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Appointments

Associate Professor of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2021-
Associate Professor of Politics, Drexel University, 2021
Assistant Professor of Politics, Drexel University, 2015-2021
Open Society Fellow, 2017-2018
Visiting Scholar, McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, 2014
Postdoctoral Fellow in International Law, Drexel University, 2012-2015

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Ohio State University, 2012
M.A. Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, 2006
B.A. European Studies and International Relations, Babeş-Bolyai University (Romania), 2004

Research and Teaching Interests

International Law and Norms, Human Rights, Race and International Politics, and International Relations Theory

Publications

Book

Evading International Norms: Race and Rights in the Shadow of Legality (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights, 2021).

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

“Racism and Antiracism in the Liberal International Order,” *International Organization*, vol. 75, no. 2 (2021): 440-463.

“A House Divided: Norm Fragmentation in the International Human Rights Regime” (with Rochelle Terman), *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 65, no. 2 (2021): 488-499.

“Emergent Flexibility in Institutional Development: How International Rules Really Change”
(with Erin Graham), *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 64, no. 4 (2020): 821-833.

“Is the Good News About Law Compliance Good News About Norm Compliance? The Case of Racial Equality,” *International Organization*, vol. 72, no. 2 (2018): 351-385.

- Best Post-PhD Paper Award by ISA’s Theory Section

“Evading International Law: How Agents Comply with the Letter of the Law but Violate Its Purpose,” *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 23, no. 4 (2017): 857-883.

“The Color of Threat: Race, Threat Perception, and the Demise of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance (1902-1923),” *Security Studies*, vol. 22, no. 4 (2013): 573-606.

Other Publications

“Law, Morality, and Culture in *Rights as Weapons*,” *Ethics and International Affairs*, November 2019, online book symposium on Clifford Bob, *Rights as Weapons* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019).

“Race and International Relations.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*. Ed. Patrick James. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.

“Presidential Disaster Declaration Decisions, 1953-2003: What Influences Odds of Approval?” *State and Local Government Review*, vol. 39, no. 1 (2007): 3-15 (with Richard Sylves)

Selected Work Under Review and in Progress

“Racism by Designation: Making Sense of Why Western States Rarely Designate White Supremacists as Terrorists” (with Anna Meier)

“Race and Reputation in International Politics”

“Shaming at the Intersection of Legality and Morality” (with Sarah Bush and Lauren Prather)

“Race and International Institutions,” invited chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of International Institutions*, edited by Michael Barnett and Duncan Snidal (under contract with Oxford)

“Race and Ideology in International Relations,” invited chapter in a handbook on the study of ideology and International Relations, edited by Mark Haas and Jonathan Leader Maynard (under contract with Routledge)

“The Racial Dimensions of US Policies and the Indo-Pacific,” invited chapter in the Routledge Handbook of US Policy in the Indo-Pacific, edited by Oliver Turner, Nicola Nymalm, and Wali Aslam.

“Balanced or Biased? French Courts and the Eviction of Roma Shantytowns, 2009-2019”

Invited Workshops and Talks

University of Chicago, workshop, “Resistance and Opposition to Liberal International Institutions” (May 14, 2021)

Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations research colloquium (March 25, 2021)

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, workshop on Conflict, Violence and Security (February 11, 2021)
Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS) (January 28, 2021)
Georgetown University, GPEP-R speaker series (December 3, 2020)
Swarthmore College (October 21, 2020)
University of Pennsylvania, Christopher H. Browne Center Summer Virtual IR Workshop, July 9, 2020
University of Wisconsin-Madison, invited talk, International Relations Colloquium, March 3, 2020
Drexel University Law School Faculty Workshop, invited talk, January 30, 2020
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (Germany), workshop, “Exploring Norm Relations and Norm Interactions in a Complex Global Order,” 7-8 November, 2019
Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), workshop, 75th anniversary issue of *International Organization*, June 12-14, 2019
University of Minnesota International Relations Colloquium, invited talk, October 29, 2018
University of Wisconsin-Madison, workshop, 75th anniversary issue of *International Organization*, September 6-8, 2018
Open Society Fellows Retreats: Mexico City (April 2019), Dakar (April 2018), and Budapest (June 2017)
University of Washington International Security Colloquium, invited talk, March 2, 2018
Open Society Foundations, workshop, “Critical Rights,” Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), October 22-26, 2017
Temple Workshops on International Institutions and Global Governance, Philadelphia (October 12, 2018; November 4, 2016; October 30, 2015)
“The Forced (Im)mobility of EU Citizens of Roma Ethnicity,” workshop, Bucharest (Romania) April 7, 2016
International Studies Association (ISA), workshop, “The Instrumental Uses of Norms in World Politics,” Atlanta, 2016
McGill University, workshop, “Nationalism and War,” May 9, 2015
Seton Hall University, invited talk, December 2, 2014
McGill University, invited talk, September 19, 2014
University of Delaware Colloquium on Global Governance and Society, invited talk, April 18, 2014
University of Pennsylvania, workshop, “From Imperial Science to International Relations,” September 27, 2013
American Political Science Association (APSA), workshop, “Interpretive Methods in Political Science,” Toronto, September 2009

Selected Conference Presentations

“The Politics of Ambiguity,” APSA 2021 roundtable
“Race and the Liberal International Order,” ISA 2021
“Race and the Liberal International Order,” ISA 2020
“Evading International Norms,” APSA 2019
“Normative Communities in International Society,” ISA 2019, APSA 2018 (with R. Terman)

“An Evasion Model of Norm Resistance,” APSA 2017; Junior Scholar Symposium panel, ISA 2015; ISA 2014
“Lost in Legal Translation: How Legalization Allows Human Rights Violations,” ISA 2017
“Rethinking Flexibility in International Institutions” (with E. Graham) ISA 2017, APSA 2016
“French Courts and Roma Evictions” Council for European Studies Conference 2016
“Nationalism and Balancing,” ISA 2016
“The Rise of China and Western Threat Perceptions: Avoiding the ‘Yellow Peril’,” ISA 2014
“Playing the International Race Card,” MPSA 2013
“Race and Arms Control: How Race Inflated Fears of a Nuclear China and Facilitated the 1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty,” APSA 2012 (accepted)

Teaching Experience

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate lecture)
Introduction to Political Science (undergraduate lecture)
International Human Rights (undergraduate seminar)
American Foreign Policy (undergraduate seminar)
Race in International Relations (undergraduate seminar)
International Security (undergraduate seminar)
Ethics and International Relations (undergraduate seminar)

Awards and Grants

Emerging Scholar Award recognizing an outstanding early career scholar who has made a significant contribution to the field of ethnicity, nationalism or migration 2021 (Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Studies section, International Studies Association)
Service Recognition Honoree, Drexel University, 5 year category (2020)
Faculty Summer Research Award for Tenure/Tenure-Track Faculty 2020, Drexel (\$7,000)
College of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Drexel University, Summer 2019
International Studies Association, Theory Section, Best Post-PhD Paper Award (2017-2018)
Open Society Fellowship 2017-2018 (\$80,000)
Outstanding STAR (Students Tackling Advanced Research) Mentor nominations, 2017, 2015
Humanities and Social Science Fellowship, Drexel University, 2016 (\$4,000)
McGill University Fellowship, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, 2014
International Studies Association Travel Grant, 2011 (\$250)
Ohio State University’s Distinguished University Fellowship, 2011-2012 and 2007-2008
Commendation for Excellence in Teaching by OSU Department Chair, Spring 2011
Mershon Center for International Security, Dissertation Research Grant 2011 (\$4323)
Ohio State University Derby Scholarship, School of Graduate Studies 2007 (\$400)
University of Delaware Graduate Travel Fund and Alumni Enrichment Awards 2006 (\$1600)

Professional Activities and Related Service

Reviewer for *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Review of International Studies*, *Security Studies*; Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press.

Managing Editor of *International Theory* (2009-2010)

Dissertation committee member for Vanessa Quince, University of Washington (2018)

External Reader, PhD Dissertation Defense, Danielle Scherer, "Return to the First Image: A Place for Peoples in International Relations," Temple University, (November 15, 2018).

Co-organizer (with Fernando Nuñez-Mietz) of "Instrumental Uses of International Law at the Intersection of Legality and Legitimacy," panel at APSA 2017

Discussant, Race and Racism in Foreign Policy, panel at APSA 2021

Discussant, Norm Dynamics Reconsidered, panel at ISA 2017

Discussant, Understanding Resistance to Transnational Human Rights Norms, panel at ISA 2015

Discussant, Assessing the Impact of International Law on Non-Parties, panel at ISA 2015

Discussant, Diplomacy as Change Management in International Security, panel at ISA-PSS, Budapest, Hungary, June 2013

Discussant, Power, Conflict, and Cooperation, MPSA, 2013

Discussant, "Domination and De-legitimation: Eroding Unipolarity and China's Vision for International Order" (Randall Schweller and Xiaoyu Pu), OSU, October 2008

Departmental, College, and University Service

Truman Scholarship Nominating Committee, 2020-21

Faculty advisor of Dragons for UNICEF student organization, 2019-present

Faculty advisor for Drexel Student Power Network, 2020-2021

Department of Politics Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017, 2018-present

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, April 2020-present

Department of Politics Writing Prize Committee, 2016-2017, 2019-present

"Evading International Norms," guest lecture in the Introduction to Multi-Disciplinary Methods class, Drexel University, March 4, 2020

"Awful but Lawful: Race and Rights in the Shadow of Legality," talk in the "Spotlight On..." Series, Office of Global Engagement, Drexel University, January 15, 2020

Open House, Department of Politics, October 13, 2019

Judge at the poster session of Students Tackling Advanced Research, August 29, 2019

Open House, Department of Politics, August 17, 2019; also 2015 and 2016.

MA Thesis Defense, Kevin Thomas, Jr, no title (thesis on reducing prison recidivism in Philadelphia), June 5, 2019

Judge for Drexel Publishing Group Essay Contest, April-May 2019

Judge at poster presentations for the Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholar conference, April 10, 2019

MA Thesis Defense, Sembu Kamara, “Employment Outcomes of African Immigrants in Philadelphia,” October 2018
“Roma Participation in Politics,” talk given to a South American delegation at an event of Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia, April 2018
Co-organizer (with Phillip Ayoub) of Drexel’s APSA event on social movements and international law, featuring Sidney Tarrow (Cornell University) and Ian Hurd (Northwestern University), Philadelphia, September 2016
Carnegie Junior Fellows Selection Committee, 2014 and 2016
Student Degree Clearing through Hyperion and Degree Works, 2016-2017
Raft Debate: A Disciplinary Battle to Save Humanity (Representing Political Science), 2016
Students Tackling Advanced Research (STAR) Scholar Mentor, 2014-present
Other:
Volunteer Coach, Clark Park Youth Soccer, 2016
OSCE International Observer at the Presidential Elections of Azerbaijan, October 2003

Languages

Hungarian (native), Romanian (native), English (proficient), French (intermediate), German (basic)

References available upon request.

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