

EDUCATION

University of Oxford (St. Cross College)

Oxford, UK

DPhil Politics (International Relations), Expected 2018

Dissertation: "A Muse of Fire: Why the US Military Forgets What It Learns in War";

Advisor: Professor S. Neil MacFarlane

MPhil Politics (International Relations), Awarded with Merit, June 2015

Thesis: "Great Expectations: Continuity in Russian Foreign Policy"; Advisor: Professor S. Neil MacFarlane

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service (SFS)

Washington, DC

BS (Hons.), Summa Cum Laude, May 2013; GPA: 3.958 (4 of 404)

Major: International Politics (Security Studies); Certificate: Russian Studies

Senior Honors Thesis: "Republics of Science: Comparative Nanoscience Development in China and Russia"; Advisor: Professor Harley Balzer, Dept. of Government

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

20th Century US Foreign Policy

Cold War History

Grand Strategy

Russian Foreign Policy

Small Wars/Counterinsurgency

Organizational Design

Military Effectiveness

Technology and Warfare

Bureaucratic Politics

PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- "Thinking Failure in the War in Iraq: The Cultural Turn and the Concept of 'World'" (w/ Katherine Withy) in Bubbio, Diego & Jeff Malpas (Eds.), *Why Philosophy Matters*, Aurora, CO: The Davies Group (2018).
- "The Triple Helix After Communism: Russia & China Compared," (w/ Harley Balzer) *Triple Helix*, 3.1 (2016).
- "Innovation in Russia & China Compared," (w/ Harley Balzer) *Russian Analytical Digest*, No. 155, 2-10 (2014).
- "From Soviet Revolution to Socialist Realism: The Historical Context of Zamyatin's *We* and Platonov's *The Foundation Pit*." *Troika*, 2.1, 37-40 (2012).

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Clements Center for National Security, *Predocctoral Fellow*

2017-Present

- Working on my dissertation while contributing to the life of one of the top Grand Strategy programs in the country, a vital part of the Texas National Security Network
- Conducting research and professional development workshops for undergrad/grad fellows

Council on Foreign Relations, *European Studies – Research Intern*

Summer 2012

- Contributed primary and secondary-source research on the intersection of religion, American self-perceptions and foreign policy for Senior Fellow Charlie Kupchan's American Isolationism project

U.S. Department of State, *Embassy Moscow, Economics Section –Intern* Fall/Winter 2011

- Focused intensively on Russia's Innovation Policies and Oil and Gas Industry
- Established connections to American and Russian entrepreneurs critical to planning the first meeting of the Bilateral Presidential Commission–Innovation Working Group
- Created the first English translation of the CIS Trade Agreement for policymakers

- Researched and wrote cables (reports) on Russian oil investments in Libya and on money laundering

SELECT OTHER WRITING

- “A Vicious Entanglement, Part V: The Body Count Myth”, War on the Rocks, 12 October 2017 (<https://warontherocks.com/2017/10/a-vicious-entanglement-part-v-the-body-count-myth/>)
- “A Vicious Entanglement, Part IV: If Only the North Vietnamese Had Read Galula”, War on the Rocks, 6 October 2017 (<https://warontherocks.com/2017/10/a-vicious-entanglement-part-iv-if-only-the-north-vietnamese-had-read-galula/>)
- “A Vicious Entanglement, Part III: The Asymmetries of Vietnam”, War on the Rocks, 29 September 2017 (<https://warontherocks.com/2017/09/a-vicious-entanglement-part-iii-the-asymmetries-of-vietnam/>)
- “A Vicious Entanglement, Part II: Idealism Chastened in Vietnam”, War on the Rocks, 25 September 2017 (<https://warontherocks.com/2017/09/a-vicious-entanglement-part-ii-idealism-chastened-in-vietnam/>)
- “A Vicious Entanglement, Part I: Elusive Responsibility for the Vietnam War”, War on the Rocks, 21 September 2017 (<https://warontherocks.com/2017/09/a-vicious-entanglement-part-i-elusive-responsibility-for-the-vietnam-war/>)
- “The Heroic Leader and the Better War from Vietnam to Afghanistan”, War on the Rocks, 30 August 2017 (<https://warontherocks.com/2017/08/the-heroic-leader-and-the-better-war-from-vietnam-to-afghanistan>)
- “Is A2/AD Still Useful As Doctrinal Language? A CIMSEC Debate [Negation]”, Center for International Maritime Security, 16 November 2016 (<http://cimsec.org/a2ad-still-useful-doctrinal-language-cimsec-debate/29340>)
- “Five flaws in Alexander Motyl's recent assessment of realism in Russia and Ukraine”, Politics In Spires, 10 March 2015 (<http://politicsinspires.org/five-flaws-alexander-motyls-recent-assessment-realism-russia-ukraine/>)
- “Time to Wake Up: Snowden’s Cost”, Center for International Maritime Security, 9 July 2014 (<http://cimsec.org/time-wake-snowdens-cost/10686>)
- “Drone Pilots: Statistically on the Front Lines”, Center for International Maritime Security, 2 December 2013 (<http://cimsec.org/drone-pilots-statistically-front-lines/8588>)

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

- “Risk-Taking in Warfare: A Game Theoretical Challenge to Primary Group Cohesion Theory”
- “Russia and NATO in Conflict: Strategic Culture and Hybrid War” (w/ Alexandra Chinchilla)
- “Domain Dynamics: Towards a Better Ontology of Battlefield Domains” (w/ LTC Dave Blair, USAF)

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

Clements Center for National Security Predoctoral Fellowship (~\$35,000)	2017
Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (\$7500)	2017
Adam Smith Fellowship (~\$10,000)	2017
Cyril Foster and other DPIR Research Funding (£400)	2017
ISA Travel Grant (\$240)	2017
Rothermere American Institute Research Grant (£500)	2016
St Cross College Research Funding (£250)	2016

Hertog Summer Institute Iraq Advanced Seminar (~\$1000)	2016
Cyril Foster Research Funding (£250)	2015
The Healy Scholarship (Full Tuition and Stipend; ~\$45,000)	2015
The Beinecke Scholarship (awarded in 2012: \$32,000)	2014
The Healy Scholarship (Full Tuition and Stipend; ~\$45,000)	2013
The Michael Krupensky Award (Georgetown Russian Studies Honor)	2013
Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society)	2013
Dobro Slovo (National Slavic Studies Honor Society)	2013
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist	2012
Marshall Scholarship Finalist and Alternate Selection	2012
ISI Honors Program (declined summer program, attended seminars)	2012
Presidential Fellowship, CSPC (declined)	2012
Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society, Elected as Junior)	2012
Jean & John Paluszek Scholarship (\$16,000)	2012
FLAS grant to St. Petersburg State University (~\$7500)	2011
Bowman Travel Grant to St Petersburg State University (\$1000)	2011
Westinghouse Electric Family Scholarship (\$12,000)	2009
National Merit Scholar (\$2500)	2009

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- “Risk-Taking in Warfare: A Game Theoretical Challenge to Primary Group Cohesion Theory,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2018.
- “The Modern System and the Logic of Battle: Weberian, Aristotelian, and Clausewitzian Cuts at Knowledge, Strategy, and Victory,” ISA Annual Conference, 22 Feb 2017.
- “Russia and NATO in Conflict: Strategic Culture and Hybrid War” (w/ Alexandra Chinchilla), ISA Annual Conference, 24 Feb 2017.
- “Closed Loop: Structural Sources of Epistemic Closure in Large Bureaucracies,” Italian Standing Group on International Relations Annual Conference and International Studies Dissertation Workshop in the Dolomites, June 2016.
- “The Problem of Knowledge in State Cognition,” Oxford Graduate IR Research Seminar, April 2016.
- “The Triple Helix After Communism: Russia & China Compared” (w/ Harley Balzer, presented by Balzer), Association for the Study of Nationalities Conference, March 2015.
- “Vulnerability and Control”, The Walsh Exchange, March 2013.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- Peaceful Coexistence? Russian Grand Strategy beyond Putin, Organizer** 2018
- Organizing one-day interdisciplinary colloquium on Russian visions of world order
 - Raising and managing a ~\$30,000 budget with multiple stakeholders
- Power & Regions in a Multipolar Order (PRIMO) Conference, Coordinator** 2016
- Coordinated logistics & communications for several dozen researchers coming from all over the world, including travel, accommodations, research, and legal considerations
 - Managed €36,000 budget with higher attendance and better feedback at lower cost compared to previous years
- The Return of Geopolitics?, Coordinator** 2016
- Coordinated logistics and communications for a dozen researchers coming from Europe and North America for a high-profile, endowed event
 - Managed £10,000 budget with consistently high feedback across the board

- The Walsh Exchange**, *Founder, Co-Chairman of the Steering Committee* 2011-13
- Founded first undergraduate academic conference focused on international affairs research
 - Raised over \$40,000 of support in using internal and external sources
 - Recruited and lead a 10-person steering committee & managed relationships with sponsors
 - Developed a long-term growth strategy and successfully implemented a continuity plan

TEACHING, MENTORSHIP & ACADEMIC SERVICE

- University of Texas** – *Fellowship Mentor and Writing Coach* 2017-Present
- Working with UT Fellowships Coordinator to mentor UT applicants and revitalize UT's fellowship/scholarships training, nominations, and applications program
 - Co-designing and teaching a selective workshop on writing for competitive applications
- Oxford Summer Courses** – *Senior International Relations Tutor* Summer 2016
- Lectured on International Relations for visiting college students in three courses
 - Conducted 1-on-1 tutorials at Somerville College, Oxford
- Valeon ZLR** – *Senior School Mentor* 2015-Present
- Advise non-Western elite students interested in US/UK graduate programs in politics, policy, or international relations and work with them on their writing
 - Aided successful applications to SIPA, Georgetown MSFS, SAIS, Oxford, and more
- Georgetown University** – *Fellowship Mentor* 2014-Present
- Provide writing and interview coaching, career mentorship, and general support for Georgetown University's top fellowship applicants
 - Coached successful applicants for Mitchell, Marshall, and Rhodes Scholarships
- Georgetown University** – *Fellowship Committee Member* 2014-Present
- Select nominees for the Rhodes, Marshall, Mitchell, and Beinecke scholarships
 - Have contributed to a substantial uptick (~15-20%) in Georgetown's success rate
- Georgetown University** – *SFS Academic Council Representative, President* 2009-2013
- Initiated several new programs which transformed the school's support for undergraduate research, internships and fundraising outreach in advance of the 2019 centennial
 - Elected in May 2012 as the student body president for the ~1500 undergraduates of the SFS

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- University of Oxford** – *Department of Politics and IR – RA* 2016-Present
- Work with Prof Duncan Snidal as a coder for his Global Governance Triangle database
 - Work with Prof Andy Hurrell on a variety of projects and events (2016-17)
 - Coordinated the 2016 Pavry Memorial Lecture in International Relations
 - Coordinated the 2016 PRIMO Annual Conference and Workshop
- Georgetown University** – *Department of Government - RA* 2013-2015
- Built comprehensive databases on corruption and education indicators in Russia and China
 - Using those databases and other sources, developed insights into Russian and Chinese institutions and incentive structures for a forthcoming book with Prof. Harley Balzer, *Russia & China in the Global Economy*

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

- **Intermediate Russian** (speaking, reading, writing, comprehension)
- **Oxford University Strategic Studies Group** (Executive Team 2014-15)
- **STATA, R and LaTeX** (including data visualization, quantitative text analysis and social network analysis packages)

REFERENCES

- **Prof. Will Inboden:** inboden@austin.utexas.edu
- **Prof. Neil MacFarlane (DPhil Supervisor):** neil.macfarlane@politics.ox.ac.uk
- **Prof. Andrew Hurrell:** andrew.hurrell@balliol.ox.ac.uk