

**Paul C. Avey**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

Tower Center for Political Studies  
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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, John G. Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University, August 2014 - present

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2013-2014

Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, Managing the Atom/International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2012-2013

**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, Political Science, August 2013

M.A., University of Notre Dame, Political Science, January 2010

M.A., University of Chicago, Social Sciences, June 2006

B.A., University of Iowa, with Distinction, May 2005  
Majors: History with Honors, Political Science with Honors  
Minor: Economics

**RESEARCH**

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**Refereed Journal Articles**

“Who’s Afraid of the Bomb? The Role of Nuclear Non-Use Norms in Confrontations between Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Opponents,” *Security Studies* (forthcoming).

“What Do Policymakers Want From Us? Results from a Survey of Current and Former National Security Decision-makers,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (June 2014). (With Michael C. Desch)

“Confronting Soviet Power: U.S. Policy during the Early Cold War,” *International Security*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (Spring 2012).

Reviewed by Joseph M. Siracusa, H-Diplo|ISSF Review (October 2012), available at:  
<http://issforum.org/articlereviews/16-confronting-soviet-power>

## **Commentary**

“Political Science and Policy: It Ain’t Just Academic,” War on the Rocks blog, @[www.warontherocks.com](http://www.warontherocks.com), September 29, 2014

“But If You Try Sometime, You (Might) Get (Some of) What You Need: A Response to Goldgeier, Weaver, and Peterson,” *International Studies Quarterly* online forum, August 28, 2014. (With Michael C. Desch)

“Policymakers Follow Pertinent Academic Research,” USApp blog, American Politics and Policy at the London School of Economics and Politics, @<http://bit.ly/1nTnYI5>, March 14, 2014. (With Michael C. Desch)

“Cold War Fear is Unfounded,” *The Des Moines Register*, March 6, 2014

“What do Policymakers Want from Academics?” The Monkey Cage blog, @[www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com), September 25, 2013. (With Michael C. Desch)

“The Ivory Tower,” *Foreign Policy*, No. 191 (Jan/Feb 2012), pp. 90-93. (With Michael C. Desch, James D. Long, Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney)

## **Reviews**

“*No Use: Nuclear Weapons and U.S. National Security*, by Thomas M. Nichols,” H-Diplo|ISSF Review (October 2014)

“Two Concepts of Liberty: U.S. Cold War Grand Strategies and the Liberal Tradition, by Brendan Rittenhouse Green,” H-Diplo|ISSF Review (April 2013)

## **Works in Progress**

*Tempting Fate: Interests, Red-Lines, and Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly* (book project)

“The Pacifying Effects of Inadvertent Escalation,” (article under review)

“When Foreign Nuclear Deployments Provoke Belligerent Responses,” (article project)

“U.S. Force Posture and Instability on the Korean Peninsula,” (article under review, with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)

“Debating U.S. Military Structure, Posture, and Commitments in Grand Strategy,” (article project, with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)

“The Effect of U.S. Force Posture, Structure, and Commitments on Stability,” (article project, with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)

“Why the Wizards of Armageddon Hit An Intellectual Dead-end: And What That Tells Us About the Relevance of Academic Nuclear Strategy Today,” (article project with Michael C. Desch).

## **Fellowships and Grants**

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, 2013-2014 (declined)

Joseph F. Downes Memorial Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2011

Notebaert Professional Development Fund, University of Notre Dame, 2011

Graduate Student Professional Development Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 2011

Graduate Student Professional Development Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 2009.

Graduate Initiative Grant, The Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2008.

### **Conference Presentations**

“American Troop Presence and International Stability,” presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014 (with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)

“Tempting Fate: Threats, Red-Lines, and Conflict in Nuclear Primacy,” presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014

“U.S. Force Posture and Stability on the Korean Peninsula,” presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 26-29, 2014 (with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)

“Who’s Afraid of the Bomb? The Role of Norms in Decisions to Confront Nuclear Armed Opponents,” 2013 Project on Nuclear Issues Fall Conference, Center for International and Strategic Studies, Washington, D.C., December 17-18, 2013

“Nuclear Primacy in the Cold War,” 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 29 – September 1, 2013.

“Conflict in the Nuclear Shadow,” 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11 – 14, 2013.

“Conflict in the Shadow of Nuclear Primacy,” scheduled to present at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 30 – September 2, 2012. [Meeting cancelled]

“Nuclear Primacy and International Conflict,” 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1 – 4, 2012.

“Nuclear Primacy and Conflict Initiation,” 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31 – April 3, 2011.

“The Nature of Containment, 1945-1953,” 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON, Canada, September 3 – 6, 2009.

“Ideology and the Origins of Containment,” 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28 – 31, 2008.

“Ideology and the Origins of Containment,” 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3 – 6, 2008.

### **Invited Presentations**

“Why the Wizards of Armageddon Hit An Intellectual Dead-end,” College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, January 14–15, 2015 (with Michael C. Desch).

“Tempting Fate: Interests, Red-Lines, and Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly,” Tower Center for Political Studies, SMU, Dallas, TX, October 22, 2014.

“Tempting Fate: Interests, Red-Lines, and Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly,” Notre Dame International Security Program, Notre Dame, IN, April 9, 2014.

“Who’s Afraid of the Bomb? Why States Fight Nuclear Opponents,” Managing the Atom Seminar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 27, 2013.

“What Do Policymakers Want From Us? A Report on the Results of the NDISP/TRIP Policymaker Survey,” Austin, TX, February 27 – March 1, 2013 (with Michael C. Desch).

“Conventional Conflict in Nuclear Primacy,” International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, November 8, 2012.

### **Research Assistant**

Professor Michael Desch, May – August 2012, May – August 2011, and May 2010 – January 2011

Professor Sebastian Rosato, May 2009 and May 2008

### **Additional Skills**

French (reading)

Statistical coursework at Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, June-July 2011

## **TEACHING**

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### **Instructor**

Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2015 and Fall 2014, Southern Methodist University

### **Teaching Assistant**

On War, Spring 2011 and Fall 2008 for Professor Sebastian Rosato, University of Notre Dame

Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2010 and Fall 2009 for Professor Susan Rosato, University of Notre Dame

Radical Islam in Comparative Perspective, Spring 2009, for Professor Alexander Bligh, University of Notre Dame

### **Recognition**

Nominated by students for 2015 SMU HOPE (Honoring Our Professors of Excellence) Award

### **Teaching Workshops**

“Fundamentals of Course Design,” The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, November 4, 2011

“Providing Effective Written Feedback to Students,” The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, April 18, 2012

“Enhancing Discussion through Student Blogs,” The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, November 4, 2011

“Teaching Assistant Orientation, Assorted Workshops,” The Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, August 2008

### **PROFESSIONAL**

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#### **Service**

Reviewer for *International Security*, *International Theory*, and *Security Studies*

Program Coordinator, Notre Dame International Security Program (NDISP), University of Notre Dame, 2008-2010

#### **Professional Associations**

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