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### **EDUCATION**

- 2008      **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Ph.D., Political Science  
Dissertation: “Intelligence-Policy Relations and the Problem of Politicization”
- 2002      **Boston College**  
M.A., Political Science  
Thesis: “The Logic of Military Modernization”
- 1998      **University of California, San Diego**  
B.A., Political Science  
Phi Beta Kappa and Cum Laude

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- 2011-      **U.S. Naval War College** – *Associate Professor*  
Department of Strategy and Policy
- 2008-2011      **U.S. Naval War College** – *Assistant Professor*  
Department of Strategy and Policy
- 2011-      **Columbia University** – *Adjunct Professor*  
School of International and Public Affairs
- 2006-2008      **Williams College** – *Stanley Kaplan Postdoctoral Fellow*  
Department of Political Science
- 2006      **College of the Holy Cross** – *Lecturer*  
Department of Political Science
- 2005-2006      **Clark University** – *Visiting Professor*  
Department of Government and International Relations

## COURSES TAUGHT

### **Undergraduate:**

American Foreign Policy  
Introduction to International Relations  
America and the World after 9/11  
Intelligence and National Security

### **Graduate:**

Strategy and Policy  
Strategy and War  
Nuclear Strategy  
Intelligence and Foreign Policy

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2004-2006      **MIT Seminar XXI** – *Research Assistant*

2004            **Harvard University National Security Fellows Program** – *Writing Coach*

2003            **RAND Corporation** – *Research Associate*

2001            **Project on Defense Alternatives** - *Research Assistant*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Fixing the Facts: National Security and the Politics of Intelligence* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2011).

### Articles

“Is Politicization Ever a Good Thing?” *Intelligence and National Security* (forthcoming).

“Dominoes on the Durand Line? Overcoming Strategic Myths in Afghanistan and Pakistan,” with Austin Long, *Foreign Policy Briefing*, No. 92 (Washington, DC: Cato Institute, June 2011).

“Campaign Tactics and American Grand Strategy in the Election of 2008,” *White House Studies*, Vol. 9, No. 1(Spring 2009), pp. 1-15.

“The Perils of Shallow Theory: Intelligence Reform and the 9/11 Commission,” with Austin Long, *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (Winter 2005-2006), pp. 609-637.

“Preparing for a Nuclear Iran: The Role of the CIA,” *Strategic Insights*, Vol. 4, No. 11 (November 2005).

“Theories of Failure and Intelligence Reform: Evaluating the 9/11 Commission Report,” with Austin Long, *Breakthroughs*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (Spring 2005), pp. 10-21.

### Book Chapters

“After Proliferation: Deterrence Theory and Emerging Nuclear Powers,” in Toshi Yoshihara and James R. Holmes, eds., *Nuclear Strategy in the Second Nuclear Age* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, forthcoming).

“Strategy,” in Timothy J. Lynch, ed., *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History* (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Intelligence and the Wars in Iraq,” in Heather S. Gregg, Hy S. Rothstein, and John Arquilla, eds., *The Three Circles of War: Understanding the Dynamics of Conflict in Iraq* (Washington, DC: Potomac, 2010).

“Pathologies of Intelligence Producer-Consumer Relations,” in Robert A. Denemark, ed., *International Studies Association Compendium Project* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2010).

“Strategy,” in Timothy Lynch, ed. *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military and Diplomatic History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010).

### Other Publications

“Understanding Intelligence-Policy Relations,” Foreign Policy Research Institute, *E-Note*, forthcoming.

“Intelligence,” in Mark E. Rushesfky, ed., *Encyclopedia of Issues in U.S. Public Policy*, (Farmington Hills, MI: Thompson-Gale Publishing, forthcoming).

“Correspondence: How Intelligent is Intelligence Reform?” with Austin Long and Amy B. Zegart, *International Security*, Vol. 30, No. 4 (Spring 2006), pp. 196-208.

“Why Intelligence Isn’t to Blame for September 11,” MIT Center for International Studies, *Audit of the Conventional Wisdom*, No. 05-13 (November 2005).

*Encyclopedia of United States National Security*, ed. Richard J. Samuels (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2005). Contributed articles on “Coercive Diplomacy,” “Compellence,” “Guerilla Warfare,” “Information Warfare,” “Political Assassination,” “Psychological Warfare,” “Public Diplomacy,” “Special Forces,” and “Voice of America.”

### Reviews

Response to a roundtable review of Joshua Rovner, *Fixing the Facts: National Security and the Politics of Intelligence*, in *H-Diplo/ISSF*, forthcoming.

Roundtable review of *Intelligence and National Security*, special double issue on the CIA and U.S. foreign policy, *H-Diplo*, forthcoming in 2011.

Review of Michael S. Gerson, “No First Use: The Next Step for U.S. Nuclear Policy,” *International Security*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (Fall 2010), pp. 7-47, in *H-Diplo* 6 (February 4, 2011); <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-AR6.pdf>.

Introduction to roundtable review of Richard K. Betts, *Enemies of Intelligence*,” *H-Diplo*, Volume IX, No. 15 (July 2008).

Review of Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen, *The Risk Society at War: Terror, Technology and Strategy in the Twenty-First Century* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), in *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 69, No. 4 (November 2007), pp. 1227-1228.

Review of Richard A. Posner, *Uncertain Shield: The US Intelligence System in the Throes of Reform* (Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield, 2006), in *The Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 29, No. 6 (December 2006), pp. 1184-1186.

### Op-Eds

“Faulty Intelligence,” *Foreign Policy*, June 23, 2011;  
[http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/06/22/faulty\\_intelligence](http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/06/22/faulty_intelligence)

“Our Current Strategy in Afghanistan is Built on Strategic Myths,” *The National Interest*, June 14, 2011; <http://nationalinterest.org/blog/counterinsurgency/our-current-strategy-afghanistan-built-strategic-myths-5466>

“There’s No Checklist for Counterinsurgency,” with Tim Hoyt, *Foreign Policy*, November 18, 2010;  
[http://afpak.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/11/18/theres\\_no\\_checklist\\_for\\_counterinsurgency](http://afpak.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2010/11/18/theres_no_checklist_for_counterinsurgency)

“The Public Politics of Intelligence Reports,” *Boston Globe*, September 28, 2006, p. A9.

### **CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

Program Chair: *ISSS/ISAC 2010: The Annual Joint Meeting of the International Security Studies Section (ISA) and International Security and Arms Control Section (APSA)*, Providence, RI, October 14-16, 2010.

Conference Organizer: *In from the Cold: Richard K. Betts and the Renaissance of Intelligence Studies*, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, April 11-12, 2008.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Deterrence in an Era of Parity,” State Department/Williams College joint conference on foreign policy in the Nixon administration, March 2012.

“Deterring a Nuclear Iran: Two Scenarios”  
ISA-New England, November 2011.  
ISSS/ISAC, October 2010.

“The Heroes of COIN”  
ISA-New England, November 2011.  
International Studies Association, March 2011.

“Fixing the Facts or Missing the Mark? Intelligence and the Politics of Threat Assessment”  
University of Texas, Strauss Center, October 2011.  
Cato Institute, October 2011.  
American Political Science Association, September 2011.  
Princeton University, Center for International Security Studies, April 2011.  
MIT Lincoln Laboratories, May 2011.  
Syracuse University, Maxwell School, December 2010.

“AirSea Battle and Escalation Risks,” University of California Institute on Global Conflict,  
September 2011.

“Evaluating Intelligence Reform,” (roundtable), American Political Science Association,  
September 2011.

“After Proliferation: Deterrence Theory and Emerging Nuclear Powers”  
Williams College, June 2011.  
ISSS/ISAC, October 2009.  
American Political Science Association, September 2009.

“Dominoes on the Durand Line? Overcoming Strategic Myths in Afghanistan and Pakistan,” Cato  
Institute, June 2011.

“Operationalizing Intelligence in Irregular War,” (panel chair), Center for Irregular Warfare and  
Armed Groups symposium, U.S. Naval War College, June 2011.

“Is Politicization ever a Good Thing?” International Studies Association, March 2011.

“Remaking the Ways of War: Explaining Military Innovation” (panel chair and discussant),  
International Studies Association, March 2011.

“Strategic Responses to Nuclear Proliferation,” (panel chair and discussant), International  
Security Studies Section (ISA)/International Security and Arms Control Section (APSA) annual  
meeting, October 2010.

“Public Opinion and Strategic Choice in War,” (panel chair and organizer), American Political  
Science Association, September 2010.

“Intelligence, Policy, and Public Opinion in the Vietnam War,” American Political Science  
Association, September 2010.

“Competitive Strategies in History” (discussant), Developing Competitive Strategies conference,  
US Naval War College, August 2010.

“Neoclassical Realism and Intelligence,” International Studies Association, February 2010.

“International Relations Theory and Intelligence Studies” (panel chair and organizer),  
International Studies Association, February 2010.

“Explaining Intelligence Successes and Failures” (discussant), International Studies Association,  
February 2010.

“Armed Groups and Afghanistan” (panel chair), *Teaching about Armed Groups Symposium*, U.S. Naval War College, June 2009.

“Counter-insurgency War in Afghanistan” (discussant), International Studies Association, February 2009.

“Politically Biased Intelligence: Causes and Consequences,” International Studies Association, February 2009.

“Intelligence and Strategy in the Vietnam War: Two Episodes,” U.S. Naval War College, June 2008.

“Pathologies of Intelligence Producer-Consumer Relations,” International Studies Association, March 2008.

“Intelligence-Policy Relations and the Problem of Politicization,” Naval Postgraduate School, January 2008.

“Intelligence-Policy Relations and the War in Iraq,” University of South Carolina, December 2007.

“Is War between China and the U.S. Inevitable?” Williams College, International Studies Colloquium, September 2007.

“What will it take to Save Darfur?” Williams College, International Studies Colloquium, April 2007.

### **MANUSCRIPTS AND WORKING PAPERS**

“The Heroes of Counterinsurgency” (currently in review)

“Measuring the Effects of Politicization on Threat Assessment”

“Deterring a Nuclear-Armed Iran: Two Scenarios”

“Victory Misunderstood: Operation Desert Storm Revisited.”

“Crises of Confidence: China’s Rhetoric, America’s Posture, and the Potential for Inadvertent Nuclear Escalation,” with Michael Chase and Andrew Erickson.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2008                    Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Political Science, MIT

2006-2008            Stanley Kaplan Postdoctoral Fellowship, Williams College

2006 Moody grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation  
2001 Research grant, Bradley Institute for the Study of Politics, Boston College

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Reviews Editor:** *The Journal of Strategic Studies*

**Senior Associate:** Center on Irregular Warfare and Armed Groups

**Member:** American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

**Committee Chair:** Kenneth N. Waltz Prize for Best Ph.D. Dissertation in International Security (APSA)

**Referee:** *International Security, Security Studies, The Journal of Strategic Studies, Intelligence and National Security, Naval War College Review, International Studies Association Compendium Project, Kenneth N. Waltz Prize for Best Ph.D. Dissertation in International Security (APSA), Murphy Prize for Best Paper on Counterterrorism, Naval War College.*

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