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## EMPLOYMENT

### Assistant Professor I

Fall 2018 – current

Department of Political Science

Director, Homeland Security Master's Program

Spring 2019 – current

Rider University

Lawrenceville, New Jersey

## EDUCATION

### Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

May 2018

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Dissertation: "State Unbuilding: Presidents & the American National Security State, 1952-2016"

Committee: Profs. Andrew J. Polsky (Chair), Peter J. Liberman, Charles Tien

### Master of Science in Political Science

August 2011

Portland State University

Thesis: "From Blooming Judicial Philosophies to Castrated Legislation: Sexuality, Desire, and Nominations to the Supreme Court of the United States"

Committee: Profs. Christopher Shortell (Chair), Richard Clucas, Bruce Gilley

### Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Spanish

May 2005

Bowling Green State University

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society

## PUBLICATIONS

"Unchained Succubus: A Queer New Institutional Analysis of U.S. Supreme Court Nomination Hearings," *Politics & Gender* 13, no. 4 (December 2017), p. 683-709.

"Peace Dividends: President Eisenhower and the Unbuilding of the American National Security State," with Andrew J. Polsky in *The Eisenhower Presidency: Lessons for the Twenty-First Century*. 2015. Lexington Books.

Book review, "Choosing to Lead: Understanding Congressional Foreign Policy Entrepreneurs," by Ralph G. Carter and James M. Scott (2009). *Political Studies Review* 9, no. 1 (January 2011).

## WORKING PAPERS

"To the Moon and Back: The Quest for Presidential Prestige" (submitted)

"Ensnaring Team Trump: The Banking Secrecy Act of 1970 and Congressional Intent" (in progress)

"Terrorism as Tool of Coercive Federalism: The Case of the Portland Christmas Tree Bomber" (in progress)

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Ensnaring Team Trump: The Banking Secrecy Act of 1970 and Congressional Intent”

Northeastern Political Science Association 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, November 8-10, 2018.  
Montreal, Quebec

“JFK, George W., & Men on the Moon”

Northeastern Political Science Association 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, November 9-11, 2017.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“The National Security State at Détente’s End: Lessons from the Vietnam War”

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 1-4, 2016.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“Barack Obama and the Unbuilding of the American National Security State”

The Barack Obama Presidency: Legacy and Record Conference, University of Mount  
Union, March 10-11, 2016.  
Alliance, Ohio

“In Search of a Peace Dividend: Cutting U.S. Defense Spending After the Cold War”

Northeastern Political Science Association 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, November 12-14, 2015.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Rider University

Fall 2018 – current

Assistant Professor

Courses taught: Introduction to American Politics (POL 100), Presidency (POL 313)  
Homeland Security (HLSP 501/HLS 203), Political Communication, Terrorism, and  
Security (HLSP 508), Presidency and the National Security State (HLSP 516/HLS 316),  
Congress and the National Security State (HLSP 514/HLS 314), Defense Policy &  
Analysis (HLSP 520)

Hunter College, CUNY

Fall 2012 – Summer 2018

Adjunct Lecturer

Courses taught as Instructor of Record: American Government: A Historical Introduction  
(POLSC 110), Presidency in Crisis (POLSC 217.20), Research Design in Political  
Science (POLSC 206), American Presidency (POLSC 230), American Congress (POLSC  
235), Constitutional Law: Civil Rights (POLSC 341)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

The Morgan Library and Museum

Summer 2017

American Presidents Series project

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

Research assistant, Distinguished Professor Uday S. Mehta

**AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- Ivo Duchacek Award (for best article published in a peer reviewed journal) Spring 2018  
The Graduate Center, CUNY
- Presidency Research Fund Grant Spring 2016  
APSA Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs
- Altfest Graduate Summer Internship Summer 2016  
Public Relations Intern at Salon Media Group
- Doctoral Student Research Grant Summer 2016  
The Graduate Center, CUNY
- Knickerbocker Archival Research Grant in American Studies Summer 2014  
Graduate Center Archival Research Conference
- Graduate Fellow, Office of Career Planning & Professional Development Summer 2013 & 2014  
The Graduate Center, CUNY
- Student Fellow & Research Assistant, Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series Fall 2012 – Spring 2013  
“Democratic Citizenship and the Recognition of Cultural Differences”  
The Graduate Center, CUNY
- Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship Fall 2011 – Spring 2016  
The Graduate Center, CUNY

**INVITED TALKS**

- “Open Educational Resources and Zero Cost Courses: Principles and Practices,”  
Lunchtime seminar for the Academic Center for Excellence in Research and Teaching,  
October 26, 2017, Hunter College.
- “How to Cut Defense Spending,” guest lecture presented to Professor Sherrie Baver’s Master’s  
Core Seminar class, September 26, 2017, The Graduate Center, CUNY.
- “Archival Research at Presidential Libraries,” guest lecture presented to Professor Heath  
Brown’s Master’s Core Seminar class, November 15, 2016, The Graduate Center,  
CUNY.
- “National Security & Election 2016: Status Quo versus the Unknown,” talk for The State of the  
Presidential Race and Its Meaning panel, September 20, 2016, The Graduate Center,  
CUNY.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Rider University  
Rider AAUP Junior Faculty Subcommittee Spring 2019 – current

The Graduate Center, CUNY  
Doctoral Students' Council, Officer for Student Life and Services      Fall 2013 – Summer 2014  
  
Doctoral Students' Council, at-large representative      Fall 2013 – Spring 2014  
  
Political Science Graduate Student Association, committee member      Fall 2012 – Spring 2014  
  
Political Science Elections Committee      Fall 2012 – Spring 2014

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association, member  
Midwest Political Science Association, member  
Northeastern Political Science Association, member

**SKILLS**

Proficient in MS Office, WordPress, SPSS, Stata, Atlas.ti.