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Current Positions

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, *Stanford University*

Postdoctoral Fellow, Empirical Studies of Conflict, *Princeton University & Hoover Institution*

Research Focus

IR Theory, Security Studies, Substate Violence, Methods

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, *University of California-Los Angeles*, 2009

M.Phil. in International Relations, *Oxford University, St. Antony's College*, 2002

B.A. in Political Science & History (Summa Cum Laude; GPA=3.92), *University of Pennsylvania*, 2000

Journal Articles, Book Chapters & Other Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Terrorism” in Robert A. Denemark, ed., *The International Studies Association Compendium Project* (Oxford, UK: Blackwell, forthcoming 2009).

“Dying for Nothing? The Political Ineffectiveness of Suicide Terrorism” in Stuart Gottlieb, ed., *Debating Terrorism and Counterterrorism* (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, forthcoming 2009).

“The Strategic Influence Deficit of Terrorism,” in James Forest, ed., *Influence Warfare: How Terrorists and Governments Fight to Shape Perceptions in the War of Ideas* (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Security International, forthcoming 2009).

“Correspondence: What Makes Terrorists Tick,” *International Security*, Vol. 33, No. 4 (Spring 2009), pp. 180-202.

“What Terrorists Really Want: Terrorist Motives and Counterterrorism Strategy,” *International Security*, Vol. 32, No. 4 (Spring 2008), pp. 78-105.

“Correspondence: Does Terrorism Ever Work? The 2004 Madrid Train Bombings,” *International Security*, Vol. 32, No. 1 (Summer 2007), pp. 185-192.

“Why Democracies Make Superior Counterterrorists,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (Spring 2007), pp. 223-253.

“Why Terrorism Does Not Work,” *International Security*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (Fall 2006), pp. 42-78.

[Reprinted in Jack Snyder and Karen Mingst, eds., *Essential Readings in World Politics, 3rd Edition* (New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 2007)].

“Al-Qaeda’s Scorecard: A Progress Report on Al-Qaeda’s Objectives,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Vol. 29, No. 5 (July-August 2006), pp. 509-529.

“Al-Qaeda’s Miscommunication War: The Terrorism Paradox,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (Autumn 2005), pp. 529-549.

“Are Terrorists Really Rational? The Palestinian Example,” *Orbis*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (Summer 2004), pp. 533-549.

“When Rogues Defy Reason: Bashar’s Syria,” *Middle East Quarterly*, Vol. 10, No. 4 (Fall 2003), pp. 45-56.

“A Window of Opportunity for Israel?” *Middle East Quarterly*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (Summer 2003), pp. 3-13.

Fellowships & Research Positions (Non-UCLA)

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, *Stanford University*, 2009/10

Postdoctoral Fellow, Empirical Studies of Conflict, *Princeton University & Hoover Institution*, 2009/10

Postdoctoral Fellow, *West Point Military Academy*, summer 2009

Predocctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, *Stanford University*, 2008/09

Research Associate, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, *Harvard University*, 2005/06

Visiting Fellow, Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern Studies, *Tel Aviv University*, 2004

Fellow, *Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, 2003/04

Media Interviews on Terrorism

ABC News, Al-Arabiyya, Al-Hurra, Al-Jazeera, BBC, CBS Evening News, CNN (Anderson Cooper), CNN Financial, Fox News, Jerusalem Report, National Public Radio, PBS, Radio Free Europe, Slate, Voice of America, Wall Street Journal, Washington Times, Wired

Achievements

“Why Terrorism Does Not Work” is the most downloaded article in the journal *International Security*¹

The American Political Science Association selected “Are Terrorists Really Rational? The Palestinian Example” as a state of the art political science contribution

Commissioned op-ed writer on terrorism for *Los Angeles Times*

Graduated Phi Beta Kappa, *University of Pennsylvania*

¹ <http://www.mitpressjournals.org/action/showMostReadArticles?journalCode=isec>.

Teaching

Lecturer, *Johns Hopkins University*, Master's Program in National Security Studies, Summer 2009

External Reviewer

Comparative Political Studies, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Security Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence, Oxford University Press, World Politics

Selected Invited Presentations

Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), *Stanford University*, October 2009

Exporting Terrorism and Exporting Democracy, *Free University of Bozen-Bolzano*, Italy, June 2009

Program on International Security Policy (PISP), *University of Chicago*, May 2009

Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), *Stanford University*, May 2009

Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), *Stanford University*, January 2009

Shaping the Obama Administration's Counterterrorism Strategy, *CATO Institute*, Washington, D.C., January 2009 & September 2008

The Current Terrorist Enemies of the United States: Prospects for a New U.S. Administration, National Counterterrorism Center, *University of Texas at Austin*, September 2008

Political Psychology: Then, Now, Hereafter, International Society of Political Psychology, Portland, Oregon, July 2007

Terrorist Organizations: Social Science Research on Terrorism, Institute of Global Conflict and Cooperation, *UC San Diego*, May 2007

Field Research

West Bank & Jordanian refugee camps, July-August 2004

Selected Book Reviews, Op-Eds & Policy Papers

"Dying to Win: The Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism," *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 7, No. 4 (Winter 2005), pp. 176-178.

"Terrorism Casts Pall on Road Map," *Los Angeles Times*, August 14, 2003.

"Right of Return," *Ha'aretz*, August 12, 2003.

"What Window of Opportunity?" *Jerusalem Post*, July 17, 2003.

"A Moment Lost," *Los Angeles Times*, June 12, 2003.

"Road Map Torn By Ambiguity," *Los Angeles Times*, May 28, 2003.

“The ‘Right of Return’ Debate Revisited,” *Middle East Intelligence Bulletin*, Vol. 5, No. 8 (Summer 2003).

“Don’t Know Much about History,” *Jerusalem Post*, April 7, 2003.

“Bush’s Postwar Ambitions for Iraq,” *Ha’aretz*, Feb. 10, 2003.

“How Truman Won Over the UN Security Council,” *Jerusalem Post*, Feb. 5, 2003.

“Easy on the Stick: Why the United States Should Deconflict,” *Washington Institute for Near East Policy Policywatch No.702* (Winter 2003).