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## Employment

### CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Associate Professor	2019–present
Assistant Professor	2013–2019

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Visiting Lecturer	2012–2013
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## Education

<i>University of Alabama</i> , Ph.D. Political Science	2012
<i>The Ohio State University</i> , B.A. Political Science	2006

## Additional Training

<i>Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models</i> , Washington University in St. Louis	2011
<i>Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research</i> , University of Michigan	2010

## Publications<sup>1</sup>

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Gibler, Douglas M. and Steven V. Miller. Forthcoming. "An Appraisal of Project Mars and the Divided Armies Argument." *International Studies Quarterly*.

Miller, Steven V. Forthcoming. "[Economic Anxiety or Ethnocentrism? An Evaluation of Attitudes Toward Immigration in the U.S. From 1992 to 2017.](#)" *Social Science Journal*.

Miller, Steven V. and Nicholas T. Davis. 2021. "[The Effect of White Social Prejudice on Support for American Democracy.](#)" *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*. 6(2): 334–351.

Curtis, K. Amber and Steven V. Miller. 2021. "[A \(Supra\)Nationalist Personality? The Big Five's Effects on Political-Territorial Identification.](#)" *European Union Politics* 22(2): 202–226.

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- Miller, Steven V. 2017. "The Effect of Terrorism on Judicial Confidence." *Political Research Quarterly* 70(4): 790-802.
- Miller, Steven V. 2017 "Individual-Level Expectations of Executive Authority under Territorial Threat." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 34(5): 526-545.
- Miller, Steven V. 2017. "Economic Threats or Societal Turmoil? Understanding Preferences for Authoritarian Political Systems." *Political Behavior* 39(2): 457-478.
- Gibler, Douglas M., Steven V. Miller, and Erin K. Little. 2016. "An Analysis of the Militarized Interstate Dispute (MID) Dataset, 1816-2001." *International Studies Quarterly* 60(4): 719-730.
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- Miller, Steven V. 2013. "Territorial Disputes and the Politics of Individual Well-Being." *Journal of Peace Research* 50(6): 677-690.
- Gibler, Douglas M. and Steven V. Miller. 2013. "Quick Victories? Territory, Democracies and Their Disputes." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(2): 258-284.
- Gibler, Douglas M., Marc L. Hutchison, and Steven V. Miller. 2012. "Individual Identity Attachments and International Conflict: The Importance of Territorial Threat." *Comparative Political Studies* 45(12): 1655-1683.
- Gibler, Douglas M. and Steven V. Miller. 2012. "Comparing the Foreign Aid Policies of Presidents Bush and Obama." *Social Science Quarterly* 92(5): 1202-1217.
- Miller, Steven V. and Douglas M. Gibler. 2011. "Democracies, Territory and Negotiated Compromises." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 28(3): 261-279.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS AND EDITED VOLUMES

- Miller, Steven V. Forthcoming. "Territorial Disputes." *Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace & Conflict* (3rd ed.). Elsevier.
- Gibler, Douglas M. and Steven V. Miller. 2021. "The Territorial Peace." *What Do We Know About War?* (3rd ed.). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. pp. 158-170.
- Miller, Steven V., Jaroslav Tir, and John A. Vasquez. 2020. "Geography, Territory, and Conflict." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190846626.013.320

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Miller, Steven V. 2020. "Power without Victory: Woodrow Wilson and the American Internationalist Experiment" *Congress & the Presidency* 47(2): 275-276.

Review of Throntveit, Trygve. 2017. *Power without Victory: Woodrow Wilson and the American Internationalist Experiment*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

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Review of Herb, Guntram M. and David H. Kaplan. 2017. *Scaling Identities: Nationalism and Territoriality*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

## REPORTS

Miller, Steven V. 2020. "[School Choice Advocacy Report Plays Regression Modeling Games to Make Its Case Against Public Schools](#)." National Education Policy Center.

## Working Papers and Works in Progress

Gibler, Douglas M. and Steven V. Miller. Forthcoming. "The Militarized Interstate Confrontation (MIC) Dataset, 1816-2014." *Conditionally Accepted at Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

"A Random Item Response Model of External Territorial Threat, 1816-2010." *Invitation to Revise & Resubmit*.

"{peacesciencer}: A User's Guide for Quantitative Peace Science in R." *Invitation to Revise & Resubmit*.

"External Territorial Threat and Attitudes Toward Redistribution." *Invitation to Revise & Resubmit*. *How Social Intolerance Undercuts Democracy*. (with [Nicholas T. Davis](#))

"Prioritizing Defense: Territorial Threat and Attitudes Toward Defense as National Priority."

"Understanding Carrots and Sticks in U.S. Aid Allocation: The Case of the Middle East."

"U.S. Presidents, Human Rights, and Economic Aid from Truman to Obama: A Mixed Effects Approach."

"Convergence or Divergence? The Unique Effect of Territorial Threats on Attitudes toward Authoritarian Leaders."

"Pro-Government Violence and Support for Authoritarian Governments"

"When and Where is the Democratic Peace?"

## Grants and Awards

### EXTERNAL GRANTS

Co-Principal Investigator (with [Douglas M. Gibler](#) and [Jessica Maves Braithwite](#)). "[Ghosts in the Machine: Militias and Paramilitaries in Militarized Interstate Conflicts](#)." *National Science Foundation*, 2021-2024, \$352,026 (\$99,504 to Clemson University).

Co-Principal Investigator (with [Douglas M. Gibler](#)). "[What Do Leaders Want?: Collecting and Coding Issue Positions and Demands in the Militarized Interstate Dispute \(MID\) Data, 1816-2010](#)." *National Science Foundation*, 2017-2021, \$342,012 (\$92,787 to Clemson University).

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

[“Professor of the Game”](#), Clemson University, Oct. 28, 2017

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, January 2016

John C. Morse Award of Academic Excellence (for *The Pendulum*), Clemson University, April 2015

[40 Under 40: Professors Who Inspire](#), May 2014

[Graduate Student Spotlight](#), Nov. 20, 2012

Lex Arden Fikes, Jr. Award, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, April 2010

Pi Sigma Alpha, Omicron Chapter, The Ohio State University, June 2006.

## INTERNAL GRANTS

University Research Grant Committee Completion Grant, Clemson University, 2016 (\$3,000)

Graduate Council Research/Creative Activity Fellowship, University of Alabama, 2010–2011

## Conference Presentations

Danish European Community Studies Annual Conference

2019

International Studies Association

2010, 2015, 2016

Midwest Political Science Association

2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015\*, 2017, 2018

\* Participant in Junior Scholar Symposium

Peace Science Society (International)

2010, 2011

Southern Political Science Association

2011, 2015, 2016

## Professional Activities and Service

### STUDENTS ADVISED

*Undergraduate (Honors)*: John Henry Murdy (Political Science, 2018)

*Masters*: Shelby Ingalls (Sociology, 2021)

*Doctorate*: Vincent Leon Guerrero (Policy Studies, *ongoing*), Chikezie Isiguzo (Policy Studies, *ongoing*), Jenny Presgraves (Policy Studies, *ongoing*), Sarah Beadle (Psychology, 2021)

## DATA SETS CREATED/MAINTAINED

### [GML MID Data](#) (v. 2.2.1)

A data set on all militarized interstate disputes, corrected for multiple errors from Correlates of War, from 1816-2010. Data jointly created/maintained with Douglas M. Gibler.

### [Territorial Change](#) (v. 6)

This Correlates of War data set records all peaceful and violent changes of territory from 1816-2018.

## SOFTWARE CREATED

### *R Programming Language*<sup>2</sup>

[codename](#): generate code names for projects (comes in various styles, like Ubuntu and Wu-Tang)

[dragracer](#): learn R functions around data from RuPaul's Drag Race

[peacesciencer](#): data generation tools for quantitative peace science

[stevedata](#): miscellaneous data sets I use for in-class instruction

[stevenmisc](#): various helper functions (esp. for mixed models and BTSCS models)

[steveproj](#): academic project management with Make and R Markdown

[stevetemplates](#): write R Markdown documents with [my suite of templates](#)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Congress & the Presidency*, *Defence and Peace Economics*, *Democratization*, *Economic Anthropology*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Human Rights Review*, *International Interactions*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Open Source Software*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Mass Communication and Society*, *Mobilization*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Journal*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*

Section chair for 75th annual Midwest Political Science Association conference (2017, Peace Science), 92nd annual Southern Political Science Association (2021, International Politics: Conflict and Security).

Panel chair, discussant at conferences for Midwest Political Science Association (2012, 2013, 2017, 2018\*), International Studies Association (2015), Peace Science Society (International) (2016, 2017), Southern Political Science Association (2015, 2016).

\* Discussant in Junior Scholar Symposium

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<sup>2</sup>My R packages have been downloaded on CRAN 27,857 times since 5 November 2020.

Discussant at [Online Peace Science Colloquium](#), Peace Science Society (International). Feb. 12, 2016.

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Research Advisory Board, Clemson University, 2017–2018, 2019–2020.

Fulbright Campus Committee Evaluation, Clemson University, 2013.

#### COLLEGE SERVICE

Research Committee, College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences, Clemson University, 2016–present.

#### DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Curriculum Committee, Department of Political Science, Clemson University, 2016–present.

Chair of Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics, 2017.

Chair of Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Comparative Politics/International Relations, 2017.

[Summer in the Balkans](#) study-abroad program, 2015

Advisor to [The Pendulum](#), Clemson University, 2014–2017.

Advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha (Eta Lambda), Clemson University, 2013–present.

#### MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

[Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences](#)

European Consortium for Political Research

European Political Science Association

International Studies Association

International Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Peace Science Society International

Southern Political Science Association

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, 2020

University of South Carolina, 2015

Boise State University, 2012

University College of London, 2012

## WORKSHOPS

*Conflict and the Natural World*, Peace Science Society International, 2020  
*International Conflict Workshop*, University of Alabama, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)  
*What Do We Know About War?*, University of Iowa, 2019  
*Trade and Conflict Workshop*, University of South Carolina, 2019  
*Korea's Rise in Comparative Perspective Conference*, Clemson University, 2014  
*Militarized Interstate Disputes/Incidents (MID/MIDI) Workshop*, University of California, Davis, 2014  
*Research Academy Conference on Territory, Rivalry, and Domestic Politics*, University of Alabama, 2009

## Media

Invited commentary in *Clemson Newsstand* ([March 10, 2014](#)), *Data for Progress* ([Oct. 25, 2018](#)), *iOnGreenville* ([Nov. 9, 2020](#)), *The Monkey Cage* (*Washington Post*) ([Dec. 24, 2015\\*](#); [Oct. 3, 2017](#)), *South Carolina Public Radio* ([Nov. 13, 2020](#)), *Vox* ([July 2, 2018](#))

\* Reprinted in Sides, John and Henry Farrell. 2016. *The Science of Trump: Explaining the Rise of an Unlikely Candidate*. The Monkey Cage.

Podcast interview with *Break it Down Podcast* (Oct. 24, 2017), *This Is Hell!* (June 9, 2018)

Radio interview with *BBC Radio 5 Live* (Feb. 19, 2018), *Morning Wave in Busan* (Mar. 20, 2014), *WBAI Radio 99.5FM NYC* (July 3, 2018), *WRNN 99.5 - Hot Talk* (May 20, 2020; Nov. 4, 2020), *WBZ's NightSide* (July 13, 2018)

Sourced in *Bloomberg BusinessWeek* ([Oct. 11, 2017](#)), *Correio Braziliense* ([Feb. 16, 2018](#)), *Clemson Newsstand* ([Feb. 18, 2020](#); [May 18, 2020](#)), *CNN* ([Nov. 10, 2018](#)), *Greenville News* ([Oct. 25, 2016](#); [May 18, 2020](#)), *MacLean's* ([March 10, 2016](#)), *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* ([Aug. 8, 2019](#)), *Mother Jones* ([July 11, 2018](#)), *NBC News* ([Dec. 15, 2017](#); [May 27, 2018](#)), *New York Times* ([May 24, 2018](#)), *Newsweek* ([May 19, 2020](#)), *Salon* ([Aug. 2, 2018](#)), *The State* ([May 18, 2020](#)), *ThinkProgress* ([June 4, 2018](#)), *Washington Post* ([Oct. 2, 2017](#); [July 10, 2018](#))

Video interview with WYFF (NBC) ([Oct. 3, 2017](#); [Jan. 3, 2020](#); [Jan. 21, 2020](#); [Feb. 26, 2020](#); [Nov. 4, 2020](#)), WSPA (CBS) ([May 18, 2020](#))

## Teaching

### CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

#### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to International Relations  
International Politics in Crisis  
Quantitative Methods in Political Science  
Tracking Political Attitudes in Latin America (Creative Inquiry, with [K. Amber Curtis](#))  
U.S. Foreign Policy

#### *Graduate*

Foundations of Social Science Research for Public Policy

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Democracies and Peace  
Introduction to International Security  
International Organization  
International Conflict

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Introduction to American Politics  
America and the World (Foreign Policy Decision-Making)  
Scope of Political Science  
Political Science Methods  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Introduction to International Relations  
Interstate Conflict  
Political Economy of Security

**References**

*Available upon request*