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### Academic Positions

Associate Professor United States Naval War College, National Security Affairs Department	July 2003- present
Visiting Assistant Professor and Dickey Postdoctoral Fellow, Dartmouth College, Department of Government	December 2002 – June 2003
Visiting Instructor Dartmouth College, Department of Government	September 2001 – December 2002
Instructor Wesleyan University, Department of Government	1999-2000

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### Education

Ph.D., Political Science Yale University	December 2002
MA, International Relations (with Honors) University of Chicago	June 1996
BA, Government Cornell University	May 1991

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### Publications

#### Book

*Governing the Military* (Routledge, 2019)

#### Book Under Contract

*Air Power in Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism Since 9/11*, co-edited with Phil M. Haun and Colin F. Jackson. Under contract at Cambridge University Press. Draft expected December 2026.

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“Reason for Victory: The Theoretical Elements of National Security Policy,” *International Perspectives on Military Education*, Vol. 2, 2025 issue. Published online in April 2025.

“Strategic Unpredictability: Assessing the Doctrine from Nixon to Putin,” *Survival*, Vol. 64 No. 3, May/June 2022.

“Applying Method to Madness: A User’s Guide to Causal Inference in Policy Analysis,” *Texas National Security Review*, Vol. 3 No. 3 (Summer 2020). With Jessica D. Blankshain.

“Hoping for Victory: Coercive Air Power and NATO’s Strategy in Kosovo,” in *Air Power in the Age of Primacy: Air Warfare since the Cold War* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022), ed.s Phil M. Haun, Colin F. Jackson, Timothy P. Schultz.

“The Danger of False Peril: Avoiding Threat Inflation,” *Joint Force Quarterly*, 4Q 2016, No. 83.

“Assessing Causality in a Complex Security Environment.” *Joint Force Quarterly*, 1Q 2015, No. 76.

“Coalition Warfare Over Kosovo,” chapter in Bruce A. Elleman and S.C.M. Paine, ed.s, *Naval Coalition Warfare: From the Napoleonic War to Operation Iraqi Freedom* (New York: Routledge, 2008).

“A Clear Victory for Air Power: NATO’s Empty Threat to Invade Kosovo.” *International Security*, Winter 2002/2003 (Vol. 27, No. 3).

## **Commentaries, Op-Eds, & Other Writing**

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“A Way Out of a House of Dynamite,” *Proceedings*, March 2026. With Daniel Post.

“What Washington Keeps Getting Wrong in War Planning,” *Foreign Policy*, March 28, 2025. With James Guimond.

“Would Ronald Reagan Have Bailed Out on Ukraine?” *Chicago Tribune*, January 4, 2024.

“Ukraine Wants a No-Fly Zone. What Would This Mean, and Would It Make Any Sense In This War?” *The Conversation*, March 16, 2022. With Christopher Faulkner.

“U.S. Airstrikes are Recklessly Legitimizing a New Kind of War,” *Los Angeles Times*, January 25, 2022. With Christopher Faulkner and Jeffrey Rogg.

“Full of Sound and Fury: America’s Tragedy Becomes America’s Drama,” *Just Security*, November 21, 2021. With Jeffrey Rogg.

H-Diplo Roundtable on Dianne Pfundstein Chamberlain’s *Cheap Threats: Why the United States Struggles to Coerce Weak States*, published online December 2018.

H-Diplo Roundtable on Phil Haun’s *Coercion, Survival, and War: Why Weak States Resist the United States*, published online May 2017.

Review of *Terror, Security, and Money: Balancing the Risk, Benefits, and Costs of Homeland Security*, by John Mueller and Mark G. Stewart. In *Naval War College Review*, Autumn 2012.

“Syria and the Danger of Strategy Creep,” *The National Interest*, July 6, 2012.

Review of *Atomic Obsession: Nuclear Alarmism from Hiroshima to Al Qaeda*, by John Mueller. In *Naval War College Review*, Autumn 2011.

“A War by Any Other Name,” *The National Interest*, July 6, 2011. With Nikolas Gvosdev.

“Defining War in an Ill-Defined World,” *New York Times*, June 28, 2011. With Nikolas Gvosdev.

Review of *How Terrorism Ends: Understanding the Demise and Decline of Terrorist Campaigns* by Audrey Kurth Cronin. In *Naval War College Review*, Winter 2011.

Review of *National Security Dilemmas: Challenges and Opportunities*, by Colin S. Gray. In *Naval War College Review*, Winter 2010.

Review of *Attacking Terrorism: Elements of a Grand Strategy*, by Audrey Cronin and James Ludes. In *Naval War College Review*, Spring 2005.

### **Contributions to the Naval War College Curriculum**

“Trial by Fire: An Insider’s Perspective on the Interagency.” May 2012.

“For Fare but Still Balanced? Media Bias and the Use and Misuse of Journalism.” July 2011.

“Levels of Decision: The Role of Individuals in National Security.” July 2011.

“Theoretical Reasoning in National Security Policy.” Co-authored with Solomon Major. May 2010.

“Rational Choice and International Politics.” August 2008.

“A Time of Our Choosing: Confronting Saddam.” July 2008.

“Understanding Ourselves: Psychological Concepts and Foreign Policy.” Co-authored with Elena Mastors. July 2008.

“The Challenge of Strategic Communication.” May 2008.

“Applied Critical Analysis.” April 2007.

“Guiding the Spear: Special Operations Command and the Struggle Against Terrorism.” March 2006.

“The United Nations in the International Arena.” May 2005.

“Kennedy’s Blunder? Reappraising America’s Options in the Cuban Missile Crisis.” February 2004.

“The War over Kosovo.” January, 2004

### **Presentations**

“The 2023 Invasion of Israel: Possible Repercussions,” Young President’s Organization: Northeast Chapter, October 19, 2023.

“Air Power and Air Power Theory,” *Profiles in Strategy Podcast*, May 18, 2023.

“The Risk of Escalation in Ukraine.” Roger Williams University, March 2, 2023.

“Satellites Over the Rubicon: Evolution and Disruption in National Security Intelligence. Part II, Practitioners.” CEO, invited presentation with Jeffrey Rogg. October 11, 2022

“Satellites Over the Rubicon: Evolution and Disruption in National Security Intelligence. Part I, Policymakers.” CEO, invited presentation with Jeffrey Rogg. September 20, 2022

“Dynamic Causality and International Security,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2016.

“A Lawless Science for a Lawless World? Dynamic Causality and International Security,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“Countering Ideological Support for Terrorism,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2007.

“Cultural Obstacles to Public Diplomacy.” Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, April 29, 2004.

“Do States Take Turns? Testing the International Interaction Game Against the Conduct of Crises.” International Studies Association, March 20, 2004.

“Military Effectiveness and Strategic Planning: When is Resolve a Crucial Factor?” International Studies Association, March 19, 2004.

“The Middle East and the Future of Terror,” Naval Reserve National Security Symposium, November 15, 2003.

“Approaching the Certainty of Intention,” American Political Science Association, August 31, 2003.

“Targeting the Will: The Strategy of Coercion,” American Political Science Association, August 29, 2003.

“NATO’s Empty Threat to Invade Kosovo,” International Studies Association, March 1, 2003.

“Gauging Intention in International Relations: Are We Approaching Certainty?” International Studies Association, February 28, 2003.

“Targeting the Will: The Strategy of Coercion,” Invited presentation at the Naval War College, February 6, 2003.

“Strategy and the Timing of War Termination: An Escape From the Cost / Benefit Conundrum,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 25, 2002.

“Military Coercion and War Termination,” Dartmouth College IR Faculty Reading Group, February 13, 2002.

“Strategic Simulation as a Pedagogical Tool: Reasons for Skepticism,” Grand Strategy Project / National War College Joint Conference, June 24, 2000.

“Redefining Conventional Coercion: Strategic Decision-making and the Use of Force,” International Security Studies Colloquium, Yale University, April 25, 2000.

“Coercive Uses of Force,” Colloquium in International Relations, Yale University, February 9, 2000.

“War in an Information-Rich Environment,” International Relations Reading Group, Yale University, Fall 1997.

### **Fellowships and Awards**

Civilian Service Medal, Naval War College, June 2023

John Sloan Dickey Center Grant (for research on Kosovo), 2002

Designated among “Classes That Rock”, Order of Omega, Dartmouth College, 2002

Research Fellowship, Dartmouth College, September 2001 (renewed 2002)

Enders Fellowship, Yale University, Summer 2001

Perry Miller Foundation Fellowship, Summer 2000

### **Other Education**

**Institute for Qualitative Research Methods** (Consortium for Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University), January 6-17, 2003. Directed by Colin Elman and Andrew Bennett.

**Summer Workshop in the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS)**, Columbia University. Directed by Richard K. Betts and Stephen Biddle. Summer 2001.

**Colloquium on Strategic Education**, Center for Strategic Education, Johns Hopkins University. Directed by Eliot Cohen. Summer 2001.

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Smith Richardson Foundation** Consultant (June 1998 - 2000)

Advised on the feasibility and novelty of a wide range of grant proposals submitted to Smith Richardson. Proposals concerned a range of issues involving international security, managing the global environment, and international crime.

#### **U.S. Department of State** Intern (June - August, 1996)

Intern in Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Office of the Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Reactor Safety. Duties included assisting Action Officer and Senior Coordinator with day-to-day diplomacy, writing official telegrams (including instructions to U.S. delegations), participating in meetings with other U.S. agencies, NGOs and the media.

Security Clearance: Secret.

#### **Marvin Zonis and Associates, Inc.** Associate (January - June, 1996)

Chicago-based international consulting firm. Led project to construct model to gauge risk in emerging markets. Duties included researching political risk, and developing and testing variables for model.

#### **Lexecon, Inc.** Research Associate (July 1991 - August 1994)

Chicago-based economic consulting firm. Duties included aiding professional economists to prepare expert testimony for litigation. Projects included consulting for the British Government in the development of a national lottery.