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Current Appointments

Associate Professor of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, 2021-
Director, Governance and Policy Major, Master of Global Affairs, 2024-
Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, 2023-

Fellow, Roosevelt Institute, Climate and Economic Transformation Program, 2025-

Prior Appointments

Associate Professor of Politics, Department of Politics, Drexel University, 2019-2021
Assistant Professor of Politics, 2012-2019
Affiliated Faculty, A.J. Drexel Institute for Energy and Environment, 2014-2021

Visiting Positions:

Global Order Visiting Scholar, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, 2018-2019
Postdoctoral Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University,
2011-2012

Education

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2011
B.A., Departments of International Relations and Political Science, Boston University, 2003

Publications

Book

Erin R. Graham. 2023. *Transforming International Institutions: How Money Quietly Sidelined Multilateralism at the United Nations* Oxford University Press.

Reviews: *Review of International Organizations* (2023), *Development Cooperation Review* (2024)

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

† Co-authored with undergraduate student

Erin R. Graham and Jiayi (Sonia) Zhang.† Forthcoming. "Multilateral Climate Finance in Pursuit of Private Capital: How the De-risking Agenda is Changing International Organizations." *Global Environmental Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1162/GLEP.a.700>

Erin R. Graham. 2026. "International Courts and the Construction of Legal Facts: How the ICJ Made Peacekeeping Possible." *International Studies Quarterly* 70(2): 1-14.

A. Burcu Bayram and Erin R. Graham. 2022. "Knowing How to Give: IO Funding Knowledge and Public Preferences for Aid Delivery Channels." *Journal of Politics* 84(4): 1885-1898.

Erin R. Graham and Alexandria Serdaru.† 2020. "Power, Control, and the Logic of Substitution in Institutional Design: The Case of International Climate Finance." *International Organization* 74(4): 671-706.

Co-winner, APSA International Collaboration Section Best Paper Award, 2020

Zoltán Búzás and Erin R. Graham. 2020. "Emergent Flexibility in Institutional Development: How International Rules Really Change." *International Studies Quarterly* 64(4): 821-833.

Erin R. Graham. 2017. "Follow the Money: How Trends in Financing are Changing Governance at International Organizations." *Global Policy* 8(S5): 15-25, Special Issue on Resourcing IOs

A. Burcu Bayram and Erin R. Graham. 2017. "Financing the United Nations: Explaining Variation in How Donors Provide Funding to the UN." *Review of International Organizations* 12(3): 421-459.

Erin R. Graham. 2017. "The Institutional Design of Funding Rules at International Organizations." *European Journal of International Relations* 23(2): 365-390.

Erin R. Graham 2017. "The Promise and Pitfalls of Assembled Institutions: Lessons from the Global Environment Facility and UNAIDS." *Global Policy* 8(1): 52-61.

Erin R. Graham. 2015. "Money and Multilateralism: How Funding Rules Constitute IO Governance." *International Theory* 7(1): 162-194.

Erin R. Graham. 2014. "International Organizations as Collective Agents: Fragmentation and the Limits of Principal Control at the World Health Organization." *European Journal of International Relations* 20(2): 366-390.

Erin R. Graham, Charles Shipan, and Craig Volden. 2014. "The Communication of Ideas Across Subfields in Political Science." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47(2): 468-476.

Erin R. Graham, Charles Shipan, and Craig Volden. 2013. "The Diffusion of Policy Diffusion Research in Political Science." *British Journal of Political Science* 43(3): 673-701.

Book Chapters (peer- or editor-reviewed)

Erin R. Graham. 2021. "Climate Crisis." in Jon Pevehouse and Leonard Seabrooke, eds. *Oxford Handbook of International Political Economy* Oxford University Press.

Erin R. Graham and Alexander Thompson. 2015. "Efficient Orchestration? The Global Environment Facility in the Governance of Climate Adaptation" in Kenneth Abbott, Philipp Genschel, Duncan Snidal, and Bernhard Zangl, eds. *International Organizations as Orchestrators*. Cambridge University Press, 114-138.

Book Reviews

Erin R. Graham. 2024. Review of *Shadow Negotiators: How UN Organizations Shape the Rules of World Trade for Food Security*. By Matias E. Margulis. Stanford University Press. 2023. *International Affairs*.

Erin R. Graham. 2017. Review of *Democratic Intergovernmental Organizations? Normative Pressures and Decision-Making Rules*. By Alexandru Grigorescu. Cambridge University Press. 2015. *Journal of Politics* 79(1): e7-e8.

Policy Commentary

Erin R. Graham. 2024. "[How Funding Sidelined Multilateralism at the United Nations: Then, Now, and Possible Futures](#)." Columbia University. SIPA. International Organization and United Nations Studies Blog.

Erin R. Graham. 2021. "[What Future for the United States and the United Nations?](#)" Perry World House 2020 Global Order Colloquium Report.

Erin R. Graham. 2018. "[How to Bridge the Trump Gap in Climate Finance](#)." *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. October 16.

Reprinted as: "[What's Really Needed to Fight Climate Change is Money, and Trump Will Not Contribute a Cent: Who Will Fill the Gap?](#)" *Mother Jones* October 27, 2018.

Erin R. Graham. 2017. "[U.S. Funding for the United Nations May Not be as Costly as You Think](#)." January 31. *The Washington Post* (Monkey Cage)

Erin R. Graham. 2015. "[Ignore the Old Complaints about U.N. Funding. Here are Some New Ones](#)." *The Washington Post* (Monkey Cage).

Policy Report

Biedronski, J., Waitkuweit K.H., Gauta, S., Graham, E., and Perrin P. 2023. "Private Sector Engagement in Climate Finance: A Evidence Gap Assessment of Private Sector Participation in Climate Finance Processes." United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Working Papers

“Climate Governance Before Climate *Change*” (under review as part of edited book project)

“Orchestrating Climate Finance,” (w/Alexandre Lacaze)

“Necessity or Threat: The World State in the Twentieth Century”

Consulting and Policy Experience

Keynote Speaker, United Nations Finance and Budget Network, “Funding Conditionalities and Multilateralism at the UN: Past, Present and Paths Forward.” December 2025.

Consultant, “Overview and Assessment of Resource Mobilization and Funding Modalities at International Organizations.” CGIAR System Organization, August 2023-December 2023.

Consultant (as part of team at Pulte Institute for Global Development), “Private Sector Participation in Climate Finance Processes.” USAID. 2022-2023.

Expert Witness, for Inquiry: “The UK’s Role in Strengthening Multilateral Organizations.” Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons. United Kingdom. November 2020.

Consultant on bid for “Evaluation of the Core Funding Policy of the International Partner Organizations of Belgian Development Cooperation.” Syspons. Berlin, Germany. May-June 2020.

Consultant, design phase of the World Benchmarking Alliance, 2017.

Conferences, Workshops, and Invited Talks (last ten years)

(I) Invited talk, (P)resenter, (D)iscussant, (C)hair, (R)ountable

2026

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, March)

Princeton Sovereign Finance Lab, 3rd Annual Sovereign Finance Conference (invited), (P, April 15-16)

Workshop on Personnel and International Organizations, University of Montreal (P, April 30).

Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (TWIIGG) (P, D, May 8)

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P, D)

2025

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, March)

Workshop on Race and International Relations, University of Notre Dame, (D, March)

Kellogg Institute Book Launch Event, for *Cooperative Complexity* by Richard Clark (D, April 15)

Northwestern University, International Relations Speaker Series (I, April 25)

Roosevelt Institute, “Can the U.S. Build a Big Green State Post-DOGE?” (P, October)

Keynote Address to the United Nations Finance and Budget Network (I, Dec 3)

2024

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P, D)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (R)

2023

University of Glasgow, Scotland, International Organizations in an Age of Disorder (R)
Stimson Center, Washington, D.C. Book Launch for *Transforming International Institutions: How Money Quietly Sidelined Multilateralism at the United Nations*. Moderated by Andrew Hyde; Discussant, Ambassador Mark Lagon (I)
Temple University, Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (TWIIGG) (P)
Graduate Institute of Geneva. The Politics of Global Complexity in Time.” (P)

2022

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, virtual)

2021

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P, virtual)

2020

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Northeast (P, D, virtual)
Barcelona Center for International Affairs (CIDOB). Revitalizing Multilateralism in a Fractured World. (I)
University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House, Global Order Colloquium: The UN at 75: Coronavirus and Competition. (I)

2019

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (C, P)
Georgetown University and the Roosevelt Institute, Rebalancing Globalization Workshop (P)
University of Pennsylvania. Workshop on International Law, Organization, and Politics (D)
American University. Complex Governance Workshop (P)
Johns Hopkins University. Global Green New Deal Workshop (P)
Temple University, Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (P)

2018

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (D)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P)
University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House International Relations Seminar (I)
University of Pennsylvania, “The World Today: The UN in the Trump Era” (I)
Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment, Environmental Institutions Seminar (I)
Temple University, Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (P, D)

2017

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P)
McGill University, Center for International Peace and Security Studies (I)
Temple University, Trump and the World Speakers Series, (I)

University of Oxford, Nuffield College, Governor's Dilemma Workshop (P)
Temple University, Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (D)

2016

International Studies Association Annual Conference (P)
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (C, D, P)
Princeton University, Organizational Ecology and Global Governance Workshop (P, D)
Temple University, Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (P, D)
Ludwig-Maximilians Universitat, Resourcing International Organizations Workshop (P, D)

2015

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P)
Annual Meeting on the Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) (P, D)
WZB Berlin Social Science Center, International Authority Workshop (P)
Temple University, Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (P, D)
College and William & Mary, Department of Government Speaker Series (I)
Hertie School of Governance, Building Dialogue Around Multilateral Effectiveness Workshop, (P)

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

Kellogg Undergraduate Mentoring Award 2025-26, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

American Political Science Association, International Collaboration Section, Best Paper Award (Co-winner) 2020

Drexel University, College of Arts & Sciences, Curriculum Innovation Award, Climate Change minor proposal, with Elizabeth Watson (\$6000), Fall 2020.

Drexel University, College of Arts & Sciences, Fellows Award (\$4000), Summer 2019.

Drexel University, Humanities and Social Science Fellowship, (\$4000), Summer 2018.

Drexel University, Recognition as "Highly Cited Journal Article Author for 2017" 2018.

Fritz Thyssen Foundation (\$11,428) for project: "Knowing How to Give: Political Knowledge and German and U.S. Citizens' Preferences for Foreign Aid." (w/ A. Burcu Bayram), 2017.

Moody Research Grant (\$1580), from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation and Moody Foundation, for archival research at the LBJ Presidential Library. Project title: "The role of the United States in Transforming United Nations Financing." 2016.

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant (\$1500). Project title “Knowing How to Give: Political Knowledge and German and U.S. Citizens’ Preferences for Foreign Aid (w/ A. Burcu Bayram), 2016.

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Postdoctoral Fellowship (2011-2012)

Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth University (2011-2012) (declined)

Ohio State University Presidential Fellowship Nominee, Dept. of Political Science, 2010.

Courses Taught

At Notre Dame

Foundations of Global Governance (master of global affairs)

International Organizations (master of global affairs)

Keough School Seminar (KSEM): How to Govern a World of States (undergraduate)

Keough School Capstone Seminar (undergraduate)

At Drexel

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate)

International Organization (undergraduate)

International Law (undergraduate)

International Environmental Politics (undergraduate)

International Climate Finance (master of public policy)

Service (University)

Keough School of Global Affairs

Director, Governance and Policy Concentration, Master in Global Affairs 2024-2025

Chair, MGA Admissions Committee, Governance & Policy Concentration, 2024-25

Member, Hesburgh Fellowship Committee, Spring 2025

Member, Keough Launch Award Committee, Spring 2025

Faculty mentor, Fall 2024-2025

Member, MGA Admissions Committee, Governance & Policy Concentration, 2023-24

Member, Governance research group for Keough Strategic Plan, 2022-2023

Member, Search Committee, Energy Policy Search, 2021

Global Policy Initiative Advisory Board, 2021

Kellogg Institute for International Studies

Reviewer for Visiting Fellow and Postdoc applications, Fall 2024

Reviewer for International Scholars Program (ISP) applications, Spring 2024

Faculty Mentor, International Scholars Program (2023-present)

Drexel University

Co-Coordinator, Climate Change Minor Proposal, College of Arts & Sciences, 2020
Research and Scholarship Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2019-2020
Member, Search Committee, Director for the Center for Public Policy, 2019
Faculty Judge, Emerging Graduate Scholars Conference, Spring 2019
Udall Fellowship Selection Committee, Center for Scholar Development, Fall 2018
Organizer, Host, & Moderator for “Drexel Alumni Share Law School Experiences” 2018
Gaither Fellowship Committee, 2018
Member, “Online Committee” Department of Politics, 2017-2019
Faculty Advisor, Defend Our Future, 2017-2020
Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Graduate Programs, Department of Politics, 2016-17
Member, Global Studies Search Committee, Middle East Studies, Fall 2016
Member, Program Alignment Review (PAR) Committee 2014-2016
Member, Department of Politics-Science, Technology & Society Working Group, 2015
Member, Drexel’s First UNFCCC Delegation (COP21 Paris) 2015
Member, Carnegie Fellowship Committee, 2013, 2014, 2016.

Professional Activities and Related Service

American Political Science Association

Chair, Prize Committee for International Collaboration Section Best Paper Award, 2021
Co-Chair, International Collaboration Section, APSA Annual Meeting, 2019

Referee for the following journals and presses

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Climate Policy, Cooperation and Conflict, European Journal of International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis, Global Environmental Politics, Governance, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Interactions, International Theory, Journal of Environment and Development, New Political Economy, Oxford University Press, Policy Studies Journal, Political Science Research and Methods, Research & Politics, The Review of International Organizations, Review of International Political Economy, World Politics

Referee for the following grants and awards

Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving the World Order
Israeli Science Foundation
National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science Program