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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University at Buffalo, State University of New York (SUNY), 2008.
Major Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

University of Michigan, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2004.

M. A., Political Science, Hanyang University (Seoul, South Korea), 1998.
Major Fields: Comparative Politics and Chinese Politics

B. A., Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*, Hanyang University (Seoul, South Korea), 1996.

CURRENT POSITION & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Murray State University
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2011 – Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010 – 2011.

University of Texas at Tyler
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2008 – 2010.

Trinity College (Hartford, CT)
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2008.

University at Buffalo, State University of New York (SUNY)
Instructor of Political Science, 2006 – 2007.

Asia Pacific Research Center, Hanyang University (Seoul, South Korea),
Researcher, 1998 – 2000.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

International Conflict (Causes of War and Peace)
International Relations Theory
Alliances, Territorial Disputes, Arms Race
US Foreign Policy & Foreign Policy Decision Making
Asian Politics & International Relations
Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2013. "An Assessment of the Validity of Empirical Measures of State Satisfaction with the Systemic Status Quo" (with Doug Gibler). *European Journal of International Relations* 19(4): 695-719.

2013. "How and Why the Cold War Became a Long Peace" (with John A. Vasquez). *Cooperation and Conflict* 48(1): 28-50.

2013. "The Societal Determinants and Impact of Military Spending Patterns" (with Susan Sample and Brandon Valeriano). *Political and Military Sociology: An Annual Review* 41: 109-135.

2010. "The Impacts of Inconsistent Status Quo Evaluations on Regional War" (with Wooksung Kim). *The Korean Journal of International Studies* 8(1): 1-31.

Chapter in Edited Volume

2012. "Alliances: Path to Peace or Path to War?" In *What Do We Know about War* (2nd edition), John A. Vasquez, ed., Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 27-44.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Emboldening or Restraining? Capabilities of Allies and Dispute Initiation." Under Review.

"What Motivates the Arming Process? The Internal and External Mechanisms for Military Buildups." (with Brandon Valeriano and Susan Sample). Under Review.

"Choosing Guns over Butter: The Motivations for Large Defense Burdens." (with Susan Sample and Brandon Valeriano). Under Review.

"Rapid Military Buildups and Defense Burdens in the System: Data and Implications." (with Susan Sample and Brandon Valeriano). Under Review.

"The Effect of Major Power Alliances on the Capability Growth of Minor States"

"Varying Interactive Effects of Alliances and Territorial Disputes on Interstate War"

"Territorial Dispute between China and Japan: Why Could It Be So Dangerous?"

"The Effects of Alliances with the U.S. on the Economic and Military Capability Growth of South Korea"

"Interactions between Opportunity and Willingness: Interaction Effects of Arms Races and Territorial Disputes on Interstate War"

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Can an Interstate Rivalry Be Positive?" (with Brandon Valeriano). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 26-29, 2014.

"Conceptualizing and Measuring Rapid Military Buildups in the International System" (with Brandon Valeriano and Susan Sample). Presented at Eurasian Peace Science Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, May 24-25, 2013.

"Military Spending Patterns in Africa: Military Buildups and Defense Burden Determinants" (with Brandon Valeriano and Susan Sample). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6, 2013.

"Rapid Military Buildups and Defense Burdens in the System: Data and Implications" (with Susan Sample and Brandon Valeriano). Presented at the Annual of Meeting of the International Studies Association-West Region Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA, October 19-20, 2012.

"Choosing Guns over Butter: The Motivations for Large Defense Burdens" (with Susan Sample and Brandon Valeriano). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1-4, 2012.

"What Motivates the Arming Process? The Internal and External Mechanisms for Military Buildups" (with Brandon Valeriano and Susan Sample). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 15-19, 2011.

"Alliances: Path to Peace or Path to War?" Presented at What Do We Know about Interstate War? Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 15-17, 2010.

"Two Dimensions of Status Quo Evaluations and War Occurrence." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5, 2010.

"The Effects of Major Power Alliances on the Capability Growth of Minor States." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 17-20, 2010.

"Revising the Multiple Hierarchy Model: The Impact of Inconsistent Status Quo Evaluations on Regional War" (with Wooksung Kim). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 15-18, 2009.

"Bring It On, Your Big Brothers Are Behind You: The Effect of Major Power Alliances on the Dispute Initiation of Minor States." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008.

"Reassessing the Steps-to-War Explanation with Dyads' Power Status Condition" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.

"Constrain or Liberate? Asymmetric Alliances and States' Foreign Policy Behavior" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Columbus, OH, November 10-12, 2006.

"Do Major Powers Really Matter?: The Multiplying Effects of Major Power Status on the Escalation to War." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 1-4, 2005; and at the Annual Meeting of Peace Science Society (International), Iowa City, IA, November 4-6, 2005.

"How Can China and South Korea Avoid a Diplomatic Dust-up with Each Other?: With a Focus on the Problem of North Korean Refugees" (With Dongwook Cha). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004.

INVITED TALKS

"Rising China, US Foreign Policy, and East Asia." School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Qingdao Agricultural University (Qingdao, China). June 3, 2014.

"Alliances, Capability, and Dispute Initiation." Politics and Sociology Colloquium, Murray State University. November 8, 2012.

COURSES TAUGHT

International Relations

Introduction to International Relations / Honors Seminar in International Relations / Senior Seminar in International Relations / Graduate Seminar in International Relations / International Conflict and War / American Foreign Policy / US-East Asian Relations / Model United Nations

Comparative Politics

Introduction to Comparative Politics / Government & Politics of Asia / Politics of China

Research Methods

Political Science Research Methods

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Committee on Institutional Studies and Research (CISR) Competitive Research Grant. Murray State University, 2014.

Finalist, Emerging Scholar Award. Murray State University, 2013.

Faculty Professional Development Grant. College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Murray State University, 2012.

Faculty Research Grant. University of Texas at Tyler, 2009.

International Graduate Students Travel Grant. American Political Science Association, 2007.

American Political Science Association Travel Grant for Graduate Students. American Political Science Association, 2005.

Grant for ICPSR Summer Program. Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPR), University of Michigan, 2004.

Magna Cum Laude. Hanyang University (Seoul, South Korea), 1996.

SERVICE

Professional Service

Research Advisory Board Member, National Assembly Research Service of Republic of Korea, Republic of Korea, 2011 – present.

Manuscript Reviewer for Academic Journals:
American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics,
International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution,
European Journal of International Relations, Conflict Management and Peace Society,
International Interactions, Foreign Policy Analysis, Cooperation and Conflict,
Political and Military Sociology, Perspectives: Review of International Affairs

Panel Discussant for Conflict Processes, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2008.

University Service

Faculty Advisor, Murray State University Model United Nations Club, Murray State University, 2013 – present.

University Research Policy Committee, Murray State University, 2013 – present.

Technology Advisory Committee, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Murray State University, 2012 – present.

Faculty Hiring Search Committees, Department of Government, Law & International Affairs, Murray State University, 2012.

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee, University of Texas at Tyler, 2008 – 2010.

Media Appearances

WPSD (NBC Affiliated Station in Paducah, KY), April 19, 2013.

WKMS (NPR Affiliated Station in Murray, KY), January 2011.