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AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Political Leadership; Foreign Policy Analysis; Political Fictions.

AWARDS

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Connecticut.

First Runner-Up, Undergraduate Student Government Educator of the Year, 2008-9, University of Connecticut.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Washington State University, 2004.

MA Washington State University, 2002.

BA (First Class) University of Essex, 2000.

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2012-

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut, 2007-2012.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Wabash College, 2005-2007.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, St. Olaf College, 2004-2005.

Summer Faculty, Sinoway International Education, Beijing, China, 2012, 2014; Nanjing, China, 2013; Shanghai, China, 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Otherworldly Politics: The International Relations of Star Trek, Game of Thrones, and Battlestar Galactica*. Johns Hopkins University Press, May 2015.
 - Reviews: [Times Literary Supplement](#); [H-Net](#); [Political Studies Review](#).
 - Media Coverage: [Vox](#); [Southern California Public Radio](#); [RTE \(Ireland\)](#); [New Books in Political Science](#).
- *Leaders in Conflict: Bush and Rumsfeld in Iraq*. Manchester University Press, March 2014.
 - Reviews: [Political Science Quarterly](#); [Political Psychology](#).
- *The Blair Identity: Leadership and Foreign Policy*. Manchester University Press, August 2009.
 - Reviews: [International Studies Review](#); [Political Studies Review](#).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

‘Gordon Brown, Alistair Darling, and the Great Financial Crisis: Leadership Traits and Policy Responses,’ *British Politics*, (2016, advance online).

‘Public and Private Beliefs of Political Leaders: Saddam Hussein in Front of a Crowd and Behind Closed Doors,’ with Alexandra L. Raleigh. *Research and Politics*, (2014)1, 1.

‘Origins of the Psychological Profiling of Political Leaders: The U.S. Office of Strategic Services and Adolf Hitler,’ *Intelligence and National Security*, 29, 5, (September 2014), pp. 654-674.

‘What Really Happened in Planning for Postwar Iraq?’ *Political Science Quarterly*, 128, 3 (Fall 2013), pp. 455-488.

- Forum: [H-Net](#)

‘Chronic Misperception and International Conflict: The US-Iraq Experience,’ with Charles A. Duelfer. *International Security*, 36, 1, (Summer 2011), pp. 73-100.

‘George W. Bush, the Surge, and Presidential Leadership,’ *Political Science Quarterly*, 125, 4, (Winter 2010/2011), pp. 557-586.

‘Stuff Happens: Donald Rumsfeld and the Iraq War,’ *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 5, 4, (October 2009), pp. 327-348.

‘Cognitive Style and Foreign Policy: Margaret Thatcher’s Black-and-White Thinking,’ *International Political Science Review*, 30, 1, (January 2009), pp. 33-49.

‘Text Annotation and the Cognitive Architecture of British Prime Ministers, 1945-2008,’ *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, 5, 1, (Spring 2008), pp. 7-18.

‘Alliances, Domestic Politics, and Leader Psychology: Why did Britain Stay out of Vietnam and go into Iraq?’ *Political Psychology*, 28, 6, (December 2007), pp. 647-666.

‘Personality and Foreign Policy: Tony Blair’s Iraq Decisions,’ *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2, 3, (July 2006), pp. 289-306.

- Media Coverage: *Daily Telegraph*

‘Individual Characteristics of Political Leaders and the Use of Analogy in Foreign Policy Decision Making,’ with Thomas Preston. *Political Psychology* 27, 2, (April 2006), pp. 249-272.

‘Using Words as Data in the Study of the French Political Elite,’ with Libia Lorena Billordo. *French Politics* 2, 1, (March 2004), pp. 111-123.

‘Drawing Policy Implications from the ‘Operational Code’ of a New Political Actor: Russian President Vladimir Putin,’ *Policy Sciences* 34, 3 / 4 (December 2001), pp. 329-346.

Book Chapters

‘Crisis Management,’ with Paul ‘t Hart, in L. Huddy, D. O. Sears and J. S. Levy (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 395-422.

‘Blair, Brown, Cameron and the War on Terror,’ with Alexandra Raleigh, in K. Oppermann, *British Foreign and Security Policy: Current Challenges and Historical Legacies* (Germany: Vissner Verlag, 2012), pp. 190-207.

‘New Labour, Leadership, and Foreign Policy-Making after 1997,’ in O. Daddow and J. Gaskarth (eds), *British Foreign Policy: the New Labour Years* (Basingstoke: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2011), pp. 63-83.

‘The United Kingdom,’ in R. Sobel, P. Furia, and B. Barrett, (eds), *Public Opinion and International Intervention: Lessons from the Iraq War*, (Washington, DC: Potomac Press, 2012), pp. 35-46.

‘What Difference Did He Make? Tony Blair and British Foreign Policy, 1997-2007,’ in T. Casey (ed.) *The Blair Legacy* (New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2009), pp. 235-246.

Media Columns and Essays

[How "Star Trek" Almost Failed to Launch](#) (*The Conversation*, September 7th 2016. Republished by *Salon*, *The New Republic*.)

[Here's Why You Have to Watch "Occupied" - A Near Future Political Nightmare](#). (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, February 18th 2016)

[The Empty Politics of Star Wars](#). (*Politico*, December 21st 2015)

[The Force Awakens: A Sugar High but not a Great Movie](#). (*The Conversation*, December 18th 2015)

[So the World is a Fake. Now What?](#) (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, December 6th 2015)

[The Martian: A Space Epic That Explores Ordinary Human Decency](#). (*The Conversation*, October 2nd 2015)

[Why You Should be Reading Liu Cixin, China's Hottest Science Fiction Writer](#). (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, August 9th 2015)

[Leonard Nimoy, Who Helped Bring Politics to 'Star Trek,' Has Died](#). (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, February 27th 2015)

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[In "The Gambler," An Anti-Hero Story is Retold](#). (*The Conversation*, December 28th 2014)

["The Newsroom" was a Fitting Coda to the "West Wing."](#) (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, December 15th 2014)

[Interstellar: Nolan's Flawed Masterpiece](#). (*The Conversation*, November 7th 2014)

[One of these Political Novels Could Win Britain's Highest Literary Honor](#). (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, October 12th 2014)

["The Leftovers" Satisfies in TV's Darkest Thought Experiment](#). (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, September 7th 2014)

[The Return of Our Most Political Singer: Morrissey](#). (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, July 9th 2014)

[The Gist of the Bush-Blair Secret Letters Controversy](#). (*Political Insight*, June 3rd 2014)

[Getting to know Donald Rumsfeld](#). (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, April 5th 2014)

[What Russia's Invasion of Georgia Means for Crimea.](#) (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, March 5th 2014)

[The Best Television Show about Politics Ever.](#) (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, February 2nd 2014)

[Nelson Mandela Demonstrates the Importance of Taking Leaders Seriously.](#) (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, December 8th 2013)

[Cameron Defeated on Syria by Ghost of Blair.](#) (The Monkey Cage @ *The Washington Post*, August 30th 2013)

[The Political Science of Battlestar Galactica.](#) (*The Monkey Cage*, June 13th 2013)

[The Political Science of Star Trek.](#) (*The Monkey Cage*, May 20th 2013)

[Conviction Foreign Policy.](#) (*E-International Relations*, April 30th 2013)

[Margaret Thatcher, Her Personality and Politics.](#) (*The Monkey Cage*, April 8th 2013)

[What Does the Iraq War Teach Us About Theories of International Relations?](#) (*The Monkey Cage*, March 21st 2013)

[A More Assertive Obama?](#) (*The Monkey Cage*, February 13th 2013)

[Misperceptions, Foreign Policy, and Iran.](#) (with Jeremy Pressman, *The Monkey Cage*, March 1st 2012)