

Matthew Parent

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Education

Ph.D., Political Science (Expected) May 2017
University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut

- **GPA:** 3.9/4.0
- **Concentrations:** International Relations and Comparative Politics

M.A., Politics May 2012
The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

- **GPA:** 3.97/4.0
- **Concentration:** World Politics

B.A., *Cum Laude*, Political Science May 2010
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts

- **GPA:** 3.31/4.0
- **Minor:** History
- **Undergraduate Certificate:** Asian Studies
 - **Thesis:** *Prayer and Politics: How Eastern Religion has been Used as a Mask for Violence and Unrest*

Research Interests

- Contentious Politics.
- International Organizations and Alliances; NATO, the EU, ASEAN, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the United Nations.
- Norm Development in Regional Communities.
- Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and State Security Measures.
- Political and Military Development of Asia.
- Religion, History, and Social Movements in Political Discourse.
- US Foreign Policy.

International Experience

Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, Denmark Summer 2008
International Security and Counterterrorism Program

- Completed coursework in European political structures, international security, and terrorism.
- Met with members of the European Defense College and the European Parliament at the European Union headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.
- Attended lectures at Potsdam University (Potsdam, Germany) and King's College (London, UK) regarding domestic and foreign terrorist threats.

Conference and Panel Participation

Papers Presented

- International Studies Association Northeast Regional Conference
 - "Slaying the Dragon: Contentious Politics in the Chinese Periphery." Providence, RI, November 8th, 2013.
- University of Connecticut Conference on Social Movements
 - "Blood from a Stone: Irish and Chinese Repertoires of Contention Under Conditions of Oppression." Storrs, CT, December 8th, 2012.
- Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference
 - "The Impact of Asian Regional Organizations: The SCO and ASEAN." November 17th, 2011.
- International Studies Association Northeast Regional Conference
 - "The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: Should the West Worry?" Providence, RI, November 5th, 2011.

Other Conference and Panel Work

- Northeastern Political Science Association
 - Roundtable Participant: *Graduate Student Debate: Qualitative vs. Quantitative*, Philadelphia, PA, November 19th, 2011.
- Catholic University of America Politics Panel
 - Examiner: *Oil's Influence on Crafting Corporate, Public, and Foreign Policy*, Catholic University of America, November 16th, 2011.
- International Studies Association Northeast Regional Conference
 - Roundtable Participant: *US Foreign Policy in the Middle East Since Tunisia*, Providence, RI, November 5th, 2011.
- New York State Political Science Association Annual Conference
 - Roundtable Participant: *Pedagogy and Methods in Graduate Political Science*, Niagara University, April 9th 2011.
- Catholic University of America Politics Panel
 - Examiner: *U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East*, Catholic University of America, April 7th, 2011.

- Student Leadership Symposium
 - Assistant Presenter: *The Heart, Head, Hands, and Habit of Servant Leaders*, The George Washington University, February 25th, 2011.
- Catholic University of America Politics Panel
 - Chair/Discussant: *U.S. – China Relations*, Catholic University of America, February 17th, 2011.

Select Academic Writing

"The Shanghai Cooperation Organization and India's Role in Regional Politics," *The Great Indian Dream*, Fall 2012.

"Academia Informing U.S. Foreign Relations," *International Affairs Forum*, Co-author with Patrick Corcoran, June 2011.

Works in Progress

U.S. Influence in Asia: What is Washington Worried About?

Asymmetric Alliances: Bargaining Power by Association

Memberships and Honors

Doctoral Fellowship, 2012-2013.

- Granted by the University of Connecticut as additional funding in light of academic success.

International Studies Association, 2010-Present.

American Political Science Association, 2010-Present.

Phi Alpha Theta, History Honors Society, 2010-Present.

Kappa Kappa Psi, National Honorary Band Fraternity, 2005-Present.

- Northeast District President, 2008-2009. Served as regional executive officer for chapters from 38 colleges and universities in the Northeast U.S. Current member of the Alumni Association.

John and Abigail Adams Full Tuition Scholarship, 2005-2009. Tuition waiver to Massachusetts public colleges and universities.

Commonwealth College Honors Scholarship, 2005-2009.

Experience

Teaching Assistant

August 2012- Present

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

- *Provide teaching and grading assistance for a number of courses: Introduction to Political Theory, World Political Leaders, American Foreign Policy, and Introduction to International Relations.*

Graduate Student Technician

May 2013- August 2013

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

- *Provided advanced research assistance for a number of projects relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict.*

Research Assistant

January 2013-May 2013

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

- *Provided research assistance for the Allen R. Bennett Honors Professor in Political Science.*
- *Organized speaking engagements and working dinners for a number of political science professionals and academic VIPS.*

Graduate Assistant

January 2011- Present

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

- *Leadership development of student, staff, and faculty population.*
- *Work with students to manage academic, work, and social commitments.*
- *Student organization and student government advisor; assure compliance with university codes and standards.*

Event Coordinator

October 2010-Present

The United States Scholastic Band Association

- *Serve as lead coordinator for high school Marching Band and Indoor Guard and Percussion shows.*
- *Coordination of host site adult and student staff and volunteers.*
- *Management of show procedure and critique.*

Consultant, Instructor

July 2006- Present

George N. Parks Drum Major Academy

- Serve as primary instructor of leadership, intrapersonal, and interpersonal skills to small groups of 40 students.
- Instruct large groups of 300+ students in marching, conducting, and command techniques.
- Logistics management and technical assistance of weeklong academies.

Legislative Intern

June 2005- August 2010

Massachusetts House of Representatives, Boston, MA

- Assisted State Representative Todd M. Smola at meetings and events.
- Legislative research for pertinent issues.
- Fulfilled administrative duties.
- Served as a liaison between the office, other legislators, and state agencies.

Service

Treasurer

May 2013-Present

Political Science Graduate Student Association, UCONN.

Event Coordinator

August 2012 – May 2013

Political Science Graduate Student Association, UCONN.

Drill Designer and Marching Instructor

July 2012 – Present

Palmer High School Marching Band, Palmer, MA.

Copy-Editor

September 2011- May 2012

Politika Pneuma, CUA Politics Department Newsletter

Woodwind Instructor

June 2011-December 2011

Northwest High School Marching Band. Germantown, MD.

Additional Interests

- Marching Band, Drum Corps, and instrumental music.
- Parliamentary procedure and organization management.
- Massachusetts state government.
- Traveling.