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**Shadow CV**

**NOTE:** The idea of the shadow CV is to provide information about one's academic failures because our CVs normally highlight only our successes. While I think this information is very close to presenting all of my failures, there may be some missing rejections given that journal submissions and decisions were done via mail early in my career (although I found many rejection letters in my file cabinet!). Some of my most recent projects are excluded from the list if they have not reached the stage of peer review.

**SCHOOLS I WAS REJECTED FROM**

University of Minnesota (PhD program)

**POSITIONS I INTERVIEWED FOR BUT FAILED TO GET AN OFFER**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Carleton College  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis  
Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University  
Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University  
Professor, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame  
International Affairs Program Director, Bush School, Texas A&M University  
Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University  
Dean, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia

**JOURNALS I FAILED TO WIN BID FOR**

International Studies Quarterly (lead editor with Brandon Prins)

**FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS REJECTED**

Identity Claims: Expanding the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Dataset, Major Project Grant, OVPRED, University of Iowa  
Diversifying the Professoriate: Advancing White Women and Women of Color in Psychology and Political Science (ADVANCE proposal with 3 other universities), NSF (2015)  
University of Iowa FEAT (Faculty Engaged in Academic Transformation) (ADVANCE Proposal), NSF (2014)  
ICRU Summer Fellows Grant Proposal, University of Iowa (2013)  
Raising Awareness of Dating Violence and Stalking and Victims' Options. Public Engagement Grant Program, University of Iowa (2012).

“Natural Resource and Conflict Traps: Improving Environmental Sustainability and Human Security around the World” (with Cameron Thies). International Programs Summer Institute for Teachers, University of Iowa (2009).

Collaborative Research: Bargaining in the Shadow of International Courts: The Intersection of Domestic and International Law (with Emilia Powell), NSF (2007)

“The World Court and Interstate Conflict Resolution” (with Emilia Powell), NSF (2004)

“The Management of Cross-Border Water Resources” (with Paul Hensel), USIP (2000)

“Freshwater and Maritime Issues in World Politics” (with Paul Hensel), NSF (1999)

Dissertation Fellowship funding, USIP (1996)

## MANUSCRIPTS REJECTED

### *Projects Eventually Published*

- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Andrew P. Owsiak. “Conflict Management Regimes and the Management of Land, River, and Maritime Claims.” Rejected by *British Journal of Political Science, International Organization*.
- Domestic Law Goes Global (book manuscript with Emilia Powell), rejected by delegates of the press board, Oxford University Press (after R&R and positive recommendation from acquisitions editor & reviewers).
- “Formal Commitments and States’ Interests: Compliance in International Relations”, special issue proposal rejected at *International Organization*, with Carmela Lutmar and Cristiane Carneiro.
- Nemeth, Stephen C., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Elizabeth A. Nyman, and Paul R. Hensel. “Ruling the Sea: Managing Maritime Conflicts through UNCLOS and Exclusive Economic Zones.” Rejected at *International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Geography, World Politics*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Vicki L. Hesli. “Women Don’t Ask? Women Don’t Say No? Bargaining and Service in the Political Science Profession.” Rejected at *Perspectives on Politics, Journal of Higher Education, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and Gender*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin, Jonathan J. Ring, and Mary K. Spellman. “Domestic Legal Traditions and States’ Human Rights Practices.” Rejected at *International Studies Quarterly*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Cameron G. Thies. “Resource Curse in Reverse: How Civil Wars Influence Natural Resource Production.” Rejected at *Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
- Lee, Hoon and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Foreign Direct Investment and Territorial Disputes.” Rejected by *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Crescenzi, Mark J.C., Kelly M. Kadera, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Clayton L. Thyne. “A Supply Side Theory of Mediation.” Rejected by *Journal of Politics* (after R&R; lost appeal).
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin, Kelly M. Kadera, and Mark J.C. Crescenzi. “Practicing Democratic Community Norms: Third Party Conflict Management and Successful Settlements”. Rejected by *American Political Science Review, American Journal of*

*Political Science* (after R&R), *British Journal of Political Science* (after R&R), *International Organization*.

- Ellis, Glynn, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Brandon C. Prins. “How Democracies Keep the Peace: Contextual Factors That Influence Conflict Management Strategies.” Withdrawn from *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (after 2 R&R rounds), Rejected by *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *World Politics*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Emilia Justyna Powell. “Legal Systems and Variance in the Design of Commitments to the International Court of Justice.” Rejected by *American Political Science Review*.
- “Building Synergies: Institutions and Cooperation in World Politics”, special issue proposal rejected by *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Paul R. Hensel. “International Institutions and Compliance with Agreements.” Rejected by *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*.
- Powell, Emilia Justyna and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “The International Court of Justice and the World’s Three Legal Systems. Rejected by *International Organization*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Brandon C. Prins. “Rivalry and Diversionary Uses of Force.” Rejected by *American Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Will H. Moore. “Presidential Use of Force During the Cold War: Aggregation, Truncation, and Temporal Dynamics.” Rejected by *Journal of Politics*.

*Projects Not Yet Published (but reviewed at least once)*

- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Andrew P. Owsiak. “Judicialization of the Sea: Bargaining under the UNCLOS Regime.” Rejected by *American Political Science Review*.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Emilia Justyna Powell. “Forum Shopping for the Best Adjudicator: Conflict Management and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS).” Rejected by *American Political Science Review*.
- Chyzh, Olga, Brian Lai, and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Autocratic Regimes and Diversionary Uses of Force.” Rejected by *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Peace Research* (after R&R).
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Christina Fattore. “Keeping Your Word: The Strengthening of the *Pacta Sunt Servanda* Norm.” Never submitted revised manuscript to *Journal of Peace Research* (after R&R).
- Harrison, Ewan and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Might Makes Right or Right Makes Might? Two Systemic Democratic Peace Tales.” Rejected by *Cooperation and Conflict*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Theory*.
- Harrison, Ewan and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “The Arab Spring and Global Democratization: The Eclipse of the West?” Rejected by *Journal of Peace Research*; material incorporated into our 2014 book.

- Harrison, Ewan and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Libya, Syria, and an Evolving Norm of Humanitarian Intervention in International Society” (part of a book manuscript not published).
- Lee, Sojeong and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Energy Resources and the Risk of Conflict in Shared River Basins”. Rejected by *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*.
- Sara McLaughlin Mitchell Cross-Border Troubles? Interstate River Conflicts and Intrastate Violence. Rejected by *American Political Science Review*.
- Kelly Daniels and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Bones of Democratic Contention: Maritime Disputes”. Rejected by *American Journal of Political Science*.
- Gates, Scott and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Rare Events and the Democratic Peace.” Rejected by *American Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*
- Gates, Scott, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and William Reed. “Non-Democracy is Not a Necessary Condition for War: A Counterfactual Analysis.” Rejected as part of an edited book project and at least one IR journal (no record).

*Projects Never Reviewed/Completed*

- Hensel, Paul R., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and Cameron G. Thies. “Contentious Issues and the Evolution of Interstate Rivalry.”
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin. “Cooperation in World Politics: The Constraining and Constitutive Effects of International Organizations.”
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin. “Exploring Realpolitik Behavior in Territorial Disputes.”
- Hensel, Paul R. and Sara McLaughlin. “Power Transitions and Dispute Escalation in Evolving Interstate Rivalries.”
- McLaughlin, Sara. “Endogeneity and the Democratic Peace.”