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EDUCATION:

- 1997 Ph.D., Political Science, Michigan State University.
Dissertation: *The Systemic Democratic Peace*
1993 M.A., Political Science, Michigan State University.
1991 B.S., Economics and Political Science, Iowa State University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 1/10 – 1/15 Associate Editor, *Foreign Policy Analysis*
1/09 – 4/09 Visiting Scholar, Rice University
8/06 – Placement Director, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa
8/04 – Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa
8/06 – 7/07 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa
8/03 – 7/04 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida State University
8/97 – 7/03 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida State University
8/93 – 5/97 Instructor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

GENERAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

International Relations: International Conflict, International Conflict Management, International Organizations, Contentious Issues, International Courts
Political Methodology: Research Design, Probability Theory, Regression, Time Series Analysis

PUBLICATIONS:

Edited Books/Journals

- 2009 “Building Synergies: Institutions and Cooperation in World Politics”, Special Issue of *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Volume 26(2): 115-119.
2006 “Editorial”, Introduction to “Conflict and Cooperation over International Rivers”, Special Issue of *Political Geography*, 25(4): 357-360.
2005 “Manna from Heaven or Forbidden Fruit? The (Ab)Use of Control Variables in Research on International Conflict”, Introduction to “Model Specification and Control Variables”, Special Issue of *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 22(4): 273-275. Co-editor: Kelly M. Kadera.

Articles

- N.D. Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Neda Zawahri. “Fragmented Governance of International Rivers: Negotiating Bilateral versus Multilateral Treaties.” Forthcoming, *International Studies Quarterly*.
2010 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Clayton L. Thyne. “Contentious Issues as Opportunities for Diversionary Behavior.” Forthcoming, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

- 2009 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Emilia Justyna Powell. "Legal Systems and Variance in the Design of Commitments to the International Court of Justice." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 26(2): 164-190.
- 2008 Hansen, Holley, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Stephen C. Nemeth. "IO Mediation of Interstate Conflicts: Moving Beyond the Global vs. Regional Dichotomy." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(2): 295-325.
- 2008 Hensel, Paul R., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Thomas E. Sowers II, and Clayton L. Thyne. "Bones of Contention: Comparing Territorial, Maritime, and River Issues." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(1): 117-143.
- 2007 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Paul R. Hensel. "International Institutions and Compliance with Agreements." *American Journal of Political Science*, 51(4): 721-737.
- 2007 Powell, Emilia Justyna and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. "The International Court of Justice and the World's Three Legal Systems." *Journal of Politics* 69(2): 397-415.
- 2006 Hensel, Paul R., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Thomas E. Sowers II. "Conflict Management of Riparian Disputes." *Political Geography* 25(4): 383-411.
- 2005 Hensel, Paul R. and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. "Issue Indivisibility and Territorial Claims." *GeoJournal* 64(4): 275-285.
- 2005 Kadera, Kelly M. and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. "Heeding Ray's Advice: An Exegesis on Control Variables in Systemic Democratic Peace Research." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 22(4): 311-326.
- 2004 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Brandon C. Prins. "Rivalry and Diversionary Uses of Force." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 48(6): 937-961. This article also appeared in *Peace Research Abstracts* 39(5): 611-755.
- 2002 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin. "A Kantian System? Democracy and Third Party Conflict Resolution." *American Journal of Political Science*, October, 46(4): 749-759.
- 2002 Leeds, Brett Ashley, Jeffrey M. Ritter, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Andrew G. Long. "Alliance Treaty Obligations and Provisions, 1815-1944." *International Interactions*, 28(3): 237-260.
- 2002 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Will H. Moore. "Presidential Use of Force During the Cold War: Aggregation, Truncation, and Temporal Dynamics." *American Journal of Political Science*, 46(2): 438-452.
- 2000 Leeds, Brett Ashley, Andrew G. Long, and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. "Reevaluating Alliance Reliability: Specific Threats, Specific Promises." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 44(5): 686-699.
Reprinted in Beth A. Simmons (ed.), *International Law* (2008), Volume XI (4): 38-51. SAGE.
- 1999 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin, Scott Gates, and Håvard Hegre. "Evolution in Democracy-War Dynamics." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 43(6): 771-792.
- 1999 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Brandon C. Prins. "Beyond Territorial Contiguity: Issues at

Stake in Democratic Militarized Interstate Disputes.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 43(1): 169-183.

- 1998 McLaughlin, Sara, Scott Gates, Håvard Hegre, Ranveig Gissinger, and Nils Petter Gleditsch. “Timing the Changes in Political Structures: A New Polity Database.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 42(2): 231-242.

Book Chapters

- 2010 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Paul R. Hensel. “Issues and Conflict”, in Tor Georg Jakobsen (ed.), *War: An Introduction to Theories and Research on Collective Violence*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc (forthcoming).
- 2010 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Patrick Regan. “Conflict Management”, in Robert A. Denemark (ed.), *The International Studies Association Compendium Project*. Blackwell (forthcoming).
- 2008 Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin, Kelly M. Kadera, and Mark J.C. Crescenzi. “Practicing Democratic Community Norms: Third Party Conflict Management and Successful Settlements”, in Jacob Bercovitch and Scott Sigmund Gartner (eds.), *International Conflict Mediation: New Approaches and Findings*. Routledge.

Codebooks

- 2003 “Codebook for Maritime Claims Data: Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Project.” Available at <<http://www.paulhensel.org/icowdata.html#current>>.

Book Reviews

The Power-Conflict Story: A Dynamic Model of Interstate Rivalry, by Kelly M. Kadera. American Political Science Association, *Perspectives on Politics*, 1(1): 235-236.

GRANTS:

Federal:

- 2/10 – 2/12 National Science Foundation Grant Award of \$160,000 to the University of Iowa “Collaborative Research: Contentious Issues in World Politics: Updating the ICOW Dataset”, Co-PI: Paul R. Hensel (awarded \$258,000 to the University of North Texas)
- 2/07 – 2/12 National Science Foundation (SES-0647740) Supplemental Grant Award of \$15,708 “Journeys in World Politics: A Mentoring Workshop for Junior Women Studying International Relations”, Co-PI: Kelly M. Kadera
- 2/07 – 2/12 National Science Foundation (SES-0647740) Grant Award of \$78,548 “Journeys in World Politics: A Mentoring Workshop for Junior Women Studying International Relations”, Co-PI: Kelly M. Kadera
- 7/02 – 5/04 National Science Foundation (SES-0214417) Grant Award of \$175,000 “Bones of Contention: Territorial, Maritime, and River Issues”, Co-PI: Paul R. Hensel
- 1/01 – 12/01 National Science Foundation (SES-0079421) Grant Award of \$86,838 “Freshwater and Maritime Issues in World Politics”, Co-PI: Paul R. Hensel

Extramural:

- 1/97 – 12/98 Norwegian Research Council Research Grant
“Methodological Issues and the Democratic Peace.”
Co-PIs: Scott Gates, Nils Petter Gleditsch, Håvard Hegre

Intramural:

- 2008 International Programs Curriculum Development Award (\$4,000), University of Iowa
- 2006 Social Sciences Funding Program conference grant (\$10,000), University of Iowa
- 2006 Shambaugh conference grant (\$14,000), University of Iowa
- 2005 International Programs Summer Research Fellowship (\$3,000), University of Iowa

- 2005 Iowa Research Experiences for Undergraduates (IREU) Award (\$3,000), University of Iowa
- 2005 International Programs Curriculum Development Award (\$4,000), University of Iowa
- 1998 Florida State University First Year Assistant Professor (FYAP) Award

AWARDS:

- 2007/08–09/10 University Faculty Scholar Award, University of Iowa
- 2006 Travel award to attend the Political Methodology Meeting, UC Davis
- 1994–1995 CIC Traveling Scholar to University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 1994 Full tuition scholarship awarded to attend the Hoover Institute's Summer Program in International Politics.
- 1991–1992 MSU Graduate Office Tuition Scholarship

DATASETS:

Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) dataset on territorial, maritime, and river claims, available at <http://www.paulhensel.org/icow.html>, Project Co-director: Paul R. Hensel

Alliance Treaty Obligations and Provisions (ATOP) dataset on military alliances, available at <http://atop.rice.edu>, Project Director: Brett Ashley Leeds; assisted with collection of 1816-1944 data

Polity 3D dataset on the timing of polity changes, available at www.saramitchell.org, Project Co-directors: Nils Petter Gleditsch, Scott Gates, Havard Hegre

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Book Manuscript:

Domestic Law Goes Global: How Domestic Legal Traditions Influence International Courts (coauthored with Emilia Justyna Powell): Our book manuscript examines how the characteristics of domestic legal traditions (civil, common, and Islamic law) influence the willingness of states to recognize the jurisdiction of international courts and the design of states' commitments to international courts. The project illustrates the incentives faced by the *originators* of new courts through an examination of the negotiations surrounding the creation of the International Criminal Court. Decisions made by later *joiners* to recognize a pre-existing court's jurisdiction are analyzed in the context of the Permanent International Court of Justice and the International Court of Justice. We argue that *originators* seek to create international courts in their own legal image to reduce uncertainty in future litigation situations. *Joiners* find international courts attractive if they are able to use the court as a tool for sending signals to other states about their willingness to resolve disputes peacefully and if they view the court as a fair and unbiased adjudicator. States' willingness to create and join international courts depends on several characteristics of domestic legal traditions, including good faith, type of litigation (inquisitorial vs. adversarial), and the doctrine of precedent. Our analyses also show that international courts have significant consequences for domestic and foreign policy behavior, improving human rights practices and improving the chances for successful negotiations over contentious interstate issues. *Status*: we submitted the revised copy of our manuscript to *Cambridge University Press* in December 2009.

Revise and Resubmit:

A Supply Side Theory of Mediation (coauthored with Mark J.C. Crescenzi, Kelly M. Kadera, and Clayton L. Thyne): We develop and test a theory of the supply side of third party conflict management. Building on Kydd's (2003) model of mediation, which shows that bias enhances mediator credibility, we offer three complementary mechanisms that enhance mediator credibility. First, democratic mediators face greater audience costs for deception in the conflict management process because the media in democratic states is more likely to uncover attempts by democratic mediators to provide false information. Second, information in the global mediation marketplace becomes more accurate as the international system becomes more democratic because there is a wider network of vigilant free presses, which increases the

costs of deception for potential mediators. Third, as disputants' ties to international organizations increase, the mediator's costs for dishonesty in the conflict management process rise because these institutions provide more frequent and accurate information about the disputants' capabilities and resolve. Each of these factors increase the frequency of mediators' efforts to manage interstate conflicts and the success of these efforts. Empirical analyses of data on contentious issues from 1816 to 2001 lend mixed support for our theory. Third party conflict management occurs more frequently and is more successful if a potential mediator is a democracy, as the average global democracy level increases, and as the disputants' number of shared IO memberships rises. We also find that powerful states serve as mediators more often and are typically successful. Other factors such as trade ties, alliances, issue salience, and distance influence decisions to mediate and mediation success. Taken together, our study provides evidence in support of Kydd's bias argument, while offering several mechanisms for unbiased mediators to become credible and successful mediators. *Status*: we submitted the revised version of this paper to *International Studies Quarterly* in February 2010.

What Did They Leave Behind? Legal Systems, Colonial Legacies, and Human Rights Practices (coauthored with Jonathan Ring and Mary K. Spellman): Legal factors, such as domestic legal system type, the rule of law, and judicial independence have garnered more attention in the human rights literature in recent years. Yet there is an interesting puzzle that emerges in recent studies of the legal dimension of human rights. Theoretically, common law states might be expected to have better human rights practices on average than civil law or Islamic law states because common law states tend to have stronger, more independent judiciaries, more powerful lawyers, and more detailed constitutions, all of which create more effective checks against government repression. However, some empirical analyses are at odds with this theoretical prediction, showing that civil law states have better human rights practices than common law states, at least in some contexts such as Sub-Saharan Africa (Keith and Ogundele 2007). In this paper, we seek to uncover more carefully the relationship between domestic legal systems, colonial legacies, and human rights. We argue that the relationship between characteristics of domestic legal systems and government repression varies depending on a state's colonial legacy. Using a global cross-national analysis from 1976-2006, we find that among states with colonial legacies, the common law legal system consistently leads to better human rights practices than other legal systems, even when controlling for standard explanations for states' human rights practices. Additionally, although the civil law system can also lead to better human rights practices, its effect is strongest in the subset of states with no colonial legacy. We also find that states with French colonial legacies have better human rights records than states with other or no colonial legacies. *Status*: we were invited to submit a revised version of this paper to *Journal of Peace Research* in December 2009.

Under Review:

How Democracies Keep the Peace: Contextual Factors That Influence Conflict Management Strategies (coauthored with Glynn Ellis and Brandon C. Prins): Some studies find that democratic states are more amenable to third party forms of conflict management, while other studies indicate that democracies are able to resolve contentious issues on their own through bilateral negotiations. Using data from the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Project, the authors investigate peaceful and militarized conflict management strategies that democratic states employ to resolve contentious issues. Theoretically, the authors focus on how militarized conflict history, relative capabilities, and issue salience influence the tools of conflict management that democratic states employ. Empirical analyses suggest that democratic dyads employ bilateral negotiations more often to resolve contentious issues when the issue has not been militarized previously, when the issue is more salient, and when they face an equal adversary. Democratic dyads seek out non-binding third party settlement more frequently in situations of power preponderance than non-democratic dyads, although binding forms of third party settlement occur most often in relatively equal democratic dyads. When it comes to the use of force, democratic states are much less likely than their authoritarian counterparts to militarize an issue claim when little or no armed conflict characterizes the relationship. However, democratic leaders show a willingness to confront force with force. After one militarized dispute, democratic states are no different in their conflict propensity than autocratic states.

Status: we submitted this paper to *Foreign Policy Analysis* in July 2009.

Issue Rivalries (coauthored with Cameron G. Thies): In this paper, we expand upon the traditional rivalry concept by focusing on issue-specific rivalries, or repeated clashes over contentious issues such as border disputes, maritime zones, or cross-border rivers. We utilize a dispute density based approach to code isolated, proto, and enduring rivalries within particular issue claims. We also create a measure of issue rivalry based on the total number of ongoing issue claims in each dyad-year. We utilize these new measures of rivalry to determine if conflict is more likely to occur and escalate in issue rivalry contexts in comparison to non-issue-rivalry dyads. *Status*: we submitted this paper to *Conflict Management and Peace Science* in November 2009.

Work in Progress:

Ruling the Sea: Institutionalization and State Privatization of the Global Ocean Commons (coauthored with Stephen C. Nemeth, Elizabeth A. Nyman, and Paul R. Hensel): Events such as the UK-Iceland "Cod Wars" and the Canadian seizure of a Spanish fishing boat have brought fishery and maritime issues to international prominence. Several solutions have been proposed to manage the increasingly contentious world of maritime claims. Stemming from the literature on common property resources, solutions focus on authority, privatization, and institutions. Two primary mechanisms for resolving competing maritime claims are evaluated in this paper: 1) the creation of private ownership of maritime zones in the form of Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs), and 2) the creation of an institution, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), to establish standards for maritime claims and resolve disputes. We evaluate the effects of UNCLOS and EEZs on the peaceful and militarized management of maritime claims in the Western Hemisphere and Europe (1900-2001), as well as the long-run effects of privatization and institutionalization on marine fishing stocks. Our analyses suggest that declared EEZs work efficiently for helping states to reach agreements over maritime claims in bilateral negotiations, while membership in UNCLOS prevents the outbreak of new claims and promotes more frequent third party management efforts. The relationship between marine catches and the duration of UNCLOS/EEZ commitments is U-shaped, indicating that fish stocks initially decline and then recover positively after the implementation of conservation policies.

Cooperation in World Politics: The Constraining and Constitutive Effects of International Organizations: Many scholars accept the important role international organizations (IOs) play in facilitating cooperation among states in world politics, yet there is disagreement about the theoretical mechanisms that best account for the positive correlation between shared IO memberships and cooperation. Institutionalists and Rationalists treat state preferences as fixed and emphasize the influence of IO memberships on interstate bargaining. In this view, IOs act as *constraints*, because while they help states negotiate more efficiently (with fewer costs & greater information), they do not significantly alter states' preferences. Constructivists, on the other hand, recognize that organizations can alter member states' identities and interests, and that long and deep commitments to international organizations can have *constitutive* effects on member states' preferences and behavior. In this paper, I derive several hypotheses about the constraining and constitutive effects of IOs on member state behavior from existing theoretical arguments in the IR literature and evaluate these claims empirically using data on contentious issues from the Issue Correlates of War Project. Empirical analyses show that while shared IO memberships (frequency and duration) neither prevent the onset of new contentious issues nor promote more frequent peaceful settlement attempts, they do decrease the use of militarized force and produce more successful negotiation attempts. Disputants are much more likely to reach and comply with agreements to end contentious issue claims when they share more frequent and durable memberships in international organizations.

Might Makes Right or Right Makes Might? Two Systemic Democratic Peace Tales (coauthored with Ewan Harrison): Huntley (1996) reinterpreted Kant's pacific union as a systemic phenomenon. Several academic studies present empirical evidence in favor of this systemic, evolutionary democratic peace process, although there are many possible theoretical explanations for this aggregate relationship. The

authors compare two broad theoretical tales of the systemic democratic peace: 1) “might makes right”, which emphasizes the importance of authority for creating liberal peace, and 2) “right makes might”, which traces the evolution of the systemic democratic peace to shifts in morality and liberal norms. The tension between systemic liberal peace and democratic imperialism are highlighted in the context of the recent Iraq War. As an alternative to both the assertion of a general right to coercive intervention by liberal states and blanket opposition to democracy as a universal project, the authors advocate the prudent use of material levers of power by liberal states to promote democracy overseas.

Foreign Direct Investment and Territorial Disputes (coauthored with Hoon Lee): It has been shown empirically that foreign direct investment (FDI) tends to reduce the likelihood of interstate conflict (Gartzke and Li 2003) and civil war (Barbieri and Reuveny 2005). In this paper, we evaluate the FDI-conflict relationship in the context of territorial disputes, where states’ interests are often highly salient (Gartzke 2006). We situate our theoretical argument in the territoriality literature (Vasquez 1993, 1995), which treats territorial claims as an important step to war. Once states have made competing claims to territory, they are much more likely to use violent force to resolve those claims if they engage in hawkish behavior, such as arming, forming alliances, and escalating crises (Senese and Vasquez 2008). We examine the influence of FDI in this causal chain by considering whether economically interdependent states avoid territorial claims altogether or whether FDI simply raises the costs of escalation in the context of territorial claims. If the latter were true, we would observe territorial claims between states that are mutually invested in each other’s territories, although these claims would be less likely to escalate to high levels of militarized conflict in comparison to territorial claims between less economically interdependent states. This comparison helps us determine whether FDI is linked to conflict in an informational sense or whether FDI alters states’ interactions by removing the most conflictual issues from the menu. We test these propositions using data on territorial claims from Huth and Allee (2002) and the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) project (Hensel et al 2008).

Resource Curse in Reverse (coauthored with Cameron G. Thies): In this paper, we consider the resource curse in reverse by examining the effect of intrastate conflict on natural resource endowments and resource extraction. We focus on the production of oil, diamonds, and fisheries resources, arguing that civil wars destroy infrastructure, disrupt established domestic regimes governing natural resources, and decrease the supply of labor involved in production. Yet not all conflicts have equivalent effects on natural resources. Longer, more intense civil wars have more significant consequences on natural resource endowments. Furthermore, natural resources are depleted more rapidly in recurrent conflict situations. We also consider the effect of civil wars while controlling for the possibility that natural resource use may follow an Environmental Kuznets Curve (Cole 2003), whereby countries with moderate levels of economic development are most likely to suffer from resource scarcity. This implies that civil wars wreak the strongest environmental damage on states in the middle stages of economic development, which can create a conflict trap (Collier et al 2003). Our cross-national time series analyses show that civil wars have a long term negative effect on states’ natural resource endowments, although these effects vary depending on the characteristics of civil violence and the level of a state’s income.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES:

Invited Lectures/Conferences:

“What Did They Leave Behind? Legal Systems, Colonial Legacies, and Human Rights Practices (with Jonathan Ring and Mary K. Spellman). Presentation at Vanderbilt University, February 12, 2010.

“Issue Rivalries” (with Cameron G. Thies). Presentation at the University of Alabama, October 3, 2009 at the Research Academy Conference on Territory, Rivalry, and Domestic Politics.

“Contentious Issues as Opportunities for Diversionary Behavior.” Presentation at the University of South Carolina, September 11, 2009.

Invited Instructor for Democracy and World Politics Summer Research Program, Oklahoma State University, July 22-24, 2009.

“Fragmented Governance of International Rivers: Negotiating Bilateral versus Multilateral Treaties.” Presentation at Texas Tech University, March 5, 2009.

“Domestic Law Goes Global: How Domestic Legal Traditions Influence International Courts.” Presentation at Iowa State University, December 12, 2008.

Invited Participant in the International Programs Major Project Colloquium Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, December 6, 2008.

Invited Senior Scholar, Visions in Methodology Conference, Ohio State University, October 2-4, 2008.

Invited Instructor for Democracy and World Politics Summer Research Program, Oklahoma State University, July 23-25, 2008.

“Bargaining in the Shadow of International Courts: The Intersection of Domestic and International Law.” Presentation at the University of Pittsburgh, January 25, 2008.

“A Supply Side Theory of Mediation.” Presentation at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 19, 2007.

Invited Instructor for Democracy and World Politics Summer Research Program, Oklahoma State University, June 12-13, 2007.

Participant in “Effectiveness of International Institutions” workshop, Princeton Center for Globalization and Governance, May 3-5, 2007.

“Regional and Global Organizations as Third Party Conflict Managers.” Presentation at Kansas State University, April 20, 2007.

“International Institutions, Cooperation, and Compliance with Agreements.” Presentation at the University of Arizona, January 26, 2007.

Participant in “A New Science of International Organizations” conference, August 30, 2006, University of Pennsylvania.

Invited Instructor for Democracy and World Politics Summer Research Program, Indiana State University, June 13-15, 2006.

Participant in “Intergovernmental Organizations in Action” conference, March 25-27, 2006, La Jolla, California.

“International Institutions and Compliance with Agreements.” Presentation at the University of Missouri, Columbia, September 28, 2005.

Participant in “A Global Democratic Peace?” conference at the University of Iowa, March 26-27, 2004.

“A Kantian System? Democracy and Third Party Conflict Management.” Presentation at the University of Iowa, September 26, 2003.

Participant in a conference sponsored by the Human Security Centre at the University of British Columbia and the Centre for the Study of Civil War (Nils Petter Gleditsch) at PRIO entitled “The Mapping and Explaining Civil War: What to Do About Contested Datasets and Findings?” Oslo, Norway, August 18-19, 2003.

Participant in the Gilman Conference on New Directions in International Relations, Yale University, February 21-23, 2003.

“International Institutions and the Management of Contentious Issues.” Presentation at Vanderbilt University, December 6, 2002.

“A Kantian System? Democracy and Third Party Conflict Resolution.” Presentation at Rice University, June 17, 2002.

Organized Conferences:

Visions in Methodology Conference (co-hosted with Caroline Tolbert), the University of Iowa, March 18-20, 2010. Supported with funds from the National Science Foundation and the Department of Political Science, University of Iowa.

Journeys in World Politics Workshop (co-hosted with Kelly M. Kadera), the University of Iowa: October 15-17, 2009 (workshop #5); October 9-11, 2008 (workshop #4); April 26-28, 2007 (workshop #3); March 9-11, 2006 (workshop #2); and October 28-30, 2004 (workshop #1). Supported with funds from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa and the National Science Foundation.

Shambaugh Conference, “Building Synergies: Institutions and Cooperation in World Politics”, the University of Iowa, October 12-14, 2006. Supported with funds from the Social Sciences Funding Program, University of Iowa and the Shambaugh Memorial Conference Fund, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa.

Peace Science Society International Annual Meeting (co-hosted with Brian Lai & Kelly M. Kadera), the University of Iowa, November 4-6, 2005.

Recent Conference Presentations:

2010

“Putting the Cart Before the Horse? How Civil Wars and Economic Development Influence the Management of Natural Resources (with Cameron G. Thies).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.

2009

“Foreign Direct Investment and Territorial Disputes (with Hoon Lee).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Chapel Hill, NC.

“Contentious Issues as Opportunities for Diversionary Behavior (with Clayton L. Thyne).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada.

“What Did They Leave Behind? Legal Systems, Colonial Legacies, and Human Rights Practices (with Jonathan Ring and Mary K. Spellman).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Fragmented Governance of International Rivers: Negotiating Bilateral versus Multilateral Treaties (with Neda Zawahri).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY.

“Bargaining in the Shadow of International Courts: The Intersection of Domestic and International Law (with Emilia Justyna Powell).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY.

2008

“What Did They Leave Behind? Legal Systems, Colonial Legacies, and Human Rights Practices (with Jonathan Ring).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest region of the International Studies Association, St. Louis, MO.

Roundtable Participant, “Foreign Policy Meets Conflict Processes”, at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest region of the International Studies Association, St. Louis, MO.

Roundtable Participant, “Publishing in the Profession”, at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest region of the International Studies Association, St. Louis, MO.

“The Creation and Expansion of the International Criminal Court: A Legal Explanation (with Emilia Justyna Powell).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

“Issue Indivisibility and Escalation to War (with Brandon C. Prins).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

2007

“The International Criminal Court: The Nexus of Law and Politics (with Emilia Justyna Powell).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbia, SC.

“Might Makes Right or Right Makes Might? Two Systemic Democratic Peace Tales (with Ewan Harrison).” Paper presented at the ECPR Standing Group in International Relations conference, Turin, Italy.

“UNCLOS and the Management of Maritime Claims (with Stephen C. Nemeth, Elizabeth A. Nyman, and Paul R. Hensel).” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

COURSES TAUGHT: International Relations

Causes, Consequences, and Management of Civil Wars (Undergraduate)
Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)
International Conflict (Undergraduate, Graduate)
International Courts: The Intersection of Law and Politics (Undergraduate)
International Relations Core Seminar (Graduate)
International Conflict Management (Undergraduate)
Advanced Research in International Relations (Graduate)
International Organization and World Order (Undergraduate)
International Systems and Global Governance (Graduate)

Methodology

Research Methods in Political Science (Undergraduate)
Political Science Data Analysis (Graduate)
Time Series Analysis (Graduate)

RESEARCH POSITIONS:

Research Assistant, Democracy and Peace Project, September 1996-December 1996
Department of Sociology and Political Science
Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Professor Nils Petter Gleditsch
Topic: Directed the collection of the Polity III data set

Research Assistant, Merriam Laboratory for Analytic Political Research, September 1994-May 1995
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Professors Dina Zinnes and Robert Muncaster
Topic: Empirical testing of a dynamic hostility/cooperation model

Official ICPSR Archive/Data Representative, Director of the Politometrics Lab
Michigan State University, January 1993-August 1994

Data Analyst, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research
Michigan State University, July 1992-October 1992

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Editorial Service

1/10 – Associate Editor, *Foreign Policy Analysis*
1/09 – Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*
1/09 – Editorial Board Member, *International Studies Quarterly*
1/09 – Editorial Board Member, *International Interactions*
1/10 – Editorial Board Member, *Political Analysis*
1/05 – 1/07 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*
4/04 – Editorial Board Member, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*

Committee Work for Professional Societies:

1/10 – Member, Executive Committee of the Governing Council, International Studies Association
2/10 – Chair, Committee on the Status of Women of the International Studies Association
2/09 – Section Chair, Scientific Study of International Politics, International Studies Association
2/09 – Member, Nominations Committee, Midwest Political Science Association
3/08 – Chair, Diversity Committee, Political Methodology Section, American Political

- Science Association
- 10/06 – 11/08 Member, Committee to select best article published in the *Journal of Peace Research*
- 3/06 – 3/08 Co-program chair with Kelly M. Kadera, 2008 International Studies Association meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- 3/06 – Member, Correlates of War Advisory Board
- 10/05 – 3/08 Member, Diversity Committee, Political Methodology Section, American Political Science Association
- 8/05 – 8/08 Member, Council of Officers, Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association
- 4/05 – 3/06 Section Organizer for the Scientific Study of International Politics panels at the 2006 International Studies Association meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 3/05 – 3/06 Chair, Committee to select best book published in IR in the past decade, International Studies Association
- 8/03 – 8/04 Member, Best Book Award Committee for APSA Conflict Processes Section
- 11/02 – 11/04 Chair, Child Care Committee for the Peace Science Society International
- 7/02 – 11/02 Member, Planning Committee for the Future of the Peace Science Society International
- 6/02 – 5/06 Councilor, Council of Officers, Peace Science Society International
- 4/02 – 5/05 Member, International Studies Association Publications Committee

Manuscript/Proposal Referee:

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