explaining Institutional Development in World Politics* (Thomas Rixen et al., eds.). *Perspectives on Politics* 15:3 (2017).

Review of *Leviathan 2.0: Inventing Modern Statehood* (by Charles S. Maier). *New Global Studies* 10:1 (2016).

Review of *The Birth of Territory* (by Stuart Elden). *Global Discourse* 6:1–2 (2016). Invited review symposium.

Review of *Sovereignty: Frontiers of Possibility* (Julie Evans et al., eds.). *Settler Colonial Studies* 4:1 (2013).

“The Security Implications of New Mapping Technologies.” *ISN Security Watch*. May 8, 2015. (<http://www.css.ethz.ch/en/>).

Theory Talks interview, November 2014 (<http://www.theory-talks.org/2014/11/theory-talk-65.html>).

“Normal Accident Theory”; “Punctuated Equilibrium.” Entries in the *Encyclopedia of Governance*, Mark Bevir, ed., SAGE Publications (2007).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“What’s in a Name? Metaphors and Cybersecurity.” Article manuscript, invited to revise and resubmit at *International Organization*.

“Territory and International Political Economy” (with Timothy Turnbull). Invited chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of International Political Economy*, ed. by Jon Pevehouse and Leonard Seabrooke.

“State, Territory, and Sovereignty.” Invited chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of History and International Relations*, ed. by Mlada Bukovansky et al.

“Borders and Boundaries” (with Kerry Goettlich). Invited chapter in the Routledge *Handbook of Historical International Relations*.

“Experiments Testing the Effects of Digital Mapping on Territorial Disputes” (with Paul Testa). Project in development.

“The Infrastructures of International Politics: Sociotechnical Systems and State Transformation.” Project in development.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship (excellence in scholarship and teaching), Brown University. 2015–16
Humanities Research Fund grant, Brown University. 2013–2019

International Organization Robert O. Keohane Award, for “Mapping the Sovereign State.” Award given annually to an article by an untenured scholar published in *International Organization*. 2011

Hayward R. Alker Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, 2011–2012

Dissertation nominated by UC Berkeley Political Science Department for the APSA Helen Dwight Reid Award, 2012

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley Teaching and Resource Center, 2010

Finishing Year Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2009–2010

Commendation for Excellence in Teaching, UC Berkeley Department of Political Science, 2006

Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2005–2006

Summer Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2005 and 2007

Honorable mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2004

Departmental Fellowship, Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2002–2003

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

University of Connecticut, Political Science Colloquium, October 2019 [scheduled]

Marquette University, Department of Political Science, September 2019

King’s College London, Department of War Studies, May 2019

Cambridge International Relations and History Conference, May 2019

University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House, Conference on International Boundaries in a Globalizing World, May 2019

Naval War College, Cyber and Innovation Policy Institute, April 2019

University of Minnesota, International Relations Colloquium, March 2019

Cambridge University, Department of Politics and International Studies, May 2018

Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, May 2018

University of Wisconsin, Madison. International Relations Colloquium, March 2018

American University School of International Service, Bridging the Gap Workshop, November 2017

Yale University, Comparative Research Workshop, April 2017

Brown Legal History Workshop, February 2017

Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on “Geopolitical Economies after 1450,” UMass Amherst, March 2016

McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, October 2015

University of Rochester, Watson Center for Conflict and Cooperation, September 2015

Cornell University, Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, March 2015

University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, Constructivism and its Critics workshop, January 2015

Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies, September 2014

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Making and Justifying Territorial Claims conference, May 2014

Brown University, Watson Institute, book launch panel for *The Cartographic State*, March 2014

Brown University, Watson Institute, Subnational Research in Comparative Politics conference, May 2013

University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, October 2011

University of California, Berkeley, Institute for International Studies, October 2011

UC Berkeley, Center for Latin American Studies, Summer Institute for Teachers, July 2008

University of California, Berkeley, Institute for International Studies, March 2008

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Studies Association Annual Convention:

2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013, 2016

Resilience Regions Conference, Portland, September 2011

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2008

International Studies Association – West Annual Convention, San Francisco, 2007

WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

State of the Field of Cyber Conflict, Columbia SIPA, June 2019

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, June 2013

Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute, June 2004

Workshop organizer and moderator, World Movement for Democracy Second Global Assembly, São Paulo, Brazil, November 2000

PHD ADVISING

Timothy Turnbull (Brown, dissertation committee member)

Sanne Verschuren (Brown, dissertation committee member)

Rob Grace (Brown, dissertation committee member)

Jan Stockbruegger (Brown, dissertation committee member)

Yu-Chi Chang (Brown, History department, dissertation committee member)

Anna Feuer (Yale, dissertation committee member)

TEACHING

Brown University

Introduction to International Politics (undergraduate lecture course)

Territorial Conflict (graduate seminar)

International Relations and History (graduate seminar)
Technology and International Politics (undergraduate seminar)
Maps and Politics (undergraduate lecture course)
Land and Conflict (undergraduate, first-year seminar)

University of California, Berkeley (Graduate Student Instructor)

Introduction to International Relations
Transitions to Democracy
Introduction to Comparative Politics

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

International Security search committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2017
Graduate admissions committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2014, 2015, 2018
International relations comprehensive exam committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018
Undergraduate affairs committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2015
Fellowship selection committee, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 2015
Chinese Politics search committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Organization*, *International Relations*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Political Geography*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Review of International Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *World Politics*, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Routledge

Chair, Award Committee for the Barbara W. Tuchman Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper in Historical International Relations; International Studies Association. 2017–2019.

Advisory Board Member, British Academy project on “Living on the Edge: Experiences and Responses to Europe’s Changing Borderlands,” Centre for Economic Cultures and Global Development Institute, University of Manchester. 2019–2020.

Editorial Board Member, “Global Epistemics” book series, Rowman & Littlefield (Inanna Hamati-Ataya, series editor).

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Associate Editor, *Journal of Democracy*, Washington, D.C., 2001–2002
Assistant Editor, *Journal of Democracy*, Washington, D.C., 1999–2000

REFERENCES

References available upon request.

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