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## Education and Professional Certifications

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Kansas 2002  
Dissertation: The Long and Terrible Road: Evolution of Political Protest into Civil War.  
Committee: Ronald A. Francisco (chair), Frank Farmer, Erik S. Herron, Paul E. Johnson, Gary M. Reich
- M.A., Political Science, University of Kansas 1998.  
Thesis: Democracy and Terrorism in Peru and Spain.
- B.A., Political Science, University of Kansas, 1993.

## Professional Experience

- Director, Redwine Honors Program, Midwestern State University, 2018-Present.
- Chair, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University, 2006-2018
- Graduate Coordinator, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University, 2010-2011 and 2014-present.
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University, 2007-Present.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University, 2002-2006.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, History and Political Science Department, Baker University, 2002 (Spring).
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, 1996-2002.

## Research and Scholarly Activities

### Interests

Civil War Onset  
Third Party Intervention in Civil Wars

Latin American Political Protest Movements  
Foreign Policy of Latin American States  
Statistical Estimation of Dynamic Models  
Event Data Collection

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Publications

- "Building Community during COVID-19 and Beyond: How a Community Garden Strengthened an Honors Community" *Honors in Practice*. 2022 (18: 161-163).
- "The Campus Improvement Project: A High-Impact Practice to Stimulate Honors Community and Empower Student Leadership on Campus," (with Cody Parish). *Honors in Practice*. 2020.
- "The Road to Civil War: An Interactive Theory of Internal Political Violence." *Defence and Peace Economics*. April 2008 (19:2).
- "Torture for Profit? The Role of Mercedes-Benz in Argentina's Dirty War." *Pew Case Studies in International Affairs* (2006): Institute for the Study of Foreign Diplomacy.
- "A Man Between Two Countries: President Fujimori and the Japanese Ambassador's Residence Hostage Crisis." *Pew Case Studies in International Affairs* (2003): Institute for the Study of Foreign Diplomacy.
- "A Sea of Troubles: Honduras and the Contra Demobilization," (with Deborah J. Gerner). *Pew Case Studies in International Affairs* (2001): Institute for the Study of Foreign Diplomacy.

### University Publications

- "The Latin American Political Protest Project: An Evaluation of a New Approach to Conflict Data." *Faculty Papers of Midwestern State University*. (2004-2006). 3(16), 23-50.

### Works in Progress

- "To Live and Let Die? Intrastate Conflicts and the Fates of Third Party Regimes, 1816-2000," (with Andrew Enterline and Amber Aubone).
- "Competition, Greed, or Inertia: The Dynamics of Civil War Escalation."
- "A Lockean Peace: Individual Rights Security and the Onset of Civil War"
- "Deciding on Ethanol: A Brazilian Declaration of Independence"
- "Protest, Repression, Reform, or Revolution: A Unified approach to the Study of Protest and Repression" (Book Manuscript)

## Conference Presentations (selected through competitive process)

- “Honors Goes to the Movies: Revisioning Text, Capturing Student Interest, and Developing Community in the Classroom.” National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2022 November 2-5, Dallas, Texas.
- “Centering Community: Developing in Honors” (With Gavin Keulks, Margaret Kanipes, and Adrienne Washington) Roundtable Discussion. National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2022 November 2-5, Dallas, Texas.
- ”Developing in Honors Opening: Silver Linings” (with Ebonie Hill, Leah Creque, and Kathleen King) Roundtable Discussion. National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2021 October 27-31, Orlando, Florida.
- ”Reimagining Research Programs: Best Practices and Lessons Learned.” National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2021 October 27-31, Orlando, Florida.
- ”To Keep or Not to Keep?: Pandemic-Driven Innovations in Honors.” National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, 2021 October 27-31, Orlando, Florida.
- “Model United Nations as a High-Impact Signature Experience: The Midwestern State University Experience” HIPS in the States Annual Conference, College Station Texas, February 18-21, 2020.
- “Creating High-Impact, interdisciplinary Experiences through Model United Nations at Three COPLAC Institutions” (with Linda Veasey, Karsten Mundel, Sandra Rein, and Scott Turner). American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. January 23-26, 2019.
- “Taking Model United Nations beyond the Classroom. Model UN as a Signature Experience.” COPLAC Annual Conference, Wichita Falls, Texas, June 19-21, 2018
- “Taking Model United Nations beyond the Classroom. The Use of MUN as an Interdisciplinary Signature Learning Experience to Demonstrate the Merit of IR Instruction.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, April 4-7, 2018.
- “The Origins of Suicide Terror: The Influence of Country Origin on Suicide Terrorists.” (with Luke Allen). International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore Maryland, February 22-25, 2017.
- “Diasters and Political Survival: The Impact of Natural and Man Made Disasters on Political Survival.” (with Daniel Lowe). International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta Georgia, March 16-19, 2016.
- “The Measurement of Violence against Women: A Case Study Analysis of Empirical Scales.” (with Linda Veazey, Julia Brady, Alexis Gay, Andrea Mendoza Lespron, and Madeline Parker. International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta Georgia, March 16-19, 2016.
- “Political Survivability After Natural Disasters: Disaggregating the Effects of Natural Disaster Types” (with Daniel Lowe). International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 18-21, 2015.

- “Political Survivability after Natural Disasters.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans LA, January 9-11, 2014
- “State Capacity and the Response of Political Leaders to Domestic Opposition.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco CA, April 3-6, 2013.
- “Twitter Revolution: the role of Social Media in the Arab Spring.” (Lili Wang). International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012.
- “How Will the Wolf Survive? reform or repression and the Survival of Political Leaders Facing Domestic Challenges from 1945 to 2000.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2012.
- “Why Repress Why Reform? State Response to Sustained Domestic Opposition 1945-1999.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 5-8, 2011.
- “Reform or Repression: State Capacity and the Response to Domestic Opposition 1945-1999.” International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.
- “Competition, Greed, or Inertia: The Dynamics of Civil War Escalation.” International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 2009.
- “Protector, Allocator, or Arbiter? The Role of the State in the Onset of Civil War 1980-2000.” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, February 2008.
- “State Capacity, the Exercise of Political Power, and the Duration of Civil War” Peace Science Society, Columbia, SC, November 2007.
- “Blood, Babies, or Governance: The Exercise of Political Power and the Onset of Civil War,” International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 2007.
- “Deciding on Ethanol: A Brazilian Declaration of Independence,” (with Byron T. Webb) International Studies Association, Chicago, IL February 2007.
- “To Live and Let Die? Intrastate Conflicts and the Fates of Third Party Regimes, 1816-2000,” (with Andrew Enterline) International Peace Science Society, Columbus, OH, November 2006.
- “The Study of Regime Biased Interventions and the Pitfalls of Aggregate Data Analysis,” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2006.
- “Torture for Profit? The Role of Mercedes-Benz and the Search for Accountability in Argentina’s Dirty War,” (with Daniel Lowe) International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2006.
- “Evaluating the Impact of Regime Biased Interventions on Civil Wars,” International Peace Science Society, Iowa City, IA, November 2005.
- “I Can See For Miles and Miles. . . or Can I? The Effect of External Intervention on Civil War Actor’s Short Term Perceptions,” International Studies Association, Honolulu, HI, March 2005.

- “The Latin American Political Protest Project: An Evaluation of a New Approach to Conflict Data,” Southwestern Political Science Association, Corpus Christi, TX, March 2004.
- “The U.S. Foreign Aid Program and Civil Wars: Evaluating the Impact of U.S. Economic and Military Aid,” Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2004.
- “Foreign Military Aid and Civil Wars: The Conventional Wisdom Reexamined,” International Studies Association, Portland, OR, March 2003.
- “Hurting Stalemate or Spiral of Escalation: Competitive Coadaptation as an Explanation for War Continuation,” American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 2002.

## Applied Research

- “Foreign Policy Decision Making” Democratic Peace Simulation for D’Anieri *International Politics: Power and Purpose*, Cengage Learning, 2010.
- “Deciding on the Democratic Peace” Democratic Peace Simulation for D’Anieri *International Politics: Power and Purpose*, Cengage Learning, 2010.
- “The Greek Crisis” Globalizing Trade and Finance Simulation for D’Anieri *International Politics: Power and Purpose*, Cengage Learning, 2010.
- “Protecting the Seas ” International Law Simulation for D’Anieri *International Politics: Power and Purpose*, Cengage Learning, 2010.
- “The Story of Neda” Globalization Simulation for Kegley *World Politics: Trend and Transformation*, 13th edition, Cengage Learning, 2010.
- Instructor Resources Web links, for Kraemer, Newell, and Prindle, *Texas Politics* 9th edition, Thompson-Wadsworth Publishers, 2005.

## Research Positions

- 1998-Present Director, Latin American Political Protest Project Oversee development of comprehensive database of political protest in Latin America. Train researchers in coding procedures and conduct reliability evaluations.  
(<http://faculty.mwsu.edu/politicalscience/steve.garrison/LAPP.html>)
- Assistant to Network Administrator, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, 2001 (Summer)  
Assist with computer maintenance, software installation and hardware repair.
- Research Assistant (Ronald Francisco), Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, 2000 (Summer)  
Compile Spanish political protest data set from 1980-1985.
- Program Assistant for Ukrainian Summer Institute (Paul D’Anieri), 1999 (Summer)  
Assist with instructional, social, and transportation needs of institute.

- Research Assistant (Juliet Kaarbo), Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, 1999 (Summer).  
Compile structural political information on Arias peace process.
- Research Assistant (Ronald Francisco), Department of Political Science, University of Kansas, 1998 (Summer).  
Compile Spanish political protest data set from 1986-1990.
- Research Assistant, Center for Research on Learning, University of Kansas, 1996-1998.  
Compile and analyze survey data from Adult Education research grant.

## Research Skills

### Computer Skills

- Languages: Ascii-C and HTML
- Automated Content Analysis Software: KEDS, Profiler +
- Statistical and Mathematical Analysis Software: EQS, LIMDEP, Mathematica, R, SAS, SPSS, STATA.

### Languages

- Spanish (reading)

## Consultations Reviews for Publishers

- Technology Advisory Board (Member), Cengage Learning, 2009-present
- *International Relations: Power and Purpose in Global Affairs*, for Cengage Learning, July 2008.
- *Democracy at Last? An Introduction to Latin American Politics*, Prentice Hall, January 2008.
- The Political Culture, People, and Economy of Texas and The Texas Judiciary Chapters, *We the People: An Introduction to American Politics*, for W.W. Norton and Company, June 2007.
- *Texas Politics* Chapter, *The Struggle for Democracy*, for Longman Publishers, December 2005.
- *Velvet Revolution: A Comparative Analysis of Nonviolence in Revolution*, for Palgrave Publishers, Spring 2005.
- Seven Chapters, *Governing America in the 21st Century: Contested Values, Conflicting Interests*, for Prentice Hall Publishers, Summer 2004.
- Four Chapters *The Essentials of Political Processes*, for Longman Publishers, May 2004.
- *Political Analysis*, for Wadsworth Publishers, December 2004.
- *Texas Politics* 8th edition, for Thompson-Wadsworth Publishers, Fall 2004.

## Teaching Responsibilities

### Interests

*Comparative Politics:* general, Latin American politics, political protest, civil war, and regime transitions

*International Relations:* general, international conflict, terrorism, and foreign policy analysis

*Methodology:* general, advanced statistics, dynamic modeling, and game theory

### Courses Taught

#### *Midwestern State University*

- POLS 6023 Contentious Politics: From Social Movements to Terror (MA Program)
- POLS 4583 U.S. Foreign Policy
- POLS 5583 U.S. Foreign Policy (MA Program)
- POLS 4933 U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Developing World
- POLS 3653 International Relations
- POLS 4933-H Issues in World Politics: Conflict Processes
- POLS 6023 Graduate Seminar: Social Choice and Game Theory (MA program)
- POLS 1433 American Government II-Honors
- POLS 4453 Political Protest and Revolutions
- POLS 5453 Political Protest and Revolutions (MA Program)
- POLS 1333 American Government I-Honors
- POLS 5013 Scope and Methods of Political Science (MA program)
- POLS 2523 Foundations of Government and Politics
- POLS 3583 Politics of Latin America
- POLS 5583 Politics of Latin America (MA program)
- POLS 4153 Quantitative Methods
- POLS 5153 Quantitative Methods (MA program)
- POLS 1333 American Government I
- POLS 1433 American Government II

#### *Baker University*

- PS 116 Introduction to Comparative Politics

- PS 315 U.S. Foreign and Security Policy in Global Affairs
- SS 119 World Geography

*University of Kansas*

- POLS 370 Contemporary Issues in World Politics (Instructor of record)
- POLS 707 Research Methods II
- POLS 706 Research Methods I
- POLS 306 Political Science Methods of Inquiry
- POLS 170 Introduction to International Relations (instructor of record)
- POLS 150 Introduction to Comparative Politics (instructor of record)
- POLS 110 Introduction to American Politics (Via Correspondence; Instructor of Record)

*Additional Experience*

Tutor, Statistical Methods, University of Kansas, 1997-2000.

## **Service Activities**

### **University**

- Faculty Sponsor, Graduate Student Association 2015-2018.
- First Year College Experience Ad Hoc Review Committee 2013-2014.
- Faculty Sponsor for Jon Pearce, Alpha Chi, 2013.
- Faculty Sponsor, Students for Liberty, 2012-present.
- Faculty Sponsor, MSU Gun Club, 2010-present.
- Mortar Board Senior Faculty Advisor, Midwestern State University, 2007-2008.
- Chair, Political Science Department, Midwestern State University, 2006-present.
- Faculty Sponsor, Asian Students Association, 2006-2007.
- Faculty Sponsor for Jared Pace, Alpha Chi, November 2006.
- Faculty Sponsor, Young Conservatives of Texas, 2006-2010.
- Interim Chair, Political Science Department, Midwestern State University, 2006-2007.
- Member, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences Council, 2006-present.
- Faculty Senator, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Midwestern State University, 2006-2007.

- Mortar Board Sophomore Faculty Advisor, Midwestern State University, 2006-2007.
- Faculty Sponsor for Elena Puig, Mortar Board, April 2006.
- SACS Accreditation Contact, Political Science Department, Midwestern State University, beginning February 2006.
- Member, Departmental Chair Search Committee, Midwestern State University, 2005-2006.
- Member, University Website Committee, 2005-present
- Member, Premedical Advisory Committee, Midwestern State University, 2004-present
- Faculty sponsor for Byron T. Webb, Alpha Chi, April 2005.
- Member, Departmental Chair Search Committee, Midwestern State University, 2004-2005.
- Member, Strategic Plan Website Review subcommittee, Midwestern State University, 2004.
- Faculty Sponsor for Daniel Lowe, Alpha Chi, November 2004.
- College of Liberal Arts Representative, Fringe Benefits Committee, Midwestern State University, 2003-Present.
- Ad Hoc Orientation Review Committee, Midwestern State University, 2003-2004.
- Scorekeeper, College Bowl, Midwestern State University, November 2002.
- Webmaster, Political Science Department, Midwestern State University, 2002-present.
- Graduate Representative, Promotion and Tenure Committee, University of Kansas, 2001-2002.
- President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas, 2000-2001.
- Graduate Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, University of Kansas, 2000-2001.
- Graduate Representative, International Relations Job Search Committee, University of Kansas, 2000-2001.
- Graduate Representative, Graduate Teaching Awards, University of Kansas Committee 2000-2001.
- Chair, Graduate Student Mentorship Awards Committee, University of Kansas, 2000-2001.
- Graduate Representative, University Distinguished Service Awards Committee, University of Kansas, 2000-2001.
- Graduate Representative, University Program Review Committee, University of Kansas, 1999-2000.
- Political Science Graduate Representative, Graduate and Professional Assembly, University of Kansas, 1999-2000.

- Graduate Representative, Graduate Executive Committee, University of Kansas, 1999-2001.
- Participant, Graduate Teaching Assistant Roundtable Discussion, University of Kansas, Fall 1999.
- Treasurer, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas, 1999-2001.
- Graduate Representative, Undergraduate Studies Committee, University of Kansas, 1998-2000.
- Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas, 1998-1999.

### **Professional Manuscript Referee**

- American Political Science Review
- American Journal of Political Science
- International Studies Quarterly
- Journal of Conflict Management and Peace Science
- Journal of Politics
- Defence and Peace Economics
- Polity Publishers
- Westview Press

### **Conference Service**

- President, Plains Honors Council, 2023.
- Program Chair, Great Plains Honors Council, March 10-12, 2023, Wichita Falls, Texas.
- Co-Chair, Developing in Honors Section, National Collegiate Honors Council, Nov 2-5, 2022, Dallas, Texas.
- Panel Chair, “Exploring the Strengths and Weaknesses of Rebel Forces and Warlords.” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012.
- Panel Discussant, “Nuclear Weapons and International Politics” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2012.
- Panel Discussant, “Democratization From Below” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2012.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, “Terrorism” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 5-8, 2011.

- Panel Chair and Discussant, “Civil War Outcomes” International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 2009.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, “Studies in Civil War Termination” International Studies Association, San Francisco, February 2008.
- Discussant, “Patterns of Civil Conflict and Violence,” International Studies Association, Chicago, February 2007.
- Discussant, “The Duration and Consequences of Civil War,” International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006.
- Chair, “A Cannon of IR Literature? How We Choose to Teach Our Students,” International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006.
- Chair and Discussant, “Democratic Transitions: The Case of Mexico,” Southwestern Political Science Association, Corpus Christi, March 2004.
- Discussant, “Foreign Policy,” Western Political Science Association, Portland March 2004.

## Community

- Sponsor, Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force Permanent Party, 2014-present
- Sheppard Sheppard Air Force Base Young Ambassadors, 2015-present
- Volunteer Notre Dame Catholic Schools 2008-2012
- YMCA Girls Basketball Wichita Falls, Tx., Coach (*Pixie Knights*), 2009-2012
- Greater Wichita Falls Area Soccer Association Girls Soccer Wichita Falls, Tx., Assistant Coach (*Soccer Rockers*), 2011-present
- Grand Juror, Wichita County, Texas, 2003 Fall.
- LINK Community Kitchen, Lawrence Kansas 1995-2002
- Judge, Great Lenexa BBQ Battle, Kansas State BBQ Championship, 1985-present

## Honors and Awards

- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2013-2014.
- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2012-2013.
- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2011-2012.
- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2010-2011.
- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2009-2010.
- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2008-2009.

- MSU Student Government Association Faculty Member of Year, 2007-2008.
- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2007-2008.
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- MSU Faculty Development Grant for 2002-2003.
- University of Kansas Graduate Student Distinguished Service, nominee, 2001.
- University of Kansas Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, alternate, 2001.
- Harris Doctoral Fellowship, recipient, 2000-2001.
- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for the University of Kansas, finalist, 1998-1999 and 1999-2000.
- Walter Thompson Scholarship for Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student, recipient, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001.

## **Professional Affiliations**

- American Political Science Association (Methodology Section)
- International Studies Association
- International Peace Science Association
- Mortar Board
- Pi Sigma Alpha