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### Education

#### University of Alabama

PhD, Political Science  
Major Field: *International Relations*  
Minor Fields: *American Politics and Political Theory*

#### Duke University

MA, Political Science

#### The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina

BA, International Politics and Military Affairs and English, Magna Cum Laude

#### Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Univ. of Michigan

EITM Certification  
*MLE for Generalized Linear Models, Introduction to R Statistical Computing Environment, Regression Analysis II: Linear Models, Mathematics for Social Scientists II, Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences I: Introduction and Application, Network Analysis 1: Introduction*

### Dissertation

“Learning the Trade: State Leaders and the Construction of International Relations”  
(Chair: Douglas M. Gibler, University of Alabama; Susan Sample, University of the Pacific; Derrick Frazier, Air Command and Staff College; Dennis Foster, VMI; Toby Rider, Texas Tech; Stephen Borrelli, University of Alabama)

I argue that conflict can best be understood as a learned practice where states learn the “steps to war” (Senese and Vasquez 2008). To do this, I use an argument that examines alliances and how leaders make alliance texts that heavily copy from previous alliance texts, a case study of the arms race between the USSR and USA, and how states involved in rivalries are more likely to initiate and engage in disputes with non-rivalrous dyads.

### Publications

**Millard, M.C.** “Secret Alliances: Why States Make, Keep, and End Them” *Edward Elgar* (2025)

This topical book explores key motivating factors in the formation, endurance, and dissolution of secret alliances between states. Matthew Millard examines the role of political similarity in the formation of alliances, analyzing key case studies across Africa, Asia and Europe that showcase the consequences of broken alliances. Using historical examples, Millard discusses why states refrain from institutionalizing their covert alliances, evaluating whether these are more or less enduring than public ones.

**Millard, M.C.** “Of Mountains, Rivers, and Oceans: Territorial Effects on Military Expenditures, 1961-2012” *New Global Studies* (2023)

While much work has been completed analyzing the role of territory’s effect on conflict (Senese, P. D. 1996. “Geographical Proximity and Issue Salience Their Effects on the Escalation of Militarized Interstate Conflict.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 15 (2): 133–61; Bremer, S. A. 1992. “Dangerous Dyads: Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Interstate War, 1816–1965.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 36 (2): 309–41; Gleditsch, K. S., and N. B. Weidmann. 2012. “Richardson in the Information Age: Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Data in International Studies.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 15: 461–81; Vasquez, J. A. 1995. “Why Do Neighbors Fight? Proximity, Interaction, or Territoriality.” *Journal of Peace Research* 32 (3): 277–93), less work has demonstrated how territory affects military budgets. I argue that a state’s defense spending is subsidized by clearly defined geographic focal points (Schelling, T. C. 1980. *The Strategy of Conflict*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press). Using

geographic data, I show that states clearly defined by rivers and oceans spend less money on defense budgets as a proportion of GDP because the prospects of conflict are lower and internal social cohesion is higher, decreasing the need for large standing militaries for repression/expansion/defense. contend that this effect is exogenous to threat. On the other hand, more mountainous states should spend more on defense due to increased costs of defense and decreased sense of identity among local populations. Situating this debate within the state development literature helps us answer important questions regarding formation/consolidation and peaceful interactions with neighbors.

**Millard, MC, Book Review (double)** *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs* (2023)--*Understanding the India-China Border: The Enduring Threat of War in High Himalaya*, by Manoj Joshi. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022.

*Armed Coexistence: The Dynamics of the Intractable Sino-Indian Border Dispute* by Stephen Westcott. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillian, 2022

**Millard, M.C. and Porter, C.** "Testing the Hard Case: Reactive Devaluation, Iran, and Nuclear Negotiations" *Journal of Political Science* 46 (2018)

To assess the level of reactive devaluation in foreign policy negotiations, we conduct a survey of approximately 400 respondents. Our analysis measures the variance of relative support/opposition to the Iranian deal when the author of the proposal is varied. We examine the specific case of negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program to test our theory of psychological thresholds of trust in Iran and Islam, which when low, should trigger reactive devaluation. Our study improves upon existing literature by incorporating a larger and more generalizable sample and by testing a harder case for identifying the phenomenon. We find that the process of reactive devaluation is apparent in the face of non-existential threats, but may be more nuanced than previously suggested.

**Millard, M.C.** "Rethinking the Kantian Peace: Evidence from a Liberal, Moderate, and Conservative Measure of Norm Diffusion" *New Global Studies* 12.3:325-341 (2018)

This article revisits in today's global setting the debate among international relations scholars over the so-called Kantian or democratic peace. In particular, it argues that findings made by S. M. Mitchell in a seminal 2002 article in the *American Journal of Political Science* regarding the diffusion of norms via third party conflict resolution relied upon a questionable methodology and now require belated revision. An alternative measure of norm diffusion would rely upon the proportion of democratic states, particularly contiguous states, in a given region. Moreover, a more detailed look at such diffusion after 1945 suggests important differences over the viability of democratic peace, especially regarding state behavior outside the Western Hemisphere

**Millard, M.C.** "Challenging Institutions: Getting Goods or Getting your own Institutions?" *Journal of Regional Security* (2017)

I present a discussion of the current state of liberal internationalism as it relates to international organizations. I maintain that the literature focuses too much on liberal internationalism and less on non-liberal internationalism. This is problematic in a world where non-liberal states are increasingly becoming important players in the international system, as is the case with Russia and China. I argue that non-liberal states have a variety of approaches in their dealings with international institutions that can enable them to maximize their net gains from institutions. These are: 1.) keep using the liberal institution; 2.) utilize institutional a la cartism (forum shop); 3.) create an anti-liberal institution; or 4.) opt-out of institutions all together. Scholars and practitioners alike should acknowledge that international institutions can be a vehicle whereby non-liberal states maximize their power and diminish the power and influence of non-liberal states.

**Millard, M.C.** "A Tale of Two Systems: Learning to Cooperate and Compete in the International System" *Spectra* 6(1) (2017)

I argue that states and leaders in competitive frameworks learn to behave with realist policies from their interactions with other states and leaders and, in the absence of these interactions, they rely on previous experience to inform them in the decision-making process. Contrary to what scholars of the realist tradition maintain, I do not argue that the tenants consistent with realism are effectively human nature (for instance, Morgenthau, 1948) or due to the self-help, anarchic structure of the international system (Waltz, 1979). Instead, leaders in conflictual relationships learn these methods are an effective way in which to respond to the world around them as they learn the constraints that are placed on them by other state's leaders. And in the absence of previous interactions, they will rely on background variables, such as their own experience, to guide them in how to interact with other leaders.

**Millard, M.C.** Editor and foreword, Special Curated Issue, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, (Alliances) (2016)  
<http://cmp.sagepub.com/site/VSI/Reexamining.Alliance.Literature.xhtml>

I explore the most important alliance articles from *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. I show that most focus throughout the journal's history concerned arms races, the other primary way to prepare for war. I argue that the alliance literature has been neglected and overlooked and, upon reexamination, can provide useful information about how we can greater understand the causal relationships with war and dispute onset.

#### **Working Papers**

**Kovac, I., Ivanov, I., and Millard, M.C.** "NATO (mis)aligned Cyber Strategies? A Text Analysis of National Cybersecurity" (under review)

This paper analyzes the implications for different strategies deployed by European states in responding to cyber threats. Three primary strategies exist for addressing threats in the cyber realm: deterrence, norms, and persistent engagement. While the most traditional understanding of cyber security has focused on Cold War era deterrence-based thinking, alternative schema in the form of a focus on norms and persistent engagement have emerged to challenge the notion of cyber deterrence as a national strategy. In this paper we examine the language used by EU member states' cyber policies from 2011-2023.

**Kovac, I., Ivanov, I., and Millard, M.C.** "Cyber T.S. Elliot: Good Cyber Strategies Copy, Great Cyber Strategies Steal"

To what extent are NATO allies adapting cyber persistent engagement from one another? Cyber persistent engagement (CPE), when compared to other strategies of national cyber security policy such as deterrence and norms-based approaches, is the newest approach to cyber security in a state's toolkit. In this paper, we assess to what extent states copy the cyber strategies of other states. To do this, we have compiled all seventy-two national cyber security strategies made by NATO members since 2003 and conduct text analysis of these documents. Using a dataset developed elsewhere (Kovac, Ivanov, and Millard 2025), we measure the level of deterrence, norms, and cyber persistent engagement contained within each of these strategies. We are then able to assess the degree to which states are more willing to copy the emerging strategy of cyber persistent engagement from other states. We find that states are much more likely to copy cyber persistent engagement strategies. Furthermore, we find that states are more likely to copy their own prior strategies, even those made by prior governments, illustrating the persistence of bureaucratic structures within NATO member states. Finally, we find that states bordering Russia or a non-NATO state and contiguous states are more likely to copy others' strategies

**Gartzke, E., Millard, M.C., and Hulme, M. P.** "Throwing in the Towel: Democracies and the Acceptance of Defeat"

Submitted to *International Studies Quarterly* (under review)

Extensive research makes the case that democracies are more likely to win the wars that they fight. However, what happens when democracies are destined to lose a military contest? Theories of democratic victory emphasize incentives affecting elected leaders that encourage superior military performance. These same

incentives suggest that democratic leaders should be especially reluctant to admit defeat. As the findings reported here demonstrate, democracies tend to take longer to “throw in the towel” and acknowledge defeat when military contests are not going well. Indeed, it is especially difficult to end disputes when both sides are democratic. This relationship helps to substantiate the role of regime type in affecting military conflict even as it also clarifies important questions about process and the micro-foundations of democratic victory.

**Krell, M. R. and Millard, M.C. “The Hidden Utility of Brexit”**

We argue that identity plays an important role in decisions regarding national independence movements. We further argue that purely economic models of rational actors fails to capture the role of identity because of the difficulty in operationalizing the concept. Using a large-n panel survey of British respondents, we examine what role identity played in respondents vote and vote intentions in the June 2016 Brexit vote. In examining pre-and post-election data, we find evidence to support our hypothesis that self-ascribed identity as British or European was an important factor in a respondent's decision on voting to remain or leave the European Union.

**Gibler, D.M. and Millard, M.C. “Why States Ally: Using Alliance Texts to Understand Choice”**

We argue that while states make alliances based off immediate policy concerns, we can also examine alliance texts for evidence that states and their leaders accede to the norms of particular historical eras. Examining all alliance texts from 1920 to 1995, we argue that states whose political system does not match the predominate political system at the time are more likely to copy alliance texts from those predominate states because they send signals of acceding to the norms of the international system. In particular, we find that democratic states were more likely to copy alliance texts prior to World War II as a way to signal conforming to the norms of the more numerous non-democracies. Likewise, beginning in 1960, we find that heads of state who were former rebels and labor leaders are more likely to copy alliance texts as a way of appearing to conform to the norms of the more numerous democracies in the world.

**Teaching**

<b>Global College of PME, Air University</b> -Assistant Professor	2022-Present
<b>Course Director/Deputy Course Director</b>	
ISS-602A: Making Decisions	Feb 2023-July 2024
NS-5510: International Security	July 2023-July 2024
ISS-953S: Regional Studies, Russian Sphere	July 2023-Present
ISS-959A: Comparative Geopolitics	Aug 2023-Present
ISS-601S: National Security & Strategic Competition	Feb 2023-July 2024
ISS-984G China in an Era of Strategic Competition	Aug. 2024-Present
<b>Nazarbayev University</b> - Assistant Professor	
PLS 150: Introduction to International Relations	Fall 2020
PLS 412/512: Scientific International Relations	Fall 2020
PLS 457/557: International Security	Spring 2021
PLS 352: International Relations Theory	Spring 2021
PLS 459/559: International Conflict Processes	Fall 2021
PLS 550: Core in International Relations	Fall 2021
PLS 338: US Government and Politics	Spring 2022
<b>Saint Louis University</b> - Visiting Instructor	
POLS 1150: American Political Systems	Fall 2017
POLS 2000: Methods in Political Science	Fall 2017, Spring 2018
• POLS 2000: Methods in Political Science Lab	Fall 2017, Spring 2018
POLS 5020: Advanced Topics in Research Methods	Fall 2017

- Graduate level Quantitative Methods I course

**University of Alabama - Graduate Teaching Assistant**

PSC 442: International Conflict Spring 2017  
PSC 202: Political Science Research Methods Fall 2015, Spring 2016,  
Summer I 2016, Summer II 2016  
PSC 101: Introduction to American Politics Spring 2015  
PSC 204: Introduction to International Relations Fall 2014, Summer I 2017

**University of Alabama - Teaching Assistant**

PSC 205: Introduction to Political Theory  
PSC 203: Introduction to Comparative Politics Fall 2012, Spring 2013  
PSC 435: War and Peace Fall 2016  
PSC 522: Quantitative Methods Fall 2016

- Graduate level

**Additional Teaching Experience**

Developed pre-test and post-test for introductory level courses in International Relations and American Politics at the University of Alabama.

Assisted students on construction of a module for US Department of Homeland Security for project entitled Peer to Peer: Challenging Extremism (P2P) in partnership with EdVenture Partners. Students constructed a module via social media outreach to combat violent extremism.

International Studies Undergraduate Academic Advisor, University of Alabama (2016).

Other courses prepared: Conflict, War, and Peace and Quantitative Methods I

**Experience**

**Department Chair, Strategy and Security Studies, Global College, Air University, USAF**  
Montgomery, Alabama Spring 2024-Present

Lead a department of six civilians with terminal degrees trained in political science and history plus three field-grade Air Force officers in the execution of Strategy and Security Studies in Professional Military Education courses for the USAF. Consisting of 23 courses across Primary Development Education, Intermediate Development Education, Senior Development Education, and the Online Master's Program. These course directors oversee approximately 50 contracted course instructors every month and several hundred students every month.

**Global College of Professional Military Education, Air Command and Staff College, Air University, USAF, Strategy and Security Studies** Montgomery, Alabama  
*Assistant Professor of National Security* (2023-present)

Instructor, course director, and deputy course director for courses in the Department of Strategy and Security Studies

**Nazarbayev University, Department of Political Science and International Relations** Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan  
*Assistant Professor* (2020-2022)  
Instructor of International Relations courses and research in International Relations

**University of California, San Diego, Center for Peace and Security Studies** San Diego, CA  
*Postdoctoral Research Fellow* (2018-2020)  
Conducted research on conflict processes at the Center for Peace and Security Studies

Award amount: \$152,200

**Saint Louis University**, Department of Political Science St. Louis, MO  
*Instructor/Visiting Assistant Professor* 2017-2018  
Instructor of record for courses in graduate methods and undergraduate methods and American courses

**Ambassador Bruce Heyman, United States Ambassador to Canada Ottawa, Ontario**  
Embassy of the United States of America Summer 2015  
Bureau of Western Hemispheric Affairs  
*Temporary Assistant*  
Security clearance level: SECRET (granted 2015)  
Planned and coordinated ambassador's travel, speeches, and appearances across US and Canada.  
Responsible for diplomatic greeting and protocol familiarity.  
Raised funds (CAN \$277,000 raised for largest July 4th celebration outside US).  
Aided in other administrative responsibilities such as note taking at briefings, clearance officer duties, diplomatic protocol, planning and organizing of events.

**University of Alabama**, Department of Political Science Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant* 2012- 2017  
Received tuition paid in full in addition to a stipend of \$13,500 per academic year.

**University of Alabama**, Department of Political Science Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Graduate Research Assistant* 2013-2014  
Coded MIDs and civil war overlaps for Karl DeRouen and Doug Gibler. Facilitated through a grant from Folke Bernadotte Academy of Sweden to Prof. Gibler and DeRouen totaling \$38,456.

**U.S. Representative Robert Aderholt** Washington, DC  
*Intern* Summer 2014  
Responsible for constituent services, meeting attendance, and other administrative tasks.

**Luntz, Maslansky, and Associates (The Word Doctors)** Arlington, VA  
*Research Intern* 2010  
Completed research and coding for political advertisements, congressional testimonies, and Fortune 500 companies.

**Pearson Peacekeeping Centre** Ottawa, Ontario  
*Research Intern* 2008  
Conducted research on gender-based violence in Darfur that was utilized by the center for the training of international peacekeeping force being sent to Sudan

**Fellowships, Grants, Awards**

Civilian of the Year, Category IV, Annual Award (ACSC), 2023  
Civilian of the Year, Category IV, Annual Award (GCPME), 2023  
Volunteer of the Quarter (Q4-GCPME), 2023  
Volunteer of the Quarter (Q4-ACSC), 2023  
Applied-Defense Security Cooperation University Grant # HQ003423NFOEASD17  
"What's in a Name? Alliances vs. Partnerships: Theoretical and Strategic Implications"  
\$31,180.60 (On hold pending Presidential Executive Orders)  
APSA Travel Grant, APSA, 2019-\$200  
Hayek Fund for Scholars, IHS travel grant, CEEISA ISA, 2019-\$600  
Hayek Fund for Scholars, IHS travel grant, ISA, 2017  
Institute for Humane Studies, APSA travel grant, 2017-\$450  
Institute for Humane Studies, ICPSR grant, 2017-\$3300  
Travel grant, (Univ. of AL Graduate School), ISA Midwest, 2016  
Travel grant, ISA Conference, 2017  
Prestage-Cook travel grant award, SPSA Annual Conference, 2016

Travel grant, ISA South Conference, 2015  
 Travel grant, (Univ. of AL. Political Science Department), Peace Science Society, 2015  
 Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship, 2012-2013; 2014-2015  
 Graduate Student's Association Travel Grant, 2014  
 Travel grant, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, 2016  
 Phyllis Sparks Scholarship (The Citadel)  
 C. Tolbert Goolsby Scholarship (The Citadel)  
 D.D. Nicholson Scholarship (The Citadel) Class of 1919 Scholarship (The Citadel)  
 Dean's List, 8 times (The Citadel) & President's List, 3 times (The Citadel)

**Conference  
Presentations**

Institute for Human Studies, Scholarship and Free Society, June 2012  
 "Conflicting Notions: Locke, Property, Virtue, and Early American Republican Thought"

University of South Carolina, Graduate Student Conference, February 2013  
 "The Calculus of the Casualty-Aversion Hypothesis: Afghanistan, Public Opinion in the Use of Drones, and Elite Strategic Choice"

Texas A&M, Reflections on Violence Conference, March 2013  
 "Gender-Based Violence in Darfur"

Southern Political Science Conference, January 2015  
 "Uncle Sam is here to Help: An Analysis of US Involvement in International Crises, 1919-2007"

International Studies Association Conference, February 2015  
 "Uncle Sam is here to Help: An Analysis of US Involvement in International Crises, 1919-2007"

International Studies Association (Southern), October 2015  
 "Learning to Race: An Analysis of the Soviet/American Arms Race"

International Studies Association (Midwest), November 2015  
 "Learning the Trade: State Leaders and the Teaching of International Relations"

Educational Studies in Psychology and Research Methodology, April 2015  
 "Testing the Hard Case: Reactive Devaluation, Iran, and Nuclear Negotiations"

"Revisiting Reactive Devaluation: The Case of Nuclear Weapons" (poster presentation)

Southern Political Science Association, January 2016 (with Chase Porter, University of Alabama)  
 "Revisiting Reactive Devaluation: The Case of Nuclear Weapons"

International Studies Association (Midwest), November 2016  
 "Learning to Become Friends: Plagiarism and the Making of International Alliances"

International Studies Association (Midwest), November 2016  
 "Introducing the PLAD Dataset: Plagiarism, Leaders, and Alliances Data"

Southern Political Science Association, January 2017  
 "Learning to Become Friends: Plagiarism and the Making of International Alliances"

International Studies Association, February 2017  
 "Learning Different Lessons: New State Membership, MID Success, and MID Initiation"

International Studies Association, February 2017  
 "Learning to Become Friends: Plagiarism and the Making of International Alliances"

Midwest Political Science Association, March 2017 (with Matthew Reid Krell, University of Alabama)  
"The Hidden Utility of Brexit"

American Political Science Association, September 2017  
"Learning Different Lessons: Externalizing Rivalry Lessons to Unrelated MIDs"

International Studies Association (Midwest), November 2017 (with Doug Gibling, University of Alabama)  
"Why States Ally: Using Alliance Texts to Understand Choice"  
Alabama Political Science Association, March 2018  
"Rethinking The Kantian Peace: Evidence from Liberal, Moderate, and Conservative Measures of Norm Diffusion"

International Studies Association, April 2018  
"Is Anyone Listening? Crisis Signaling by the British House of Commons, 1918-2004"

American Political Science Association, 2018  
"Keeping it Secret: Secret Alliance Texts as Signaling and Coordination Agreements"

International Studies Association, 2019  
"Military Expenditure and Size as a Function of Border Threat and Historical Experience"

International Studies Association, 2019  
"Keeping it Secret: Secret Alliance Texts as Signaling and Coordination Agreements"

Midwest Political Science Association, 2019  
"Of Mountains, Battleships, and Tanks: Territorial Effects on Military Expenditures"

Central and Eastern European International Studies Association-ISA, 2019  
"Military Expenditure and Size as a Function of Border Threat and Historical Experience"

Central and Eastern European International Studies Association-ISA, 2019  
"Nobody Knows What Goes on Behind Closed Doors: Experience and Secret Diplomacy"

European Political Science Association, 2019  
"Throwing in the Towel: Democracies and Lost Disputes"

American Political Science Association, 2019  
"Of Mountains, Rivers, and Oceans: Territorial Effects on Military Expenditures"

Australian Political Science Association, 2019  
"Of Mountains, Rivers, and Oceans: Territorial Effects on Military Expenditures"

International Studies Association (Midwest), 2020  
"Marriages of Convenience: Secret Alliance Formation, Issue Alignment, and Termination"

Southern Political Science Association, 2021  
"Nobody Knows What Goes on Behind Closed Doors: Targeting, Division of Goods, and Secret Alliances"

International Studies Association, 2023  
"Never Meant to Last: Secret Alliance Duration, Termination, and Success"

International Studies Association, 2024  
"Let's Just Be Friends: Secret Alliances and Alliance Portfolios"  
CEE-ISA, 2024  
"However it Ends, it Ends: Secret Alliance Termination, Reputation, and the Prospects"



for Future Allies”

Virtual research presentation, University of Cincinnati, Cyber paper dataset papers  
Center for Cyber Strategy and Policy, 2024

Virtual Research presentation, University of California, San Diego, Cyber plagiarism  
paper, Center for Peace and Security Studies, 2024

ISA, 2025

“Let’s Just Be Friends: Secret Alliances and Political Similarity”

SMH, 2025

“Trouble in the Suez: The British–French–Israeli Plan for War”

APSA, 2025

“Cyber T. S. Elliot: Good Cyber Strategies Borrow, Great Cyber Strategies Steal”

#### **Public / Popular Media**

“Ukraine War Update” *WAFF 48 News*. Feb 24, 2022

“Local Expert Gives Update on Situation in Ukraine” *WAFF 48 News*.

Mar 28, 2022

<https://www.waff.com/search/?query=local+expert>

“Izlak SAD iz pakta sa Iranom je bio mudar” *Danas*. June 27, 2019.

<https://www.danas.rs/svet/izlasad-iz-pakta-sa-iranom-je-bio-mudar/>

“Millard to Climb Seven Tallest Peaks.” *The Advertiser Gleam*. May 29, 2019.

“He Arranged A Visit From Congressman.” *The Advertiser Gleam*. April 28, 2015.

#### **Additional**

Participant, “Military Conflict and Disruptive Technologies” discussion with Hon. Newt Gingrich  
(Lemay Center), 2024

Invited talk (China), 413 Flight Test Squadron, USAF, Duke Airfield, Feb 2024

AFGC/GCPME Booster Club president, 2023-2024

Invited panelist, Pan-European Movement of Slovenia (‘30 Years of EU and NATO  
Enlargement, Lessons Learned’), 2024

Judge, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Secretary of Defense Essay Competition and the 42<sup>st</sup> Annual Chairman of  
the Joint Chiefs of Staff Essay Competitions, 2023

Member-Research Support CPI working group-Policy committee, 2023

Reviewer, **Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies** “Definition of Geopolitics”  
(Igor Kovac)

Special lecture, “Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine”, Nazarbayev University (2022)

Invited speaker, KIMEP University, Almaty, Kazakhstan (2021)

Panel Chair (International Law in a Local Context), ISA, 2021

Panel Chair and Discussant (State Attributes and International Processes), ISA, 2021

Panel Chair (The Diplomacy of Middle Powers), ISA, 2021

Panel Chair and Discussant (International Politics: Conflict and Security), SPSA, 2021

Panel Chair (Alliance Politics), ISA Midwest, 2020

Discussant (Big Weapons III), ISA Midwest, 2020 Discussant (Democracy), ISA  
Midwest, 2020

Invited Speaker, Pan-European Movement of Slovenia, 2019

Panel Chair (Ethnicity and Patterns of Violence), APSA, 2019 Discussant (Rebel  
Leaders), APSA, 2019

Discussant (Cyber, Nuclear, Deterrence), CEEISA-ISA, 2019

Panel Chair (Foreign Policy Preferences and Alliances), MPSA, 2019 Discussant  
(Emotions and Foreign Policy Decisions), MPSA, 2019

Panel Chair (International Relations), Alabama Political Science Association  
Conference, 2018

Discussant (International Relations), Alabama Political Science Association Conference,  
2018

Reviewer, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2018

SLU undergraduate/graduate research conference, 2017-provided assistance with organizing and running the first political science research forum on Saint Louis University's campus.

Textbook Reviewer, Dixon, J.C., Singleton, R.A. and Straits, B.C., 2015. **The Process of Social Research**. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Discussant, University of Alabama Department of Political Science Colloquium, Dr. Kristen Wiegand, Fall 2014

Time-Series Analysis workshop, April 2015, Dr. Walt Enders, University of Alabama  
Academic Writing Workshop, April 2015, Dr. Doug Gibler, University of Alabama  
Advisory Committee, *The Citadel Magazine*, 2008-2009

Volunteer, University of Alabama Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference, 2015

Cyber Security Awareness, PS 800 Certificate, George P. Schultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center, Foreign Service Institute, US Department of State

## Service

Department Chair, Strategy and Security Studies, Global College of PME, Air University, USAF

Chair, College Renewal Working Group (AD reappointment committee)-2025

Chair, College Renewal Working Group (AD reappointment committee)-2023

Service on two hiring committees, AFGC, 2023 & 2024

AFGC/GCPME Reorganization OPT, 2025

AFGC/GCPME Strategic Goal Working Group, Artificial Intelligence

Reviewer, Defense and Peace Economics (2023 & 2024)

President, GCPME Booster Club (2023-2024)

Treasurer, Antique and Classic Boat Society (SE Region) (2025)

New Hire mentor, July-Aug 2023

Committee, Professor of Leadership and Ethics, 23AUG9ZDSP0000114258

Artificial Intelligence LOE (Policies and Procedures) Committee

AD Reappointment peer committee lead, July 2023

Moderator, Fiona Hill talk (Sep 2023)

Moderator, Drone Talk #4 (Col. Bill Edwards)

Moderator, Drone Talk #3 (Col. Edwards)

Back of the Napkin talk, Present book chapter "However it Ends, it Ends: Reputation, Norms, the Long Shadow of the Future and Secret Alliances"

Back of the Napkin talk, Present book project on "Secret Alliances: Why States Make, Keep, and End Them"

Back of the Napkin talk-2022 National Security Strategy (GCPME)

Faculty Lecture Series presenter, Nazarbayev University, October 2020

Student Workshop: "So You Want to Get a PhD?" Nazarbayev University, 2020

Student Research Committee, Nazarbayev University, 2020-2021

Master's Thesis Committee (Second Reader): Basit Gulzar, Nazarbayev University Master's

Thesis Committee (Primary Reader): Miras Orazbek, Nazarbayev University

PhD Dissertation Committee (Second Reader): Baglan Aidarov, Nazarbayev University

Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2015-2016 Company Commander, The Citadel

Company Honor Representative, The Citadel Company Clerk, The Citadel

Squad Corporal, The Citadel

Company Operations Sergeant, The Citadel

Squad Sergeant (training cadre), The Citadel

## Computer Skills

Stata, LATEX

## References

Dr. Erik Gartzke, Professor of Political Science (Supervisor)  
University of California, San Diego  
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Dr. Doug Gibler, Professor of Political Science (Dissertation chair)

Institute for Social Science Research, University of Alabama  
dmgibler@ua.edu

Dr. Derrick Frazier, Deputy Commandant (Dissertation co-chair)  
School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, United States Air Force  
derrick.v.frazier@gmail.com

Dr. Ellen Carnaghan, Political Science (Department Chair)  
Saint Louis University  
ellen.carnaghan@slu.edu