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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Claremont McKenna College

Assistant Professor, Government Department, 2020 – present

### Brown University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012 – 2020

## FELLOWSHIPS

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### American Council of Learned Societies

ACLS Fellowship, 2020

### Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University

Radcliffe Fellowship, 2020–2021 (declined)

### Columbia University

Visiting Scholar, Harriman Institute, Fall 2016

### University of Southern California

Hayward R. Alker Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Studies, 2011–2012

## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2011

M.A., Political Science

### Stanford University

A.B., International Relations, June 1999

Phi Beta Kappa

## BOOKS

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*Virtual Territories: War and the State in a Digital Age.*

Oxford University Press, under contract.

*The Cartographic State: Maps, Territory, and the Origins of Sovereignty.* Cambridge University Press. Cambridge Studies in International Relations (2014). Arabic translation 2016.

Academic reviews: *Journal of Politics*, *Review of Politics*, *Imago Mundi*, *Revue française de science politique*, *The Cartographic Journal*, *Journal of Borderland Studies*, *The Canadian Geographer*, *Revista Conjuntura Austral* (Brazil).

Review essay: Stuart Elden, “From hinterland to the global,” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* (2015).

Press reviews: *Revista Intellector* (Brazil), *The Globe* (Australia), *Geographical* (UK).

Awards: Honorable Mention for the 2016 Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations, International Studies Association; 2016 Past Presidents’ Bronze Book Award, Association for Borderlands Studies.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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“What’s in a Name? Metaphors and Cybersecurity.” *International Organization* 75:1 (2021). 39-70.

“Territorial Conflict in the Digital Age: Mapping Technologies and Negotiation.” *International Studies Quarterly* 61:3 (2017). 557–569.

“Territory as an Institution: Spatial Ideas, Practices, and Technologies.” *Territory, Politics, Governance* 5:2 (2017). 131–144.

Reprinted in *Territorial Designs and International Politics*, edited by Boaz Atzili and Burak Kadercan (Routledge, 2017)

“Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in International Relations.” *International Organization* 70:4 (2016). 845–869.

“How should states be shaped? Contiguity, compactness, and territorial rights.” *International Theory* 8:1 (2016). 1–28.

“‘Colonial Reflection’ and Territoriality: The Peripheral Origins of Sovereign Statehood.” *European Journal of International Relations* 18:2 (2012). 277–297.

“Mapping the Sovereign State: Technology, Authority, and Systemic Change.” *International Organization* 65:1 (2011). 1–36.

Winner of the 2011 Robert O. Keohane Award (given annually to an article by an untenured scholar published in *International Organization*)

## CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

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“Borders and Boundaries: Making Visible What Divides” (with Kerry Goettlich). Invited chapter in the *Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*, ed. by Benjamin de Carvalho, Julia Costa Lopez, and Halvard Leira (Routledge, 2021).

Review of *Decolonizing the Map: Cartography from Colony to Nation* (James R. Akerman, ed.). *New Global Studies* (2019).

“Technology and Constructivism: Interrogating the Material-Ideational Divide.” Invited chapter in *Constructivism Reconsidered: Past, Present and Future*, ed. by Patrick James, Jarrod Hayes, and Mariano Bertucci (University of Michigan Press, 2018).

“Territory.” Invited chapter in *Visual Global Politics*, ed. by Roland Bleiker (Routledge, 2018).

Review of *Historical Institutionalism and International Relations: Explaining Institutional Development in World Politics* (Thomas Rixen et al., eds.). *Perspectives on Politics* 15:3 (2017).

Review of *Leviathan 2.0: Inventing Modern Statehood* (by Charles S. Maier). *New Global Studies* 10:1 (2016).

Review of *The Birth of Territory* (by Stuart Elden). *Global Discourse* 6:1–2 (2016). Invited review symposium.

Review of *Sovereignty: Frontiers of Possibility* (Julie Evans et al., eds.). *Settler Colonial Studies* 4:1 (2013).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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“Be careful what you’re learning from those coronavirus maps.” *The Washington Post*, 11 March 2020.

“The Security Implications of New Mapping Technologies.” *ISN Security Watch*. May 8, 2015.

*Theory Talks* interview, November 2014 (<http://www.theory-talks.org/2014/11/theory-talk-65.html>).

“Normal Accident Theory”; “Punctuated Equilibrium.” Entries in the *Encyclopedia of Governance*, Mark Bevir, ed., SAGE Publications (2007).

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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“Territory and International Political Economy” (with Timothy Turnbull). Invited chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of International Political Economy*, ed. by Jon Pevehouse and Leonard Seabrooke.

“State, Territory, and Sovereignty” (with Jan Stockbruegger). Invited chapter in the *Oxford Handbook of History and International Relations*, ed. by Mlada Bukovansky et al.

“The Infrastructures of International Politics: Sociotechnical Systems and State Transformation.” Project in development.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 2020–2021 (alternate)

Wilson Center Fellowship, Washington, D.C., 2020–2021 (alternate)

Henry Merritt Wriston Award (excellence in scholarship and teaching), Brown University. 2015–2016

Humanities Research Fund grant, Brown University. 2013–2019

*International Organization* Robert O. Keohane Award, for “Mapping the Sovereign State.” Award given annually to an article by an untenured scholar published in *International Organization*. 2011

Dissertation nominated by UC Berkeley Political Science Department for the APSA Helen Dwight Reid Award, 2012

John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, UC Berkeley Institute of International Studies, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley Teaching and Resource Center, 2010

Finishing Year Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2009–2010

Commendation for Excellence in Teaching, UC Berkeley Department of Political Science, 2006

Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2005–2006

Summer Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2005 and 2007

Honorable mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2004

Departmental Fellowship, Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2002–2003

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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University of Groningen, History and Theory of International Relations colloquium. May 2021.

Berggruen Institute, Advancing Global Liberalism Workshop, November 2019

University of Connecticut, Political Science Colloquium, October 2019

Marquette University, Department of Political Science, September 2019

King’s College London, Department of War Studies, May 2019

Cambridge International Relations and History Conference, May 2019

University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House, Conference on International Boundaries in a Globalizing World, May 2019

Naval War College, Cyber and Innovation Policy Institute, April 2019  
University of Minnesota, International Relations Colloquium, March 2019  
Cambridge University, Department of Politics and International Studies, May 2018  
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo, May 2018  
University of Wisconsin, Madison. International Relations Colloquium, March 2018  
American University School of International Service, Bridging the Gap Workshop, November 2017  
Yale University, Comparative Research Workshop, April 2017  
Brown Legal History Workshop, February 2017  
Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on “Geopolitical Economies after 1450,” UMass Amherst, March 2016  
McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, October 2015  
University of Rochester, Watson Center for Conflict and Cooperation, September 2015  
Cornell University, Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, March 2015  
University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, Constructivism and its Critics workshop, January 2015  
Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies, September 2014  
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Making and Justifying Territorial Claims conference, May 2014  
Brown University, Watson Institute, book launch panel for *The Cartographic State*, March 2014  
Brown University, Watson Institute, Subnational Research in Comparative Politics conference, May 2013  
University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, October 2011  
University of California, Berkeley, Institute for International Studies, October 2011  
UC Berkeley, Center for Latin American Studies, Summer Institute for Teachers, July 2008

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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International Studies Association Annual Convention:  
2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013, 2016  
Resilience Regions Conference, Portland, September 2011  
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2008  
International Studies Association – West Annual Convention, San Francisco, 2007

## **WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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State of the Field of Cyber Conflict, Columbia SIPA, June 2019  
International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, June 2013  
Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute, June 2004  
Workshop organizer and moderator, World Movement for Democracy Second Global Assembly, São Paulo, Brazil, November 2000

## **PHD DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

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Anna Feuer (Yale University; 2020)

Timothy Turnbull (Brown University 2019; Postdoctoral Scholar and Teaching Fellow, USC)

Sanne Verschuren (Brown University, finishing 2021)

Jan Stockbruegger (Brown University, finishing 2021)

Yu-Chi Chang (Brown University, History department)

## **TEACHING**

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### **Claremont McKenna College**

Introduction to International Politics

Technology and International Politics

### **Brown University**

Introduction to International Politics (undergraduate lecture course)

Territorial Conflict (graduate seminar)

International Relations and History (graduate seminar)

Technology and International Politics (undergraduate seminar)

Maps and Politics (undergraduate lecture course)

Land and Conflict (undergraduate, first-year seminar)

### **University of California, Berkeley** (Graduate Student Instructor)

Introduction to International Relations

Transitions to Democracy

Introduction to Comparative Politics

## **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Administration Committee, Claremont McKenna College, 2021–2023

Faculty SIS Resource Committee, Claremont McKenna College, 2021–2023.

Graduate admissions committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2014, 2015, 2018

International relations comprehensive exam committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018

International Security search committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2017

Undergraduate affairs committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2015

Fellowship selection committee, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, 2015

Chinese Politics search committee, Political Science, Brown University, 2012

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; *Culture, Theory, and Critique*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Organization*; *International Relations*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *International Theory*; *Journal of Historical Geography*; *Journal of the History of Ideas*; *Journal of Intervention and*

*Statebuilding; Nationalities Papers; Political Geography; PS: Political Science & Politics; Review of International Studies; Territory, Politics, Governance; Third World Quarterly; World Politics*; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Oxford University Press; Routledge; Leverhulme Trust; Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research.

Member-at-Large, ISA Historical International Relations Section, 2020–2022.

Member, Research Council on Visual Politics, International Political Science Association.

Chair, Award Committee for the Barbara W. Tuchman Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper in Historical International Relations; ISA. 2017–2019.

Award Committee Member, APSA International History and Politics Section outstanding article award. 2019–2021.

Award Committee Member, ISA J. Ann Tickner Award. 2018–2020.

Advisory Board Member, British Academy project on “Living on the Edge: Experiences and Responses to Europe’s Changing Borderlands,” Centre for Economic Cultures and Global Development Institute, University of Manchester. 2019–2020.

Editorial Board Member, “Global Epistemics” book series, Rowman & Littlefield (Inanna Hamati-Ataya, series editor).

## **RELATED EMPLOYMENT**

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Associate Editor, *Journal of Democracy*, Washington, D.C., 2001–2002

Assistant Editor, *Journal of Democracy*, Washington, D.C., 1999–2000

## **REFERENCES**

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References available upon request.

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