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***Education***

* **University of Texas**
  + *PhD Candidate*, Government Department
  + *Areas of Study*: International Relations, Comparative Politics
  + *Interests*: International Security, American Foreign Policy, American Military Basing Policy, Great Power Relations, International Political Economy
* **University of Texas**
  + *Masters Degree,* Government – 2015
  + *Thesis* – American Military Basing Trends Since 1950
* **University of Wisconsin**
  + *BA* – Political Science and History 2007

***Book Project***

* “Isolationist Empire: American Politics and the Basing of Forces Overseas” (Dissertation)

***Current Working Papers***

* “Importing Stability: American Military Presence and Regime Type” with Dana El-Kurd (Under Review)
* “Dividing the Spoils: Divided Government and US Military Base Placement” (Under Review)
* “Explaining the American Response in Eastern Europe: 2014-Present” (Under Review)
* “The Red Line: Obama’s Foreign Policy Dilemma in Syria” with Dr. Sarah Burns (Rochester Institute of Technology)
* “Resources of Terror: Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa” with Michael Findley
* “To Deter or to Provoke? The Foreign Policies of US Military Host States”

***Research Briefs (*available at ipdutexas.edu)**

* “Natural Resources and Conflict in Egypt” with Tawheeda Wahabzada and Michael Findley
* “Natural Resources and Conflict in Central Africa” with Raheem Chaudhry, Tawheeda Wahabzada and Michael Findley
* “Natural Resources and Conflict in Algeria” with Raheem Chaudhry and Michael Findley
* “Natural Resources and Conflict in Morocco” with Haley McCoin and Michael Findley (forthcoming)

***Commentary and Analysis***

* “Presidential Temperament” *Real Clear Defense* (August 2, 2016)
* “Trump’s NATO Cost-Benefit Delusion” with Matt Fay *Real Clear Defense* (July 26, 2016)
* “The One Area Where China Can’t Compete” *Real Clear Defense* (March 24, 2015)
* “Avoiding the Bad Politics of Domestic Base Closures” *Dollars and Defense* (February 17, 2015)
* “Not a Resurgent Russia” *Real Clear Defense* (February 13, 2015)
* “The 2016 Defense Budget in Context” *Dollars and Defense* (February 2, 2015)
* “The Guns of April?” *The National Interest* (April 21, 2014)
* “Indian Foreign Policy: The Cold War Lingers” *The Diplomat* (March 24, 2014)

***Conference Participation and Presentations***

* American Political Science Association Conference 2017 (upcoming) “The Red Line: Obama’s Foreign Policy Dilemma in Syria” with Dr. Sarah Burns
* Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship 2016 (May and August presentations), “Isolationist Empire: American Politics and the Basing of Forces Overseas”
* Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2016, “Resources of Terror: Natural Resources and Conflict in Africa” with Dr. Michael Findley
* Midwest Political Science Association Conference 2016, “Importing Stability: American Military Bases and Regime Type in the Middle East” with Dana El-Kurd
* Southern Political Science Association Conference 2016, “Importing Stability: American Military Bases and Regime Type in the Middle East” with Dana El-Kurd
* University of Texas International Relations Workshop Presentation 2015
* University of Texas International Relations Working Group 2015
* Clements Center Graduate Fellows Workshop Presentation 2015 and 2016
* UT International Relations Student Working Group 2015 and 2016
* Geopolitical Studies Working Group 2012

***Awards and Honors***

* William P. Clements Center for National Security Graduate Fellow 2014-17
* Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Fellowship Spring 2017 ($5,000)
* Aiddata Center for Development Policy Research Fellowship 2013-2016 ($7,500/year)
* Graduate School Continuing Fellowship Spring 2016 ($10,000)
* Institute for Humane Studies Summer Graduate Research Fellowship 2016 ($5,000)
* Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship 2016 ($5,000)
* Malcolm Macdonald Summer Research Fellowship 2015 ($5,000)
* William P. Clements Center for National Security Travel Award 2015 ($3,750)
* Robert S. Strauss Center of International Security and Law Travel Grant 2015 ($2,000)
* Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship 2012-2016 ($6,000/year)
* Institute for Humane Studies Summer Fellow 2012 ($1,500)
* Malcolm Macdonald Summer Research Fellowship 2012 ($5,000)
* ITS Texas Fellowship 2011 ($2,000)

***Datasets***

* Natural resource locations, prices, and quantities since 1999
  + 80 countries in Africa, Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia
  + Will be made publicly available after data cleanup
* Public American Overseas Bases 1999-2016
  + Size of installations,
  + Buildings owned and rented
  + Number of personnel
  + Acreage covered
  + Plant replacement value (PRV)
  + Longitude and latitude
* Extension of Tim Kane (Heritage Foundation) dataset of Overseas Deployments 1950-2005
  + Extends to 2015
* Commercially notable transportation facility locations and uses in Africa 2015
  + Longitude, latitude, and facility type

***Academic Experience***

* *Research Assistant*
* Fall 2015: Department of Defense Minerva Initiative with Dr. Michael Findley
* Spring 2015: Department of Defense Minerva Initiative with Dr. Michael Findley
* Fall 2014: Department of Defense Minerva Initiative with Dr. Michael Findley
* Summer 2014: Department of Defense Minerva Initiative with Dr. Michael Findley
* Spring 2014: Department of Defense Minerva Initiative with Dr. Michael Findley
* *Supplemental Instructor* (additional responsibility over lesson planning, voluntary discussion sections, and test construction)
  + Fall 2013: *Foundations of International Relations* with Dr. Michael Anderson
  + Spring 2013: *Foundations of International Relations* with Dr. Michael Anderson
* *Teaching Assistant*
  + Spring 2017: *Seeking Justice in the Constitution* with Dr. Benjamin Gregg
  + Fall 2016: *International Security* with Dr. Paul Miller
  + Fall 2012: *Introduction to International Relations* with Dr. Stephanie Holmsten
  + Spring 2012: *America as a Global Power* with Dr. Peter Trubowitz
  + Fall 2011: *Global Governance* with Dr. Terrence Chapman
* *Graduate Student Mentor – Intellectual Entrepreneur Program*
  + Fall 2012, Fall 2013

***Policy Experience***

* Innovations for Peace and Development Task Team Leader, Fall 2013 to Spring 2016
* Cato Institute Foreign Policy Summer Intern, 2012
* Wikistrat North America Desk Contributing Analyst, 2012-2013

***Modeling and Technical Skills***

* Applied Statistics; Geographic Information Systems; Formal Theory
* Stata statistical analysis and graphical presentation
* ArcGIS modeling, mapping, analysis and presentation

***Field Research Experience***

* Romania: Bucharest, August 2015
* Poland: Warsaw, August 2015
* Germany: Stuttgart, EUCOM, AFRICOMM July/August 2015
* Washington DC: Pentagon, State Department, GAO, and general policy community, February and March 2015

***Professional Associations***

* American Political Science Association Member
* Southern Political Science Association Member
* Midwest Political Science Association Member
* Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*

***References***

Dr. Patrick J. McDonald (Dissertation Chair)

International Relations Field Chair, Department of Government

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