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### ***Academic Appointments***

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2020 - Present	California State University, Long Beach Position: Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
2020	National Yang Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan Position: Visiting Scholar
2013 - 2019	California State University, Long Beach Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science
2011 - 2013	University of California, Los Angeles Position: Faculty Fellow Lecturer, Department of Political Science

### ***Education***

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September 2011	University of California, Los Angeles - Ph.D., Political Science
June 2009	University of California, Los Angeles - M.A., Political Science
June 2001	Williams College - B.A., with highest honors in History

### ***Peer-Reviewed Articles***

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“Leveraging National Security: Private Equity Firms and Bankruptcy in the United States Defense Industry.” *Business and Politics* (2023), with Benjamin Tkach and Craig Rethmeyer.

“Defense Contractors, Private Equity Firms, and United States National Security,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* (2022), with Benjamin Tkach and Craig Rethmeyer.

“Corporate Hackers: Outsourcing United States Cyber Capabilities,” *Strategic Studies Quarterly* (2021).

“United States Defense Contractors and the Future of Military Operations,” *Defense & Security Analysis* (2020).

“Acquire or Expire: Publicly Traded Defense Contractors, Financial Markets, and Consolidation in the U.S. Defense Industry,” *Defense and Peace Economics* (2019).

“More Data, New Problems: Audiences, Ahistoricity, and Selection Bias in Terrorism and Insurgency Research,” *International Studies Review* (2018).

“End of the Cycle: Assessing ETA’s Strategies of Terrorism,” *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (2018).

“Empty Threats: How Extremist Organizations Bluff in Terrorist Campaigns,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* (2018).

“Splinters and Schisms: Rebel Group Fragmentation and the Durability of Insurgencies,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* (2017).

“Buyer Beware: How Market Structure Affects Contracting and Company Performance in the Private Military Industry,” *Security Studies* (2016).

### ***Manuscripts in Progress***

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*Forgotten Audiences: Assessing the Terrorist Strategies of the Islamic State, Boko Haram, and al-Shabaab*  
*Military Industrial Complex Redux: US Defense Contractors and the Future of Warfare*

“Assessing ISIS’s Strategies of Terrorism.”

“Deterrence, Dollars, or Diplomacy? Explaining US Arms Sales to Taiwan.”

“The New Strategic Logic of Bioterrorism”

### ***Policy Writing and Book Reviews***

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Review of Joseph M. Brown, *Force of Words: The Logic of Terrorist Threats* in Rutgers Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books

Review of Peter Krause, *Rebel Power: Why National Movements Compete, Fight, and Win* in *Terrorism and Political Violence* in *Terrorism and Political Violence*

“Lessons the US Can Learn from Taiwan: Public Health is a Matter of National Security.” *Taiwan News*

“Private Defense Companies are Here to Stay—What Does that Mean for National Security?” *The Conversation*

### ***Conference Presentations***

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“From Mobilization to Annihilation: The Strategic Logics of Bioterrorism.” ISA 2023.

“Leveraging National Security: Private Equity and Bankruptcy in the U.S. Defense Industry.” United States Military Academy Conference on Regional and Global Security Orders. 2023

“Deterrence, Dollars, or Diplomacy? Why the U.S. Sells Arms to Taiwan.” ISA 2022, APSA 2023

“Defense Contractors, Private Equity Firms, and United States National Security,” ISA 2022

Author Meets Critics: Analyzing Joseph M. Brown’s *Force of Words: The Logic of Terrorist Threats*. APSA 2021

“Corporate Hackers: Outsourcing United States Cyber Capabilities,” ISA 2021

“Corporate Hackers: Outsourcing United States Cyber Capabilities,” APSA 2020

“Radical and Rational: The Islamic State’s Strategies of Terrorism.” APSA 2019

“Market Capitalization and Consequences: Why It Pays to be a Publicly Traded Defense Contractor.” ISA 2019

“Assessing ISIS’ Strategies of Terrorism.” ISA 2018

“Empty Threats: How Organizations Use Bluffing in Terrorist Campaigns.” ISA 2017

“Rewarding Bad Behavior: Path Dependence and Accountability in the Private Military Industry.” ISA 2016

“The Big Data Problem: Audiences, Ahistoricity, and Selection Bias in Terrorism and Insurgency Studies.” ISA 2015

“When and Why Non-State Terrorist Organizations Claim Credit for Attacks.” APSA 2014

“Explaining the Puzzle of Unclaimed Terrorist Attacks.” ISA Annual Meeting March 2014

“How Firm Size Affects Contracting in the Private Military and Security Market.” ISA Annual Meeting March 2014

“Maintaining Monopsony: The Effect of Market Structure on Contracting in the Private Military and Security Industry.” APSA 2013

“Services and Market Structures in the United States Industry for Private Military and Security Companies.” APSA 2013

“Contracting and Shirking in the Industry for Private Military and Security Companies.” WPSA 2013

“The Principal or the Agent? Reassessing the Performance of Private Military and Security Companies.” ISA 2012

“The Origins, Progress, and Conclusion of the Basque Insurgency.” ISSS Section of the International Studies Association Conference. Irvine, CA 2011

“Strategic Interaction in Insurgency: The Case of ETA.” Presented at the ISA-West Conference 2011.

“Hearts-and-Minds or Blood-and-Guts? Strategic Intersection and the Growth of Proto-Insurgencies.” ISA 2011

“Non-State Terrorism and the Growth of Insurgencies.” APSA 2010

“State Repression and the Development of Insurgencies.” MPSA 2010

“It Takes Two to Tango: Terrorism and the Outcome of Insurgencies in Latin America.” WPSA 2010

Bridging the Gap New Era Foreign Policy Conference. Sponsored by George Washington Elliot School, UC Berkeley, and Bridging the Gap Project. Washington, DC, 2010.

### *Invited Talks and Media Appearances*

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“Leveraging National Security: Private Equity and Bankruptcy in the U.S. Defense Industry.” United States Military Academy Seminar on Global Order. 2023.

“The United States and the War in Ukraine.” CSULB University Forum, 2022.

“Professional Development Opportunities in Political Science.” CSULB Political Science Students Association, 2022.

“The U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan.” CSULB Political Science Students Association, 2021.

“The Covid-19 Pandemic and United States National Security.” National Yang Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan, 2020.

“Beyond Blackwater: American Defense Contractors and the Wars to Come.” Armed Commercial Actors in Civil Wars Workshop. University of Liverpool, 2019.

“ISIS: Origins, Goals, and Threats,” *Talking Points*, Long Beach Public Television

“Assessing the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” CSULB Political Science Student Forum

“American Foreign Policy and the 2016 Presidential Election.” CSULB Campus Election Forum “ISIS and American Foreign Policy.” CSULB Campus Panel on ISIS

“Foreign Policy and Domestic American Politics.” *In Conversation* (Long Beach Public Television)

“Paris and Its Aftermath: Assessing the Terrorist Attacks in France.” CSULB Forum on Paris Attacks

“Terrorism and International Affairs.” *California Report* (California Public Television)

“Private Military Companies and Global Security.” *Talking Points* (Long Beach Public Television)

“Insurgency, Terrorism, and United States Foreign Policy.” Pacifica Institute (Irvine, CA)

“Counterfactuals, Proxy Wars, and Counterinsurgency in Iraq and Syria.” CSULB Forum on Syria

“The Things that Might Have Been.” Invocation at Meeting of the CSULB Student Senate

“United States Counterterrorism Policy.” *Talking Points* (Long Beach Public Television)

“ISIS and United States Foreign Policy.” CSULB Political Science Graduate Student Association

“Markets for Force.” California State University Long Beach Political Science Colloquium

“Conceptualizing Terrorism.” UCLA International Relations Student Association

### ***Fellowships, Honors, & Awards***

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CSULB College of Liberal Arts Research and Scholarly Activities Grant (2023-2024)

CSULB College of Liberal Arts Research and Scholarly Activities Grant (2022-2023)

U.S. Department of Education Higher Education Emergency Fund Relief Grant (2022)

CSULB College of Liberal Arts Research and Scholarly Activities Grant (2021-2022)

CSULB College of Liberal Arts Research and Scholarly Activities Grant (2020-2021)

Visiting Scholar, National Yang Ming University, Taiwan (2020)

CSULB Research Sabbatical (2020)

CSULB College of Liberal Arts Research and Scholarly Activities Grant (2019-2020)

CSULB College of Liberal Arts Research and Scholarly Activities Grant (2018-2019)

CSULB College of Liberal Arts Research and Scholarly Activities Grant (2016-2017)

University of California Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Award (2012-2013)

University of California Dissertation Fellow (2010-2011)

Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellow (2009-2010)

U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (2008-2009)

U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (2007-2008)

University of California Graduate Division Research Fellowship (2007-2008)

UCLA Center for European Studies Summer Travel Grant - Spain (Summer 2008)

UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies Language Study Fellowship (2006-2007)

University of California Graduate Summer Research Fellowship (2006)

UCLA Center for Globalization and Policy - Torang Jahan Manuscript Prize (2006)

U.S. Department of Education Summer Foreign Language Fellowship (2005)

Williams College Russell Bostert Thesis Prize (2001)

### ***Teaching***

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#### **Assistant Professor - California State University, Long Beach (2013 - Present)**

Introduction to International Politics

American Foreign Policy

Graduate Seminar in International Politics

Introduction to American Government

Public Service Internship

Advanced Individual Study - M.A. Supervisor

University Honors Program Senior Thesis Supervisor

#### **Faculty Fellow Lecturer - UCLA Department of Political Science (2011 - 2013)**

Intervention in United States Foreign Policy

Insurgency and Terrorism  
World Order  
Undergraduate Honors Research Mentorship (2012-2013)  
Directed Individual Research in Political Science

### *Service*

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#### **External Journal and Publisher Reviewer**

Lynne Rienner Publishers (2022)  
*International Interactions* (2022)  
*African Security* (2022)  
*Review of International Political Economy* (2021)  
*European Journal of International Security* (2021)  
*Journal of Global Security Studies* (2021)  
*International Studies Quarterly* (2017, 2020, 2023)  
*Terrorism and Political Violence* (2014, 2018, 2020)  
*Journal of Peace Research* (2020)  
*Defense and Security Analysis* (2020, 2022)  
*Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* (2020)  
*Politics and Gender* (2018)  
WW Norton (2016)  
Rowman and Littlefield (2016, 2021)  
National Science Foundation (2016)  
*African Journal of Political Science and International Relations* (2014)

#### **University and Department Service**

General Education Governing Committee, Secretary (2022-2025)  
Board Member, Long Beach Center for Urban Politics (2022-2023)  
Member, Department of Political Science Search Committee (2023-2024)  
Chair, Department of Political Science Search Committee (2021-2022)  
Political Science Department Chair's Nominating Committee (2020)  
Chair, Political Science Department POSC 100 General Education Committee (2020-2021)  
Political Science Department Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2020-2022)  
Chair, Political Science Department WSUSC Core Competency Assessment Report (2019)  
CSULB Department of Political Science Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee (2019-2023)  
Chair, CSULB University Committee on Athletics (2017-2019)  
Department of Political Science Grade Appeals Committee (2018-2019)  
Department of Political Science Internship Coordinator (2016-2019)  
Department of Political Science Research Colloquium Director (2015-2023)  
CSULB College of Liberal Arts Faculty Council (2014-2016, 2023-2025)  
Department of Political Science Executive Committee (2013-2020)  
Department of Political Science Graduate Committee (2015-2020; 2022-24)  
Department of Political Science Curriculum Committee (2013-15, 2021-2022)

#### **Conference Service**

Discussant and Chair: 2023 ISA Panel: “Violent Non-State Actors.”  
Discussant and Chair: 2022 ISA Meeting. Panel: “Wars of Information.”  
Discussant: 2019 ISA Meeting. Panel: “Understanding Rebel Groups and Insurgent Organizations.”  
Discussant: 2016 ISA Meeting. Panel: “Terrorism and International Law.”  
Discussant: 2015 ISA West Meeting. Panel: “Civil Wars and Intrastate Conflict.”  
Chair: 2014 ISA West Meeting. Panel: “Coup d’états and Violence.”  
Discussant: 2014 APSA Annual Meeting. Panel: “New Approaches in Analyzing Civilian Targeting.”  
Discussant: 2014 ISA Annual Meeting. Panel: “Counterterrorism Strategies: Sources and Effectiveness.”  
Discussant: 2012 ISA Annual Meeting. Panel: “Private Military Companies in the International Arena.”

### *Professional Association Membership*

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American Political Science Association (APSA)  
International Studies Association (ISA)

### *Non-Academic Professional Experience*

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Fintrac Inc. (2001-2004) - Analyst

- Fintrac Inc. is a USAID contractor based in Washington, D.C. that works in the field of international development. While working at Fintrac, I helped start-up and manage USAID funded projects in Honduras and El Salvador. I also conducted overseas consulting work and trainings in El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, and Guyana