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Education

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Science, 2002

B.A., Brandeis University, Politics and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, 1991

Experience

Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, U. of Connecticut, 2009-present
Alan R. Bennett Honors Professor, 2010-2013
Assistant Professor, 2003-2009

Project Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC, 1991-96

Books

Warring Friends: Alliance Restraint in International Politics (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2008). Part of Cornell Studies in Security Affairs.

Point of No Return: The Deadly Struggle for Middle East Peace, with Geoffrey Kemp (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 1997). Arabic translation published in 1999.

Articles (Refereed)

“American Engagement and the pathways to Arab-Israeli peace,” *Cooperation & Conflict*, 49, no. 4 (December 2014), pp. 536-553.

“Explaining the Carter administration’s Israeli-Palestinian Solution,” *Diplomatic History* 37, no. 5 (November 2013), pp. 1117-1147.

“Negotiating the Promised Land: The End of Innocence?” *Israel Studies Forum* 25, no. 1 (June 2010), pp. 88-98.

“Power without Influence: The Bush Administration’s Foreign Policy Failure in the Middle East,” *International Security* 33, no. 4 (Spring 2009), pp. 149-179.

“The Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Case of *The Lemon Tree*.” *International Studies Perspectives* 9, no. 4 (November 2008), pp. 430-441.

“Mediation, Domestic Politics, and the Israeli-Syrian Negotiations, 1991-2000,” *Security Studies* 16, no. 3 (July-September, 2007), pp. 350-381.

“Israeli Unilateralism and Israeli-Palestinian Relations, 2001-2006,” *International Studies Perspectives* 7, no. 4 (November, 2006), pp. 360-376.

“Historical Schools and Political Science: An Arab-Israeli History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” *Perspectives on Politics* 3, no. 3 (September, 2005), pp. 577-582.

“Visions in Collision: What Happened at Camp David and Taba?” *International Security* 28, no. 2 (Fall, 2003), pp. 5-43.

“The Second Intifada: An Early Look at the Background and Causes of Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” *Journal of Conflict Studies* 22, no. 2 (Fall, 2003), pp. 114-141.

“September Statements, October Missiles, November Elections: Domestic Politics, Foreign-Policy Making, and the Cuban Missile Crisis,” *Security Studies* 10, no. 3 (Spring, 2001), pp. 80-114.

Work in Progress

The sword is not enough: Arabs, Israelis, and the limits of military force (book manuscript under review)

“Obama’s Policies and the Cycles of US Foreign Relations”

“The Ambiguity of Force: The Implications of Israeli-Palestinian Disagreement”

“Contesting Israeli-Palestinian History on the World Stage”

Chapters

“Same old story? Obama and the Arab Uprisings,” in Mark L. Haas and David W. Lesch, eds., *The Arab Spring: Change and Resistance in the Middle East* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2012), pp. 219-237.

“Modes of Iraqi Response to American Occupation,” in Davis Bobrow, ed., *Hegemony Constrained: Evasion, Modification, and Resistance to American Foreign Policy* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2008), pp. 20-40.

“From Madrid and Oslo to Camp David: the United States and the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1991-2001” in David W. Lesch, ed., *The Middle East and the United States: A Historical and Political Reassessment*, 4th ed. (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2007), pp. 257-274.

“The Middle East: Continuation of the Peace Process,” with Geoffrey Kemp in *SIPRI Yearbook 1995: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security* (London: Oxford University Press, 1995), pp. 171-210.

Essays & Other Writing (Selected)

“Israel” in David Coates, editor-in-chief, *The Oxford Companion to American Politics* (London: Oxford University Press, 2012), pp. 5-9.

“The Best Hope – Still?” *Boston Review* 34, no. 4, July/August 2009,
<http://bostonreview.net/BR34.4/pressman.php>

“Correspondence: Time and the Intractability of Territorial Disputes,” *International Security* 32, no. 3 (Winter 2007/08), pp. 194-197.

“Rethinking Transnational Counterterrorism: Beyond a National Framework,” *Washington Quarterly* 30, no. 4, (Autumn 2007), pp. 63-73.

“Back to the future: Israel’s existential crisis,” with Robert Blecher, *Boston Review* 32, no. 4 (July/August 2007), pp. 13-15, http://www.bostonreview.net/BR32.4/article_pressman.php

“Lost Opportunities,” *Boston Review* 29, no. 6 (December 2004/January 2005), pp. 44-46. (review of Dennis Ross’s *The Missing Peace*), <http://www.bostonreview.net/BR29.6/pressman.html>

“If Not Balancing, What? Forms of Resistance to American Hegemony,” BCSIA Discussion Paper 2004-02, International Security Program, March 2004.

“Leaderless Resistance: the Next Threat?” *Current History* 102, no. 668 (December 2003), pp. 422-425.

“The Primary Role of the United States in Israeli-Palestinian Relations,” *International Studies Perspectives* 4, no. 2 (May 2003), pp. 191-194.

Op-eds and letters to the editor in publications such as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Hartford Courant*, and *Daily Star* (Lebanon), 1994-present.

Blog posts on the Monkey Cage, juancole.com, Mideast Matrix, Political Violence at a Glance.

Book & Article reviews

Review of Sarah Kreps, *Coalitions of Convenience: United States Military Interventions after the Cold War* in *Intelligence and National Security* 29, no. 5 (October 2014), pp. 782-785.

Review of B. Lambeth, “Israel’s War in Gaza” and J. Slater, “Just War Moral Philosophy and the 2008-09 Israeli Campaign in Gaza,” (*International Security* 37:2), published by H-Diplo/ISSF, April 19, 2013, <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-AR23.pdf>, pp. 1-9.

Review of Dominic Tierney, *How we fight: Crusades, Quagmires, and the American Way of War* in *Peace Review* 24, no. 1 (March 2012), pp. 131-135.

Review of Jimmy Carter, *Palestine: Peace not Apartheid* in *Peace Review* 19, no. 3 (July-September 2007), pp. 465-469.

Review of Robert J. Lieber, *The American Era: Power and Strategy for the 21st Century* in *Perspectives on Politics* 4, no. 4 (December 2006), pp. 811-812.

Review of Patricia Weitsman, *Dangerous Alliances* in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 36, no. 1 (2005), pp. 80-81.

Review of Henner Furtig, *Iran’s Rivalry with Saudi Arabia between the Gulf Wars* in *Iranian Studies* 37, no. 3 (September 2004), pp. 558-559.

Invited Talks

- "Force, Insecurity, and Failure in the Arab-Israeli Conflict," University of Haifa (Israel), June 12, 2014.
- "Contesting Israeli-Palestinian History on the World Stage," University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, March 17, 2013.
- "Contesting Israeli-Palestinian History on the World Stage," UConn Humanities Institute, March 13, 2013.
- "Obama and the Arab uprisings," Draper Laboratory, June 11, 2012.
- "Obama and the Arab uprisings," MIT Lincoln Laboratory, June 1, 2012.
- "The Arab-Israeli Conflict: Tricks, Treats, and Stones," Department of Political Science, Tufts University, April 9, 2012.
- "The Arab Spring: A New Wrinkle in Changing U.S.-Middle East Foreign Policy?" Pi Sigma Alpha annual symposium, University of Bridgeport, March 28, 2012. (panel)
- "Same old story? Obama and the Arab Uprisings," United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney, March 9, 2012.
- "Not Dead Yet: American Empire in the 21st Century," School of International Service, American University, November 15, 2011.
- "Egypt Post-Revolution: Re-Establishing a Rule of Law," School of Law, University of Connecticut, April 18, 2011.
- "Two state solution: so close yet so far," Boston College, March 31, 2011.
- "Challenging U.S. Hegemony: Pick On A Region Your Own Size," Northwestern University, March 9, 2011.
- "Israel and the United States: A Special Relationship in the 21st Century," Dartmouth College, October 26, 2010. See <http://thedartmouth.com/2010/10/27/news/Israel>
- "The Gaza Flotilla Clash," Australian Institute of International Affairs (Sydney), June 29, 2010.
- "American Engagement and the Path to Arab-Israeli Peace," United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney, April 27, 2010.
- "Arab-Israeli Relations, 1948-2008: Cumulative Deterrence and the Double Movement," Massachusetts Institute of Technology, November 28, 2007.
- "Does the Hegemon get its way? Evaluating Bush policy in the Middle East," PIPES, University of Chicago, November 14, 2006.
- "Democracy and Diplomacy: Palestinian & Israeli Elections after Gaza," Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, February 6, 2006.

"Strategies of Resisting American Hegemony and the Road to Balancing," Johns Hopkins University, October 6, 2005.

"Prospects for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace Settlement," Michigan State University, March 30, 2005.

"Bush, IR Theory, and the Middle East," University of Haifa (Israel), March 10, 2005.

"Looking back, looking forward: the state of the two-state solution," Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, November 16, 2004.

"The US and the Arab-Israeli Conflict," Wesleyan University, Nov. 3, 2004. (for undergraduate course)

"Bush's Mideast Policy: The Regional and Global Impact," L'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), April 29, 2004.

"War in Iraq: Lies, Insurgencies and the future of the Middle East," Mt. Holyoke College, 2004.

"Can the United States Bring Peace to the Middle East?" Security Studies Seminar Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 23, 2002. See http://web.mit.edu/ssp/seminars/wed_archives02fall/pressman.htm

"Alliances as Restraining Devices," Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, November 14, 2002.

Additional talks: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, February 4, 2009; Dartmouth College, April 2007, 2008.

Conference Presentations

"The Obama Doctrine in the Middle East," APSA, Washington, DC, 2014 and ISA, New Orleans, 2015.

"Why military force trumps Arab-Israeli diplomatic openings," ISSS-ISAC annual conference, Washington, DC, October 6, 2013.

"The Shortcomings of Force in Arab-Israeli History," Northeast Political Science Association annual conference, Boston, MA, November 17, 2012.

"The Conflict Will Be Televised: The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict in Two Video Series," Association for Israel Studies annual conference, Haifa, Israel, June 25, 2012.

"Same old story? Obama and the Arab Uprisings," University of Melbourne conference, Melbourne, Australia, March 9, 2012.

"Facilitator or Catalyst? U.S. Engagement in the Arab-Israeli Peace Process," Australia and New Zealand American Studies Association conference, Adelaide, Australia, July 4, 2010.

“The United States in the Middle East: 1945-2010,” one of two presenters at full-day, public conference, Bowral, New South Wales, Australia, March 2, 2010.

"Presidents Making Peace? U.S. Diplomatic Efforts to Resolve the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1967-2009," New Zealand Political Studies Association annual conference, November 30, 2009.

“U.S. Policy and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: One State, Two States, or Status Quo?” Presented at the annual conference of the International Studies Association (ISA), February 16, 2009, New York, NY.

“The 2003 invasion of Iraq and the failure of alliance restraint.” Presented at the annual conference of the ISA, February 16, 2009, New York, NY.

Chair, “Roundtable: Arabs and Israelis After Annapolis: Is the Peace Process Headed Anywhere?” annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), August 28, 2008, Boston, MA.

"Lessons from the Use of Force and Diplomacy in the Arab-Israeli Arena: The Case of the 1967 War." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA, Hyatt Regency Chicago and the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Chicago, IL, Aug 30, 2007

“Is Balancing the Wrong Question? Power and Influence in International Politics,” APSA annual conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 3, 2006.

“US-Israeli-Palestinian relations, 1991-2001,” ISA annual conference, San Diego, CA, March 25, 2006.

“Strategies of resistance and the road to balancing,” APSA annual conference, Chicago, IL, 2004.

“Fight the Power: Forms of Resistance to American Hegemony,” ISA annual conference, Montreal, Canada, March 20, 2004.

“Global Terrorists, Leaderless Resistance, and the Implications for Combating Terrorism,” APSA annual conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 30, 2003.

Additional presentations:

American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference, 2001, 2002

Northeast Political Science Association annual conference, 1997, 2001

Discussant:

Discussant, “Advancing Alliance Theory,” ISA, Toronto, Canada, March 27, 2014.

Discussant, “Designing and Conducting Field Research in the Social Sciences,” APSA, Washington, DC, September 4, 2010.

Discussant for three panels at a conference at Syracuse University on March 26, 2009. The conference was entitled "Democracy, Religion, and Conflict: the Dilemmas of Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking."

Discussant, "Domestic Institutions and Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking," annual conference of the International Studies Association, New York, NY. February 16, 2009.

Discussant, "Alliance Politics Revisited," annual conference of the American Political Science Association, August 29, 2008, Boston, MA.

Discussant, "After Oslo: Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," International Studies Association annual conference, San Francisco, CA, March 28, 2008.

Discussant, "Competing Explanations of the Breakdown of Israel/Palestinian Peace Talks," International Studies Association annual conference, San Diego, CA, March 25, 2006.

Discussant, "Globalization and National Security," workshop sponsored by the Olin Institute at Harvard University, November 15, 2003.

Fellowships

Postdoctoral fellow, United States Studies Centre, University of Sydney, 2009-10

Fellow, University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, 2008-09

Research Fellow, Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, 2005-07

Post-doctoral Fellowship, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, 2002-03

Additional Awards and Honors

Recipient, Political Science Collaborative Research Fund (UConn), 2015

Holder of Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science, 2010-2013

Alan Bennett award, Department of Political Science (UConn), 2008

Faculty small grant, University of Connecticut, 2007

Provost's General Education Course Development Grant (for course on the Arab-Israeli conflict), 2005-06

Energy, Technology and International Affairs Summer Research Fellowship, 2002

Graduate Student Council Travel Award, MIT, 2001

MacArthur Transnational Security Initiative (MATSI) Fellow, 2000-01

MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Fellowship, 1999, 2000

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard's Bok Center for Teaching & Learning, 1998

Senior class speaker, Brandeis University commencement, 1991

Courses Taught

Introduction to International Relations

National and International Security

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

Contemporary International Affairs

Senior Seminar (for thesis students)

Pro-seminar in International Relations (graduate)

International Security (graduate)

Professional Activities

Member, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2011-2015

Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations (former)

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, International Studies Association

Manuscript Reviewer, including *Indiana University Press*, *International Security*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Theory*, *Israel Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Studies*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Oxford University Press*, *Princeton University Press*, *Security Studies*, and *World Politics*.

Tenure Review, Queen's University (Ontario), University of Texas

Departmental & University Service

Field Chair, International Relations, 2014-present

Founder and administrator, department blog, uconnpolisci.wordpress.com, January 2011-present (about 20,000 hits in first two years)

Director and advisor for minor, Middle East Studies, 2008-present

Member, Dean's promotion and tenure advisory committee, 2011-2014

Member, Political Science promotion and tenure committee, 2011-2014

Member, Political Science undergraduate committee, 2010-2013

Honors Director, Political Science, 2010-2013

Member, endowed chair in Judaic studies search committee, 2011-12

Member, UConn Humanities Institute (UCHI) Advisory Board, 2010-2012

member, UCHI graduate fellows selection committee, 2011, 2012

Member, Comparative Politics search committee, 2010-11

Member, Political Science departmental advisory committee, 2004-06, 2007-09, 2010-11

Member, Graduate Committee, 2007-09

Member, Political Science colloquium committee, 2006-07

Member, IR search committee, 2006-07, 2007-08

Member, Academic Advisory Board, Center for Judaic Studies, U. of Connecticut, 2005-2012

Political Science representative, Courses & Curricula committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2004-2006. Member of Writing task force (sub-committee), 2005-08

Member, Graduate Program Committee, MIT Department of Political Science, 1998-2002

Media (interviews)

Boston Globe, Congressional Quarterly, CQ Researcher, Danbury News-Times, Jewish Ledger, Hartford Courant, Mother Jones, the National (UAE), New Haven Register, Sydney Morning Herald, Vox, Waterbury Republican-American, Westport Magazine. **Radio/TV**: Breakfast (Australian Broadcasting Corp radio), CKUT, Dan Lavallo show (WDRC), WTIC, Faith Middleton Show (WNPR), Minnesota Public Radio, New Hampshire Public Radio, Rear Vision (ABC radio), Where We Live (WNPR), Australian Broadcasting Corp (TV), Fox 61, NBC 30.