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BOOKS:

Strategies of Grand Strategy (with Paul K. MacDonald), (Princeton: Princeton University Press, under contract), hardcover, paperback, and e-reader.

Twilight of the Titans: Great Power Decline and Retrenchment (with Paul K. MacDonald), (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018), hardcover, paperback, and e-reader. [A volume in the Cornell Studies in Security Affairs series.]

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Democracy Catalyst Grant, (with Luis Schiumerini and Jazmin Sierra) University of Notre Dame, autumn 2025.

International Research Travel Grant, Notre Dame International, University of Notre Dame, spring 2020.

Fullbright Fellowship, Free International University of Social Science (LUISS)—Guido Carli, Rome, Italy, spring 2017

Dean’s Office, teaching grant for staff rides, University of Miami, spring 2014

Provost Research Award, University of Miami, summer 2013

Nobel Fellowship, Nobel Institute, Oslo, Norway, spring 2012

Golden Key Society, University of Miami, autumn 2011

Distinguished Junior Faculty Award, University of Miami, spring 2011

Research Seed Grant, University of Miami, autumn 2010, summer 2011

Teaching Fellowship, Columbia University, 2005-2006

Travel Grant, Lynn Weiss Memorial Fund, spring 2006

Buddenwieser Fellowship, Columbia University, 2004-2005

Teaching Great Books Grant, Columbia University, summer 2004

Travel Grant, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, summer 2003

Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University, 2002-2004

President’s Fellowship, Columbia University, 1999-2001

TALKS:

“What Trap? Great Power Decline and Retrenchment,” Peking University, Beijing, China, 11 June 2026.

“Voluntary Unions in World Politics,” Renmin University China, Beijing, 8 June 2026.

“Modern Myths of Empire,” (with Paul K. MacDonald), Columbia University, New York City, NY, 26 March 2026.

“Does Depolarization Start at Home?” Hanley Democracy Center, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, 16 February 2026.

Bridging Asia Conference, discussant. Korean Studies Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 16 January 2026.

“Theories of great power alignment strategies,” (virtual meeting). Working Group on Military Alignment in the Indo-Pacific, U.S. European Command (EUCOM), 29 October 2025.

“Does Depolarization Start at Home?” Watson School of International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Providence, RI, 23 September 2025.

“American Grand Strategy,” Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan, 14-18 August 2025.

“Depolarization in Perspective: Threats, Cues, Compromise, and Democracy,” ECPR Workshop on Affective Depolarization, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 20-23 May 2025.

“AI and National Security,” (with Megan Reiss). Alexander Hamilton Society, Notre Dame, IN, 10 April 2025.

“Speaking Insecurity: Chinese Threat Perceptions in Foreign Policy Speeches,” (with Alex Yu-Ting Lin and Paul K. MacDonald). Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 2 March 2025.

“Retrenchment and Rapprochement” (book workshop for Kyle Haynes with Mike Mastanduno, Paul Poast, and Jessica Weeks). Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 26 June 2024.

“Comparative Grand Strategy,” (roundtable with Alastair Iain Johnston, Michael Desch, Dong-Sun Lee, and Shin-Wha Lee). Korea University, Seoul, South Korea, 13 June 2024.

“Strategy and Science,” (virtual roundtable with Davide Fiammenghi, Mario del Pero, and Andrea Gilli). Workshop on perverse incentives in science, University of Naples L’Orientale, Naples, Italy, 22 March 2024.

“Debating American Foreign Policy in Israel,” (with Michael Singh). Alexander Hamilton Society, Notre Dame, IN, 29 February 2024.

Bridging Asia Conference, discussant. Korean Studies Institute, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 26 January 2024.

“Retrenchment in the Middle East,” [scheduling conflict: I had to decline, MacDonald attended.] Brasenose College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 17-18 August 2022.

“Roundtable on U.S. Grand Strategy,” (with Eugene Gholz and Michael Desch). John Quincy Adams Society, Washington, DC, 20 July 2022.

“In Search of Status: The Rise of China in United Nations Speeches, 1970-2020” (with Paul K. MacDonald). Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, Nashville, TN, 30 March 2022.

“Debate: Russia’s Place in American Grand Strategy,” (with Daniel Fata). Alexander Hamilton Society, Notre Dame, IN, 24 March 2022.

“Debate: America’s Afghan Retreat,” (with Peter Mansoor). Alexander Hamilton Society, Notre Dame, IN, 28 October 2021.

“Disengaging from the Middle East without Destabilizing It: Retrenchment after the Pandemic,” (with Paul K. MacDonald). Presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Seattle, WA, September 28-October 3, 2021.

“9/11 Webinar: Two Decades Reshaping International Security” hosted by Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia, 9 September 2021.

“Conspiracy Theories in America,” (with James Lindsay and Nancy Rosenblum). Council on Foreign Relations virtual event, 24 June 2021.

“European Integration since 1945.” Guest lecture for Mark Kettler’s “What is Europe?” class, presented by Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Notre Dame, IN, Feb. 2019, Feb. 2020, and April 2021.

“Assessing Grand Strategy: Is the Game Worth the Candle?” Modern War Institute, West Point, NY, 9 May 2019.

“Seminar on Rising and Falling Powers” (with Paul MacDonald). Jointly hosted by the National History Center of the American Historical Association, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, 14 January 2019. [Scheduling conflict: I had to decline, MacDonald attended.]

“Debate: America’s Role in the World,” (with William Imboden). Alexander Hamilton Society, Notre Dame, IN, 13 November 2018.

“Book Roundtable: *Twilight of the Titans*.” International Studies Association — International Security Annual Conference, West Lafayette, IN, 10 November 2018.

“Global Trends 2040.” National Intelligence Council *Global Trends* Blue Sky Workshop, Notre Dame, IN, 12 October 2018.

“Book Roundtable: *Twilight of the Titans*.” Notre Dame International Global Gateway, Rome, Italy, 4 June 2018. Co-sponsored by the Institute for Scholarship in Liberal Arts and LUISS – Guido Carli.

“When is Great Power Decline Dangerous?” Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Providence, RI, 16 October 2017.

“Is Structure Destiny?” Williams College, Institute in American Foreign Policy, Williamstown, MA, 19-20 July 2016.

“How to Write for a Four-Star Journal,” and “Decline and Retrenchment in World Politics.” University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK, 11-12 May 2016.

“Grand Strategies of Decline.” Presented at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 14 April 2016.

“Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*.” Guest lecture in “Books That Matter” course, University of Miami, Miami, FL, Feb. 9 and 16, 2016.

“Parry to Thrust: The Logic of Retrenchment.” Presented at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS), Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC, 2 November 2015.

“Jacob Burckhardt and the Renaissance in American Foreign Policy.” Williams College Institute in American Foreign Policy, Williamstown, MA, 20-22 July 2015.

“Shaping Strategy in the Pacific” and “Resizing and Restructuring States: New World Sovereignty in a New World.” Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, 20-21 February 2015.

“William James’ *Talks to Teachers and Students*.” Guest lecture in “Books That Matter” course, University of Miami, Miami, FL, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 2015.

“When Power Shifts Promote Peace.” Presented at Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 25 September 2014.

“Machiavelli’s *Prince* and *Discourses*.” Guest lecture in “Books That Matter” course, University of Miami, Miami, FL, Sept. 17, 21, 2014.

“Competing Visions Revisited? Evaluating American Grand Strategy in the Unipolar Era,” (with Paul K. MacDonald). Presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Washington, DC, 31 August 2014.

“Hippocrates, Galen, and Treating the World’s Problems.” Williams College Institute in American Foreign Policy, Williamstown, MA, 21-23 July 2014.

“Conspiracies and Democracy” (with Joseph E. Uscinski). Presented at Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, 21 May 2014 [in residence May 18-25].

“Shifting Assets, Sharing Burdens: Great Powers and Strategies of Retrenchment,” (with Paul K. MacDonald) and “Balancing in Realism” (with Sebastian Rosato). Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, Toronto, Canada, 27-28 March 2014.

“A Structural Theory of Foreign Policy,” (with Sebastian Rosato). Presented at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, Oct. 9; Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Oct. 10; and Columbia University, New York, NY, 11 October 2013.

“Conspiratorial Beliefs in the 2012 Election,” (with Joseph E. Uscinski) and “From Power to Penury: Strategic Responses to Acute Relative Decline,” (with Paul K. MacDonald). Presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL, Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2013.

“Realist Theories of Foreign Policy,” (with Sebastian Rosato). Presented at the University of Northern Illinois and University of Notre Dame, 23-24 April 2013. [Scheduling conflict: I had to decline, Rosato attended.]

“How Power Shifts Affect Conflict.” Presented at the University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK, 22 April 2013.

“Retrenchment by the Numbers,” (with Paul K. MacDonald). Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual conference, San Francisco, CA, 3 April 2013.

“From Power to Penury.” Presented at Southern Methodist University. Dallas, TX, 18 March 2013.

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“Debate: The Future of the Liberal World Order,” (with G. John Ikenberry). Litteraturhuset, Oslo, Norway, 11 May 2012.

“Coping with Global Change: The U.S. and Dilemmas of Strategic Adjustment.” Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University. Sponsored by the National Intelligence Council/State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research. College Station, TX, 1-3 May 2012.

“Theories of Conspiracy Theories.” Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual conference, San Diego, CA, 4 April 2012.

“From Power to Penury.” Presented at the University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 6 December 2011.

“Conspiracy Theories are for Losers.” Presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Seattle, WA, 4 September 2011.

“From Power to Penury: Great Power Retrenchment since 1870” and “Untied States: Depolarizing America.” Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, Montreal, Canada, 16-18 March 2011.

“Publius’s Guile and the Paranoid Style.” Presented at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) annual meeting, Madison, WI, 26 June 2010.

“Terrorism and Cooperation.” Presented for the U.S. Department of State, International Visitors Leadership Program, International Security Issues Project, New York City, NY, 7 May 2008.

“International Polarity and Domestic Polarization: Explaining American Disunity.” Presented at the Dickey Center for International Understanding, Hanover, NH, 19 October 2007.

“Anarchy and Order.” Presented at American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 30 August 2007.

“E Pluribus Unum: Political Unification and Political Realism.” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 21 April 2006.

“E Pluribus Unum: Political Unification and Political Realism.” Presented at Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS), 19 September 2005.

“Machiavelli’s Missing Romulus and the Murderous Intent of *The Prince*.” Presented at Columbia University “A Peninsula Against Itself: Competing Visions of Italy” Conference, 1 April 2005.

“Force, Fraud, and the Founding of the American Constitution.” Presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), Athens, Greece, 28 May 2004.

POSITIONS:

Professor, University of Notre Dame, summer 2020-

Associate Professor, University of Notre Dame, 2017-spring 2020.

Associate Professor, University of Miami, summer 2014-2016.

Assistant Professor, University of Miami, fall 2008-spring 2014.

Adjunct Assistant Professor

New York University, graduate seminars, fall 2006-spring 2008.

Columbia University, undergraduate lectures and seminar, fall 2006-spring 2008.

Barnard College, senior thesis seminar, academic year 2007-2008.

Hunter College, undergraduate seminar, fall 2006.

Lecturer

Columbia University, graduate and undergraduate lectures, summers 2007, 2008.

Adjunct Lecturer

Fordham University, undergraduate lecture, spring 2004.

Hunter College, undergraduate lecture, spring-fall 2002.

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, fall 2000-fall 2005.

SERVICE

Managing Editor, Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum, H-Diplo, 2025-

Series Editor, Columbia University Press Studies in International Order and Politics,
(with Stacie Goddard and Daniel Nexon), New York, NY, 2019-

Member, Quantitative Political Science Search Committee, University of Notre Dame,
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Member, Graduate Policy Committee, University of Notre Dame, AY 2021/22, 2024/25.

International Relations Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, University of
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Director, Hans J. Morgenthau Fellows Program in Grand Strategy, (with Eugene
Gholz), University of Notre Dame, 2020-25.

Member, Department Culture Committee, University of Notre Dame, spring 2020.

Field Chair, International Relations, University of Notre Dame, 2019-2020, 2025-2026.

Member, Executive Committee, International History and Politics Section, American
Political Science Association (APSA), 2018-2020.

Associate Director, Notre Dame International Security Center (NDISC), University
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Reviewer, Laura Shannon Book Prize in Contemporary European Studies, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame, spring 2018.

Director, Notre Dame International Security Center (NDISC) Speaker Series, University of Notre Dame, AY 2017-2018 (with Eugene Gholz), spring 2021, spring 2025.

Doctoral thesis advisor:

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- LTC Trevor Williams, University of Notre Dame, defended 2026
- Linus Recht, University of Notre Dame, defended 2025
- Isheika Cleare, University of Notre Dame, defended 2025
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- Steven Alec Hahus, University of Notre Dame, defended 2024
- Moritz Graefrath, University of Notre Dame, defended 2023
- Grant Cohen, University of Miami, defended 2017
- Patrick Thompson, University of Miami, defended 2017
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Master's thesis advisor, New York University, academic years 2006-2008, University of Miami, AY 2015-2016.

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, University of Miami, AY 2008-2009, 2012-2013, fall 2015; University of Notre Dame, spring 2019-

Grant Reviewer

Leverhulme Trust, United Kingdom, winter 2024, summer 2026.

Liu Institute, Faculty Awards, University of Notre Dame, spring 2026.

Kellogg Institute, Visiting Faculty Fellowships, University of Notre Dame, fall 2025.

Fulbright Commission, United States-Italy, 2022-.

Provost Research Awards, University of Miami, fall 2014.

Reviewer, Beyond the Book Summer Fellowship, University of Miami, spring 2016.

Chair, IR Comprehensive Exams Committee, University of Miami, spring 2015.

Member, Elizabeth White Endowed Chair Search Committee, University of Miami, spring 2015-fall 2016.

Member, Curriculum Revision Committee, University of Miami, POL and INS programs, summer-autumn 2015.

Speaker, New Faculty Reception, “Getting Tenure,” University of Miami, Aug. 23, 2014.

Member, International Studies Steering Committee, University of Miami, 2013-2015.

Chair, International Relations Search Committee, University of Miami, (assistant professor) fall 2013, 2014.

Speaker, Prospective Student Open House, “Doing Social Science,” University of Miami, spring 2013-spring 2016.

Interviewer, Foote, Singer, and Stamps scholarships, University of Miami, spring 2010-2015.

Author, proposal for an institute of public affairs, University of Miami, spring 2012.

Fundraising Speaker, University of Miami, Development Office, fall 2011-fall 2016.

Member, Program Assessment for Institutional Effectiveness (SACS), Department of Political Science committee, University of Miami, AY 2011-2012.

Member, American Studies Program Steering Committee, University of Miami, AY 2010-2015.

Graduate Admissions Committee, University of Miami, spring 2011.

Director, Department of Political Science Faculty Workshop, University of Miami, spring 2010.

Member, International Relations Search Committees, University of Miami, (open rank) fall 2008; (visiting assistant professor), spring 2012.

Undergraduate Advisor, Columbia University, spring 2004-spring 2006.

Doctoral Admissions Committee Member, Columbia University, spring 2004, 2005.

EXPERIENCE:

Fellow

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, fall 2025-

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Initiative on Race and Resilience, University of Notre Dame, spring 2021-

Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame, fall 2025-

Associate

Robert Jervis University Seminar, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2023-

Participant

Council on Foreign Relations, College and University Educators Workshop, New York, NY, weekend of April 17, 2015.

Academic Exchange Mission to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, Yitzhak Rabin Center, Tel Aviv, Israel, June 22-29, 2014.

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, June 12-17, 2011.

Non-proliferation simulation, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, December 4-5, 2009; May 6-7, 2011; Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA, December 2-3, 2011.

Teachers' Workshop, Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, Vergennes, VT, June 8-12, 2009.

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Ithaca, NY, July 10-29, 2005.

Reviewer

Acta Politica, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of International Security*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Georgetown University Press, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *International Organization*, *International Relations*, *International Security* (super reviewer 2015/16, 2021/22), *International Studies Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Politics*, Oxford University Press, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Politics and Governance*, *Public Integrity*, *Security Studies*, *World Politics*, Yale University Press.

White House Intern, Vice Presidential Correspondence, summer 1998.

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