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EDUCATION:

Ongoing: PhD, University of Toronto (proposed defence: February 2018)

Dissertation:

‘The geopolitics of intervention: great powers, spheres of influence, and the legitimate use of force’

Committee:

Steven Bernstein (chair), Seva Gunitsky, Todd H. Hall.

2006. MA, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada

2004. BJH, University of King’s College, Halifax, Canada

POSITIONS HELD:

2017-present. Fellow

Trudeau Centre for Peace, Conflict, and Justice,
Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

2012-present. Course Instructor

Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

2007-2008. Post-Graduate Research Fellow

Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

Forthcoming. ‘Why is there no reactionary international theory?’

International Studies Quarterly, with Joseph MacKay.

Forthcoming. ‘Kenneth Waltz is not a neorealist (and why that matters).’

European Journal of International Relations, with Simon Frankel Pratt.

2017. ‘The conduct of history in International Relations: rethinking philosophy of history for IR theory.’ *International Theory* 9(2): 203-236, with Joseph MacKay.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION:

- ‘Are spheres of influence social? Rethinking geopolitics for the 21st century’ (*submitted to International Studies Quarterly*).
- ‘The stability of a multipolar world: the Concert of Europe’s lessons for geopolitics today’ (*in draft circulation*).
- ‘Do we live in a material world? Examining the material-ideas divide in IR,’ with Simon Frankel Pratt.
- ‘Can *realpolitik* be compassionate? Humanitarian intervention and the geopolitics of empathy.’
- ‘International Relations and the problem of distance.’

RECENT NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

2014. ‘In the shadow of power: geopolitics, Russia, and Crimea.’ *OpenCanada.org*. Available online at www.opencanada.org/features/in-the-shadow-of-power-geopolitics-russia-and-crimea/
2008. ‘Negotiating with the Hermit Kingdom: approaches and interests in the Korean nuclear dilemma.’ *New Issues in Security #2 monograph*, Dalhousie University Press, Halifax, Canada. 210pp.
2008. ‘Rising powers’ and ‘conflict is changing.’ *Canada’s World* national dialogue discussion guides. Available online at <http://www.sfu.ca/dialogue/watch-read-discover/reports-and-findings.html>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS:

- 2017-2018. Postdoctoral fellowship, China Institute, University of Alberta (\$51,000 CAD)
2017. Graduate fellowship, Trudeau Centre for Peace, Conflict, and Justice (\$3,000 CAD)
- 2010-2012. Ontario Graduate Scholarship (won twice; total \$30,000 CAD)
- 2008-2013. University of Toronto doctoral fellowship (\$115,000 CAD)
- 2008-2009. C.B. Macpherson award, University of Toronto (\$5,000 CAD)
- 2007-2008. Post-graduate research fellowship, Asia-Pacific Foundation (\$33,000 CAD)
- 2007-2008. Security and Defence Forum internship (\$35,000 CAD; declined)
2006. Doris Boyle graduate international relations essay prize (\$600 CAD)
2005. Simons Centre Graduate research award (\$2,500 CAD)
2005. James DeMille essay prize (\$250 CAD)

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

2017. ‘Are spheres of influence ‘social’? Rethinking geopolitics for the 21st century.’ International Studies Association northeast conference, Providence, RI.
2017. ‘Do we live in a material world? Examining the material-ideas divide in IR.’ With Simon Frankel Pratt, International Studies Association northeast conference, Providence, RI.

2016. 'Governing a Geopolitical Globe: 19th Century Intervention Legitimacy and Spheres of Influence.' International Studies Association northeast conference, Baltimore, MA.
2016. 'Why IR Scholars Should Start Reading Waltz.' With Simon Frankel Pratt, International Studies Association annual conference, Atlanta, GA.
2015. 'International Relations and the Problem of Distance.' International Studies Association northeast conference, Baltimore, MA.
2014. 'Intervention at the End of History: Geopolitics and the Legitimation of Force After the Cold War.' American Political Science Association annual conference, Washington, DC.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Taught courses:

- 2017-2018. POL380, 'International Security.' Co-taught with Simon Pratt, University of Toronto.
2017. POLB80, 'Introduction to International Relations.' Co-taught with Simon Pratt, University of Toronto at Scarborough (summer and fall 2017).
2014. POL380 & POLC40, 'The Politics of Sovereignty and Humanity: Military Intervention in the 21st Century.' Taught at the University of Toronto and the University of Toronto at Scarborough.
2014. POLB81, 'Global Issues and Governance.' Co-taught with Joseph MacKay, University of Toronto at Scarborough.
2013. POLB80, 'Introduction to International Relations.' Co-taught with Wilfrid Greaves, University of Toronto at Scarborough.
2012. POL381, 'Politics and the Idea of History.' Co-taught with Jonas Schwab-Pflug, University of Toronto.

Guest lectures:

2014. 'Canada and North America.' POL312, Canadian Foreign Policy, taught by John Kirton, University of Toronto.
2013. 'Over the Horizon? Thinking About the Future of Canadian Foreign Policy' and 'Canada and Multilateralism.' POL312, Canadian Foreign Policy, taught by Wilfrid Greaves, University of Toronto.
2011. 'The Changing Nature of Just War.' POL380, The Causes of War and Conditions for Peace, taught by Kimberley Carter and Jamie Levin, University of Toronto.
2011. 'Human Security and Human Rights.' POL208, Introduction to International Relations, taught by Todd H. Hall, University of Toronto at Mississauga.

Teaching assistance:

- 2009-2017. Range of introductory and high-level international relations and security studies courses, including: Introduction to International Relations; Peace, Conflict, and Justice; American Foreign Policy; Canadian Foreign Policy; International Law.

MEMBERSHIPS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES:

2017-present. Peer-reviewer, *European Journal of International Relations*
2017-present. Research associate for Professor Aisha Ahmad, University of Toronto
2016-present. Graduate Member, China Open Research Network, University of Toronto
2009-present. Student member, International Studies Association
2014-2017. Graduate Associate, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto
2010-2011. President, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science, University of Toronto
2009-2011. Co-president, North Korea Research Group, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
2007. Editorial intern, *The Walrus* magazine, Toronto, Ontario
2005-2006. Editor in Chief, *The Gazette*, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

International security, American foreign policy, military intervention, geopolitics, sovereignty, humanitarianism.

TEACHING AREAS:

Introductory and advanced courses in international relations, international security, American and Canadian foreign policy, humanitarianism, historical IR, and political theory.

LANGUAGES:

English, French; intermediate Latin.

REFERENCES:

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