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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| University of Vermont <i>Burlington, VT</i> | 2012- Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Professor of Political Science• Recipient Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award 2017 | |
| Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School <i>Cambridge, MA</i> | 2008-2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fellow, International Security Program | |

EDUCATION

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| University of California Los Angeles <i>Los Angeles, CA</i> | 2003-2011 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ph.D., Political Science, 2011• Major Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics | |
| University of Chicago <i>Chicago, IL</i> | 2002-2003 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M.A., International Relations | |
| Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service <i>Washington, D.C.</i> | 1994-1998 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• B.S., International Affairs | |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Melissa Willard-Foster, *Toppling Foreign Governments: The Logic of Regime Change* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019), 344 pages

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

Melissa Willard-Foster, "Planning the Peace and Enforcing the Surrender: Deterrence in the Allied Occupations of Germany and Japan," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Volume 40, No. 1, Summer 2009, pp. 33-56

- Awarded Honorable Mention, Center for Military History & Strategic Analysis, 2006-07 Cold War Essay Contest

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Melissa Willard-Foster, "Three Lessons from the History of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," *Political Violence at a Glance*, February 1, 2019, <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2019/02/01/three-lessons-from-the-history-of-foreign-imposed-regime-change/>

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Does Instability Help or Hinder Sanctions? Re-Evaluating Libya's Reconciliation with the West"

"Dictatorships or Democracies? The Domestic Political Causes of Asymmetric Conflict"

Book Project: *Promising the World: Presidential Promise-Keeping in US Foreign Policy*

- Charles M. Koch Foundation, Foreign Policy Research Grant for research assistance and supplemental income during sabbatical, June 2020-Dec 2022
- UVM Department of Political Science, Research Assistance award, Summer 2019
- The first study of foreign policy pledge fulfillment that explains when presidents keep their foreign policy campaign promises

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

"Alexander Downes' Catastrophic Success: Why Foreign-Imposed Regime Change Goes Wrong"

- Roundtable Discussion, CATO Institute, Virtual Panel, January 27, 2022
- Roundtable Discussion, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, March 31, 2022

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Presidential Promise-Keeping and National Security”

- Summer 2021 Research Working Group with Koch Foundation Scholars, July 22, 2021

“Benjamin Miller’s Grand Strategy from Truman to Trump”

- Roundtable Discussion International Studies Association Annual Convention, (Remote), April 8, 2021

“Promises, Promises: Do Presidents Keep Their Foreign Policy Campaign Pledges?”

- Education and Enrichment for Everyone (EEE) Webinar, Virtual Panel, March 19, 2021

Karim Elkady, “Partners-in-State: Why America Succeeds in Rebuilding States under its Military Occupation”

- Discussant, Book Manuscript Conference, Tufts University, December 14, 2020

Discussant, Book Manuscript Conference, Associate Professor Jonathan Monten, University College London

- Lone Star Forum, University of Texas, April 17-19, 2020, Event cancelled due to pandemic

“Does Instability Make for an Easy Target? Re-Evaluating Libya’s Reconciliation with the West”

- Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, Elliott School, February 9, 2020
- Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, October 3, 2019

“Toppling Foreign Governments: The Logic of Regime Change”

- Emory University, February 7, 2019

Discussant, Book Manuscript Conference, Associate Professor Alexander B. Downes

- George Washington University, Elliott School, December 2018

“Trump’s Kept and Unkept Foreign Policy Promises”

- Presented at the University of Quebec at Montreal, Center for United States Studies Conference, entitled, “Trump: Year One,” November 2017

“Puppets or Populists? Domestic Politics and Interstate Asymmetric Conflict”

- Carleton University, Norman Patterson School of International Affairs, “Problems Abroad? Revisiting the Intervention Trap in an Era of Global Uncertainty,” October 2016

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Primary Debates Don’t ‘Stop at the Water’s Edge’: The Foreign Policy Issues of 2016”

- Presented at the University of Quebec at Montreal, Center for United States Studies Conference, entitled, “Who Will Succeed Obama? U.S. Presidential Primaries and their Impact on Canada,” February 2016

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

“Promises, Promises: Comparing Obama’s and Trump’s Foreign Policy Pledge Fulfillment”

- Invited to Present, Panel Session, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 7-10, 2022

“Promises Made, Promises Kept? The Role of Congress in Presidential Foreign Policy Campaign Pledge Fulfillment”

- Invited to Present, Panel Session, International Studies Association Conference, Nashville, March 29, 2022

“Presidential Promise-Keeping and National Security”

- Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 14-18, 2021
- Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle (Virtual), Sept 30-Oct 3, 2021

“Does Instability Make for an Easy Target? Re-Evaluating Libya’s Reconciliation with the West”

- Paper presented at the International Security Sub-Section Conference, International Studies Association, Denver, Colorado, October 2019

“Strategic Interaction and Coercion Failure: How the Conditions Governing Choice Influence Effectiveness”

- Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 2019

“Foreign Policy Campaign Pledges: Measuring Type & Fulfillment”

- Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2019

“Puppets or Populists? Explaining Disputes between the Strong and the Weak”

- Paper presented at the International Security Sub-Section Conference, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2017
- Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, March 2016

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

University Panel Discussions and Presentations

- “Promises, Promises: Do Presidents Keep Their Foreign Policy Campaign Pledges?”
 - Political Science Honors Course, UVM, May 2021, March 2022
- “Puppets or Populists? Explaining Disputes between the Strong and the Weak”
 - Political Science Honors Course, UVM, April 2018, 2019
- “The Costs of Peace and the Logic of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change”
 - Living and Learning UVM Residential Community, November 2016
 - Political Science Honors Course, UVM, April 2016, February 2014
- Academic Panel Discussion: The 2016 Presidential Election, UVM, November 2016
- The Refugee Crisis in Europe, Great Decisions Course, UVM Living and Learning Residential Community, May 2016
- Panel on the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, UVM, October 2014
- Panel on Intervention in the Syrian Civil War, UVM, September 2013
- “Why Big Nations Fight Small Wars,” September 2013, UVM Living and Learning Residential Community, May 2016

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Charles M. Koch Foundation, Foreign Policy Research Grant Recipient, June 2020-December 2022, Research assistance and supplemental income during sabbatical
- Political Science Department Grant, UVM, student research assistance, Summer 2019, Spring 2018, and Spring 2015
- Rakin Foundation Seminar Grant for course development, UVM, Fall 2018, Spring 2014
- Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award, Assistant Professor Category, UVM, 2017
- Political Science Department Grant, UVM, Book manuscript copy-editing, Spring 2016
- Rakin Foundation Research Grant for archival research and travel, UVM, 2014-15
- Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, post-doctoral fellowship, 2011-12
- Matsushita International Foundation Fellowship (Panasonic Corporation), 2010-11
- Donald E. Stokes Research Fellowship, British Politics Group, 2009
- Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, pre-doctoral fellowship, 2008-11
- UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2008-09
- UCLA Affiliates Scholarship, 2008-09
- Hiroshi Wagatsuma Memorial Fund Fellowship, 2008
- Institute for Global Conflict & Cooperation, 2007-08
- UCLA, Collegium of University Teaching Fellows Program, 2007
- Bradley Foundation Fellow, 2006-07

TEACHING

University of Vermont

- Introduction to International Relations 2012-Present
 - Class Size \approx 41/60 students
 - Class Size \approx 109 /120 students
- International Security 2012-Present
 - Class Size \approx 41/60 students
- Foreign Military Intervention 2013-Present
 - Class Size \approx 17 -20 students
- Introduction to International Relations, First-Year Seminar 2012, 2013, 2016
 - Class Size \approx 21 students
- One-credit courses, 5 students 2012-Present

SELECTED SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional Service

- Reviewer, *International Security*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*
- Mentor, Midwest Political Science Association, 2021
- Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago 2022, 2021, 2019, 2016, 2015
- Discussant, International Studies Association Conference, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2012
- Chair & Discussant, American Political Science Association Conference, 2018
- Discussant, International Security Sub-Section Conference, International Studies Association, Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2017

College & University Service

- College of Arts and Sciences, Honors Committee, At-Large Representative, 2019-2022
- Truman Scholarship Review Committee, University of Vermont, 2018, 2017
- Small Grant Research Award Committee Member, Fall 2014 – 2016
- Faculty Research Support Award, Seed Grant, Committee Member, 2013-2016
- Interdisciplinary Experiential Engagement Award, Committee Member, 2013-2106
- Research Awards for the Natural and Social Sciences, 2013-2106
- Fulbright Scholar Review Committee, University of Vermont, 2012-2014
- Presentations to Living & Learning Residential Community, November 2016, May 2016, September 2013

SERVICE ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Departmental Service

- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Revising the Major, Spring 2021
- Member, Ad Hoc Curricular Review Committee, Spring-Fall 2019 Curriculum Committee
- Member, International Relations subfield, 2013-Present
- Department Representative, CAS Faculty Meetings, Spring 2018
- Prize Coordinator, Austin Award in International Relations, 2013-14, 2017-Present
- Host, Florence Davis Dean Lecture Series
 - Dr. Sarah Kreps, Political Science Professor, Cornell University, Spring 2019
 - Dr. TV Paul, James McGill Professor of International Relations, McGill University, Fall 2018
 - Ambassador Faith Whittlesey, former White House Senior Staff Member, Spring 2016
 - Dr. Dan Reiter, Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Political Science, Emory University, Fall 2016
 - Dr. Stephen Brooks, Political Science Professor, Dartmouth College, Spring 2016
 - Col. Matthew Redding, Chief of Staff for the 21st Theater Sustainment Command in Europe, Fall 2014

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Member
Midwest Political Science Association, Member
International Studies Association, Member