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Education

- **PhD Candidate in Political Science**
UC San Diego, CA, 2004 to Present

Dissertation: "Economic Interests in the Domestic Politics of War"

Committee: David A. Lake (Chair), Peter Gourevitch, Gary C. Jacobson, Erik Gartzke, and Richard Feinberg.

Expected Date of Completion: June 2010

- **Masters of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education**
Pacific University, Eugene, OR, 2001

- **Bachelor of Arts in History - Political Science**
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, 1999
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Attended Williams College, Williamstown, MA, 1995-1997

Teaching Experience

- **Instructor:** UC San Diego. *April 2009 to Present*

Political Science 12, Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2009)
This course introduces students to various approaches to studying key topics in international affairs including: conflict and cooperation, globalization, terrorism, international institutions, as well as the global environment and human rights.

Political Science 142L, Terrorism and Insurgency (Summer, Fall 2009)
This course examines theories and empirical analyses of insurgency and terrorism
Topics include general and specific theories of intrastate violence, war duration, genocide, counterinsurgency, international intervention, and peace-building.

- **Teaching Assistant,** UC San Diego. *September 2004 to March 2009*

Grader and section leader for political science courses, including Introduction to International Politics, U.S. Foreign Policy, Political Inquiry (introductory methods), Insurgency and Terrorism, Crisis Areas in World Politics, and The Holocaust.

- **Instructor**, UC San Diego, Academic Connections. *Summer 2006 and 2007*

Terrorism, Insurgency, and U.S. Foreign Policy

This course was part of UCSD's Academic Connections program for high school students. It introduced students to the scholarly study of terrorist and insurgent organizations, including a variety of theories of political violence and in-depth case studies. Students debated how different understandings of insurgency and terrorism affect U.S. foreign policy and participated in a simulation of the political process that led to the creation of the Iraqi constitution.

- **Interim Teacher and Student Teacher**, Elmira High School
September 2001 to June 2002, Elmira, OR.

Responsible for planning and teaching American History, Advanced Placement American Government, Poetry, and Science Fiction.

Research and Conference Presentations

- "Economic Considerations in the Support for War: Evidence from American Public Opinion about the Invasion of Iraq." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2009, Toronto, Canada.
- "The Distributional Effects of War in the United States: An Event Study Approach." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009, Chicago, IL.
- "Let's Work Things Out: Decentralization and Civil Peace," with Victor Menaldo. Working Paper, 2009.
- "Negotiating Hierarchy in the New American Empire: Explaining Modifications in U.S. Military Base Agreements." Working Paper. UC San Diego Department of Political Science. 2007.
- "When Does the Democratic Peace Hold Within Democracies? Audience Costs at the Regional Level and the Odds of Violent Secession," with Victor Menaldo. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2006, Philadelphia PA.
- "Beyond the Rhetoric of Burden Sharing in Iraq: the Micro-Foundations of International Public Goods and the Development of Free-Riding," with Victor Menaldo. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004, Chicago, IL.

Honors, Scholarships, and Grants

- Three time winner of the Teaching Excellence Award, UC San Diego, Department of Political Science, 2007, 2008, and 2009
- Brown Teaching Fellowship, UCSD Department of Political Science, 2004-2005
- Williams College Economics Department Teaching Assistant Grant, 1997
- Williams College Foundation Scholarship, 1996-1997

Other Work Experience

- **Research Assistant**, David Lake (2007)
Did data analysis for Professor Lake's book, *Hierarchy in International Relations*.
- **Research Assistant**, Miles Kahler (2005)

Research Associate, Child and Adolescent Services Research Center, UC San Diego. (2003-2004)
Designed and ran analyses on community mental health services databases.
- **Data Assistant**, NPC Research. (2002-2003), Eugene, OR
Managed data and ran statistical analyses for the evaluation of Oregon's Juvenile Crime Prevention Initiative.
- **Basketball and Football Coach**, South Eugene High School (1999-2003)

References

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