Welcome!

I am in the [Department of Political Science](https://politics.utoronto.ca/) at the [University of Toronto](https://www.utoronto.ca/), and am affiliated with the [International Relations program at Trinity College](https://www.trinity.utoronto.ca/study-arts-science/international-relations/) and the [Data Sciences Institute](https://datasciences.utoronto.ca/). I earned my Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and was previously an associate professor (with tenure) at Iowa State University. My research and teaching interests relate to international order and foreign policy. My research focuses on interactions between major powers and protégé states, and the foreign policy implications of these interactions, specifically as they pertain to major power competition/cooperation, conflict processes among protégé states, state development, and political economy. I am also interested in political methodology, especially modeling temporal dynamics and developing techniques and best practices for working with censored and non-random missing data.

My research has been supported by the *National Science Foundation*, and been published or is forthcoming in *The Journal of Politics,* *Political Analysis, Journal of Peace Research*, and *Statistica Sinica*, among others. My first book (co-authored with Cameron Thies), *Rising Powers and Foreign Policy Revisionism: Understanding BRICS Identity and Behavior through Time*, is available from [University of Michigan Press](https://www.press.umich.edu/9449686/rising_powers_and_foreign_policy_revisionism).

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**Research**

My research focuses on the interactions between major powers and protégé states, and the foreign policy implications of these interactions, specifically as they pertain to major power competition, conflict/cooperation processes among protégé states, and state development. I am also interested in quantitative methods, especially strategies for estimating non-random missing data and time-varying parameters.

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**Working Papers**

[The Effects of Dog-Whistle Politics on Political Violence](http://www.marknieman.net/storage/Chyzhetal2019_all.pdf) (with Olga Chyzh and Clayton Webb)

[Leaving the Party: Power Asymmetries and Membership Discontinuity within International Organizations](http://www.marknieman.net/storage/Main_IGO.pdf) (with Youngwan Kim)

[A Watershed Moment: Climate Change and Election Outcomes](http://www.marknieman.net/storage/full_coast_election.pdf)

[Long Run Confidence: Estimating Confidence Intervals when using Long Run Multipliers](https://marknieman.net/storage/NP-MPSA.pdf) (with David A.M. Peterson)

[Modeling Structural Selection for Disaggregated Events Data](https://marknieman.net/storage/Structural_Selection.pdf) (with Olga Chyzh and Douglas M. Gibler)

[State-controlled Media and Foreign Policy: Analyzing Russian-language News](https://marknieman.net/storage/Russian_Media_NL.pdf) (with Elena Labzina)

[Explaining Variation in Protester Commitment: Survey Evidence from Ukraine's EuroMaidan, 2013-2014](https://marknieman.net/storage/EuroMaidan_v1.3a.pdf) (with Olga Chyzh).

[Putting Together the FDI Puzzle: An Endogenous Model of Foreign Direct Investment, Democracy, Economic Development, and Human Capital](https://marknieman.net/storage/Putting%20Together%20the%20FDI%20Puzzle%205.2.pdf)

**Teaching**

I teach courses about international relations, typically related to conflict processes, security policy, or international political economy, as well as courses on statistical methods and research design. As an instructor, I place high emphasis on training students not just in substantive material, but also in effective methods to conduct and present research.

Current syllabi:

[Global Political Economy](https://marknieman.net/storage/POL362_Syllabus.pdf)

[Scarcity, Sustainability, and the Future of International Relations](https://marknieman.net/storage/TRN350_Syllabus.pdf)

Past syllabi:

[Political Economy of World Order](https://marknieman.net/storage/POL477_Syllabus.pdf)

[Researching Critical Cases in International Relations](https://marknieman.net/storage/TRN410_syllabus_am.pdf)

[International Organizations](https://marknieman.net/storage/IO_syllabus.pdf) (cross-listed undergraduate/graduate)

[Introduction to Empirical Research](http://www.marknieman.net/storage/Pol%20S%20301%20syllabus%20F2019.pdf)

[International Security Policy](http://www.marknieman.net/storage/PolS_357_Intl_Security_syllabus_F2019.pdf)

[Introduction to International Relations](https://marknieman.net/storage/IR_syllabus_F2014_1.pdf)

[American Foreign Policy](http://www.marknieman.net/storage/Amer%20FP%20syllabus%20S2014.pdf)

[Strategy and War](http://www.marknieman.net/storage/315_syllabus.pdf) (2 cr short course)

[Strategy and War](https://marknieman.net/storage/Strategy%20and%20War%20S2014.pdf)

[Proseminar in International Relations](https://marknieman.net/storage/Pol%20S%20504%20-%20Syllabus.pdf) (graduate)

[Advanced Methods](https://marknieman.net/storage/PSC%20621%20Syllabus_1.pdf) (graduate)

**About Me**

I earned my B.A. (2006) and M.A. (2008) at Iowa State University, majoring in Political Science and History, before interning at the World Bank as a James A. Socknat Fellow in the summer of 2008. I then earned my Ph.D from the University of Iowa in 2013. I have previously held positions at Iowa State University, the University of Alabama, and the University of Missouri.

When not conducting research, I enjoy watching and reading about soccer and the NBA. I also enjoy going to rock concerts, listening to podcasts from Bill Simmons and Kara Swisher, and reading anything by the late Hunter S. Thompson.