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Jackson-Hope Distinguished

Professor (2017-present)

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Associate Professor (2010-2014)

Assistant Professor (2004-2010)

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Education:

PhD. in Political Science, 2004, Pennsylvania State University

Major Field: International Relations. Adviser: Glenn Palmer

M.A., 2000, Pennsylvania State University.

Major Field: International Relations. Adviser: Erik Gartzke

B.A., 1998, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham.

Political Science and History

Refereed Publications:

Jonathan W. Keller and Dennis M. Foster. 2016. "Don't Tread on Me: Constraint-Challenging Presidents and Strategic Conflict Avoidance." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 46:808-827.

Dennis M. Foster. 2015. "Inter Arma Silent Leges? Democracy, Domestic Terrorism and Diversion." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. DOI: 10.1177/0022002715613842.

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Alex Braithwaite, Dennis M. Foster, and David A. Sobek. 2010. "Ballots, Bargains, and Bombs: Terrorist Targeting of Spoiler Opportunities." *International Interactions* 36:294-306.

Dennis M. Foster. 2008. "'Comfort to our Adversaries?' Partisan Ideology, Domestic Vulnerability, and Strategic Targeting." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 4:419-436.

Dennis M. Foster. 2006. "An 'Invitation to Struggle'? The Use of Force against 'Legislatively Vulnerable' American Presidents." *International Studies Quarterly* 50:421-444.

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Book Chapter:

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Working Papers:

"With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies? Unified Government and Congressional Opposition to Presidential Crisis Policy" (Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*).

"The Best of All Worlds? Mixed-Member Proportionalism and Domestic Terrorism."

"Is Anyone Listening? Crisis Signaling by the Opposition in the British Commons, 1918-2007" (with Douglas M. Gibler and Matthew Millard).

"Divided We Stand? The Separation of Powers, Democratic Responsibility, and Counterterrorism" (with Benjamin A. Kleinerman and Howard Sanborn).

"Partisan Opposition, Foreign Crisis Success, and Congressional Seat Change."

Other Publications:

"Would President Trump go to War to Divert Attention from Problems at Home?" *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage* December 19, 2016.

Conference Presentations:

“Presidential Risk Propensity and Intervention in Interstate Conflicts” (with Jonathan W. Keller and Keith A. Grant). International Studies Association Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 2016.

“Calling the Dance or Two to Tango? Leaders’ Interactive Psychological Risk Orientations and the US-Soviet Rivalry” (with Jonathan W. Keller). International Studies Association-Midwest Regional Convention, St. Louis, MO, November 2016.

“Legislative Elections, Electoral Rules, and Interstate Conflict Initiation.” International Studies Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“Is Anyone Listening? Crisis Signaling by the Opposition in the British Commons, 1918-2007” (with Douglas M. Gibler). Western Political Science Association Convention, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.

“Don’t Tread on Me: Constraint-Challenging Presidents and Strategic Conflict Avoidance” (with Jonathan W. Keller). International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.

“Subtraction through Addition: Compensatory Proportionalism and Domestic Terrorism in Mixed Democracies.” International Studies Association Convention, Toronto, ON, March 2014.

“Presidential Leadership Style and Strategic Conflict Avoidance” (with Jonathan W. Keller). Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Knoxville, TN, October 2013.

“The Democratic Use of Force Abroad as a Response to Terrorism.” Eurasian Peace Science Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, May 2013

“Is Anyone Listening? Crisis Signaling by the Opposition in the British Commons, 1918-2007” (with Douglas M. Gibler and Joseph Smith). International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.

“I’d Complain, but Who’d Listen? The Impetuses and Effects of Congressional Decisions to Criticize Foreign Crisis Policy.” International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.

“Domestic Terrorism, Diversionary Incentives, and Strategic Conflict Avoidance in the American Case.” Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Savannah, GA, 2012.

“Divided We Stand? The Separation of Powers, Democratic Responsibility, and Counterterrorism (with Benjamin A. Kleinerman and Howard Sanborn). Fifth Annual Terrorism and Policy Conference, UT-Dallas, 2012.

“Opposition Criticism in the House of Commons and British Success in Foreign Policy Crises, 1918-2007.” Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2012.

“There Can Be No Compromise: Moderates and Radicals, Institutional Inclusiveness, and Domestic Terrorism ” (with David Sobek and Alex Braithwaite). International Studies Association Convention, San Diego, CA, 2011.

“A Matter of Degree: Institutions, Disproportionality, and Domestic Terrorism ” (with David Sobek and Alex Braithwaite). International Studies Association Convention, Montreal, QC, 2011.

“Leaders’ Cognitive Complexity, Distrust, and the Diversionary Use of Force” (with Jonathan W. Keller). International Studies Association Convention, Montreal, QC, 2011.

“With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies? Unified Government and Congressional Opposition to Presidential Crisis Policy.” American Political Science Association Convention, Washington, DC, 2010.

“Hanging Together or Separately: Co-Partisan Congressional Opposition to International Crisis Policy and Presidential ‘Coattails.’” Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Chapel Hill, NC, 2009.

“Presidential Leadership Style and the Political Use of Force” (with Jonathan Keller). International Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, 2008.

“Presidential Leadership Style and the Diversionary Use of Force” (with Jonathan Keller). Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Columbia, SC, 2007.

“Conventional Wisdom? The Effect of Nuclear Proliferation on Armed Conflict, 1945-2001” (with David Sobek and Sam Robison). Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2007.

“Ideology, Domestic Political Conditions, and the Strategic Militarized Targeting of the United States.” Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2007.

“The ‘Balancing Act’: Counterterrorism and Domestic Overreaction in Democratic States.” International Studies Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2007.

“The Value of Silence: Partisan Opposition, International Conflict Success, and Congressional Seat Change.” International Studies Association Convention, San Diego, CA, 2006.

“Elections, Government Ideology, and Terrorism in Western Europe” (with David Sobek and Alex Braithwaite). Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Iowa City, IA, 2005.

“State Power, Linkage Mechanisms, and Diversion against Non-Rivals.” Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2005.

“An ‘Invitation to Struggle’? The Use of Force against ‘Legislatively Vulnerable’ Democratic Leaders.” International Studies Association Convention, Honolulu, HI, 2005.

“Terrorist Violence and Israeli National Elections” (with David Sobek and Alex Braithwaite). International Studies Association Convention, Honolulu, HI, 2005.

“Congress and the American Use of Force: Partisanship, Support, and the Actions of Individual Legislators.” Midwest Political Science Association Convention, Chicago, IL, 2004.

“The Difference between Hearing and Listening: The Presidential Use of Force in Response to Foreign Policy Opposition.” International Studies Association Convention, Montreal, QC, 2004.

“Old Problem, Old Solution: The Directed-Dyadic Study of the Use of Force.” Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, 2003.

“International Conflict, Political Orientation, and Waning Support: Our Boy’s Done Something Rash” (with Glenn Palmer). International Studies Association Convention, Portland, OR, 2003.

“The ‘Deterrence Advantage’, the Non-Proliferation Regime, and the Nuclear Taboo” (with David Sobek). International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2002.

“Parsimony versus Explanatory Power: State-Specific Characteristics and the Study of Extended-Immediate Deterrence.” Peace Science Society (International) Conference, Atlanta, GA, 2001.

“Do As I Say and Not As I Do: Rational Self-Interest and the Propagation of the Nuclear Taboo” (with David Sobek). Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 2001.

“To Punish or Deny: Threat Credibility in Situations of Extended-Immediate Deterrence.” ISA-Northeast Political Science Association Conference, Albany, NY, 2000.

Professional Memberships:

American Political Science Association
Peace Science Society (International)
International Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association

Professional Awards:

2017: Jackson-Hope Distinguished Professorship, Virginia Military Institute
2016: Jackson-Hope Prize for Excellence in Published Scholarly Work in the Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities, Virginia Military Institute
2016: Grant-in-Aid of Research, Virginia Military Institute
2014: Inducted into Phi Kappa Phi (Academic Honors Society)
2013: Matthew Fontaine Maury Research Award, Virginia Military Institute (awarded for overall excellence in stimulating, encouraging, and conducting research).
2013: Grant-in-Aid of Research, Virginia Military Institute
2012: Inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honors Society)
2011: Award for Distinguished Teaching, Virginia Military Institute (awarded annually for superior achievement in teaching).
2011: Wilbur S. Hinman, Jr., Research Award, Virginia Military Institute (awarded for excellence in stimulating, encouraging, and conducting research with VMI cadets).
2010: Grant-in-Aid of Research, Virginia Military Institute
2008: F. H. C. Wachtmeister Faculty Development Leave Grant, Virginia Military Institute.
2007: Thomas Jefferson Teaching Award, Virginia Military Institute (one award given annually for excellence in teaching by a junior faculty member).
2004: Pennsylvania State University Graduate Teaching Award (university-wide award for excellence in teaching by a graduate student).
2003: Robert S. Freidman Award for Outstanding Teaching in the Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University (one award given annually for outstanding cumulative teaching record).
2000: Outstanding Master’s Essay Award, Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University.
1998: Annual Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Field of History, Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham.
1998: Inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honors Society)

Selected Professional Activities/Service

- Secretary and Treasurer, Foreign Policy Section, American Political Science Association, 2015-present.
- Member, Editorial Board, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2010-2016.
- Manuscript Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Security*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Behavior*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Public Choice*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Interactions*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *African Security*, *Journal of Conflict Studies*, *Politics and Policy*, *Social Science Journal*, *Virginia Social Sciences Review*, Cambridge University Press, and Rowman and Littlefield Press.
- Invited Speaker and Event Coordinator, Joint VMI-Heritage Foundation Marshall Fellowship Yalta Conference Simulation, 2016-present.
- Invited Speaker, Colloquium on War, James Madison University, March 2015.
- Invited Speaker, Political Science Departmental Colloquium, University of Alabama, January 2015.
- Book Review Editor, *Journal of Conflict Studies* (University of New Brunswick), 2007-2012.
- Guest Editor, Special Issue on “New Directions in the Study of Diversionary Conflict,” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, November 2010.
- Acting Head, VMI Department of International Studies and Political Science, Spring 2010.
- Panelist, “Lincoln for the Ages,” Washington and Lee University, 2009.
- Guest Speaker, *With Good Reason*, Virginia Public Radio, October 2007. Segment Title: “Walking the Tightrope: Democracy and Counterterrorist Response.”
- Invited Speaker, Summer Workshop on Teaching about Terrorism (SWOTT), Morehouse College and University of Oklahoma, 2007-8.
- VMI Honors, Scheduling, Research, Institute Scholarship (Chair), and NCAA Compliance Committees
- Panelist, “‘Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death’: The US Constitution and the Post-9/11 World,” Virginia Military Institute, September 18, 2006.
- Participant, Summer Conference on Teaching about Terrorism (SWOTT), College of William and Mary, Summer 2006.
- Political and International Terrorism Analyst, “Morning Show with Tony Booth,” WCHV 1260 AM (Charlottesville, VA) and WTOX 1480 (Richmond) and WDBJ7 TV (Roanoke, CBS).
- Speaker, Lexington (VA) Foreign Affairs Club, December 15, 2004. Lecture Title: “The Bush Doctrine, Preemption, and the War on Terror.”
- Speaker, Symposium on *Longitudes and Attitudes: Exploring the World after September 11* by Thomas Freidman, Schreyer Honors College, The Pennsylvania State University, Fall 2003.

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