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EDUCATION

Ph.D. UCLA. Department of Political Science.
M.A. New York University. Department of Political Science.
B.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Department of History.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004-current University of Utah. Professor (full professor, 2012; with tenure, 7/1/2006).
1997-2004 University of Northern Iowa. Associate Professor (with tenure, 7/1/2002).

RESEARCH AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS (recent highlights only)

2023

- “[The Near Crisis Project: Why What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You](#),” organized and presented at the workshop hosted at the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C. (10-11:30 am, ET, in person and virtual, January 27, 2023). A workshop on crisis prevention and pre-crisis management featuring a panel of speakers from the research team followed by a moderated discussion. [YouTube video](#).
- Presentations on Crisis Prevention at [NATO HQ](#) and [SHAPE](#) on NATO’s New Strategic Concept.

2022

- Sabbatical Award, 2022-2023.
- “A Granular Theory of Balancing,” Charles Koch Foundation (\$21,107.00, 7/1/22-6/30/23).
- Betty Glad Research Grant (\$8,500).

2021

- Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) “Alumni Confidential” [Interview](#) and [Minerva news](#).

2020

- Grant Incentive Course Release, NSF application (fall 2020)

2018

- Minerva Research Initiative and Office of Naval Research, 2018-2023. “[Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Challenging Near Peers, Rogue States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations](#).” \$1,179,073. Lead-PI.

2017

- Israel Institute, 2017. “The Use of Force to Prevent Nuclear Proliferation.”
- Research recognized at Showcase of Extraordinary Faculty Achievements, University of Utah.

2016

- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS) Superior Research Senior Award.
- Graduate Convocation speaker.

2015

- Betty Glad Award, “The Use of Preventive Military Strikes for Nuclear Counter Proliferation.”

2014

- Sabbatical, “How Leaders Measure Power and the Balance of Power?”

2013

- Nobel Institute, Visiting Research Fellow, Oslo, Norway.

BOOKS

Neoclassical Realist Theory of International Politics (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), with Norrin M. Ripsman and Jeffery W. Taliaferro.

- Mandarin translation (Shanghai People's Publishing House, 2017)



The Political Economy of Regional Peacemaking (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2016), with Norrin M. Ripsman, eds.

The Challenge of Grand Strategy: The Great Powers and the Broken Balance between the World Wars (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), with Jeffrey W. Taliaferro and Norrin M. Ripsman, eds.

Beyond Great Powers and Hegemons: Why Secondary States Support, Follow, or Challenge (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2012), with Kristen P. Williams and Neal G. Jesse, eds.

Neoclassical Realism, The State, and Foreign Policy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), with Norrin M. Ripsman, and Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, eds.

- nominated for the 2011 *Grawemeyer Awards for Ideas Improving World Order*.

Ethnic Conflict and International Politics: Explaining Diffusion and Escalation (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), with Philip Mauceri, eds.

The Challenge of Hegemony: Grand Strategy, Trade, and Domestic Politics (Ann Arbor: The University of Michigan Press, 2003, paperback edition, 2005).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Tipping Points: Challenges in Analyzing International Crisis Escalation,” *International Studies Review*, Vol 24, No. 3 (September 2022), with Chong Chen, Jordan Roberts, Shikshya Adhikari, Victor Asal, Kyle Beardsley, Edward Gonzalez, Nakissa Jahanbani, Patrick James, Norrin Ripsman, Scott Silverstone, and Anne van Wijk.

“The Liberal International Trading Order (LITO) in an Era of Shifting Capabilities: Peers, Near-Peers, and The Durability of the Liberal Trade Regime,” *International Affairs*, Vol 97, No. 5 (2021), with Jordan Ernstsén.

“Preventive military strike or preventive war? The fungibility of power resources,” *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, published online, 2021.

“Why Israel launched a preventive military strike on Iraq’s nuclear weapons program (1981): The fungibility of power resources,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, published online, 2020.

“Correspondence: Neoclassical Realism and Its Critics,” *International Security* Vol. 43, No. 2 (Fall 2018), 193-203, with Jeffrey W. Taliaferro and Norrin M. Ripsman.

“Granular Theory of Balancing,” *International Studies Quarterly* Vol. 62, No. 2 (2018), 593-605.

“Is Peaceful Change in World Politics Always Desirable? A Neoclassical Realist Perspective,” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 20, No. 2 (June 2018), 283-291, with Jeffrey W. Taliaferro and Norrin M. Ripsman.

Daniel Flesmes and Steven E. Lobell, (Guest Editors) Special Issue: "Regional Contestation to Rising Powers," *International Politics* Vol. 52, No. 2 (February 2015).

- Daniel Flesmes and Steven E. Lobell, "Contested Leadership in International Relations," *International Politics* Vol. 52, No. 2 (February 2015), 139-145.
- Steven E. Lobell, Kristen P. Williams, and Neal G. Jesse, "Why do Secondary States Choose to Support, Follow, or Challenge?" *International Politics* Vol. 52, No. 2 (February 2015), 146-162.

"Engaging the Enemy and the Lessons for the Obama Administration," *Political Science Quarterly* Vol. 128, No. 2 (Summer 2013), 261-88.

"Bringing Balancing Back In: Britain's Targeted Balancing, 1936-1939," *Journal of Strategic Studies* Vol. 35, No. 6 (2012), 747-775.

"Winning Friends and Influencing Enemies among Great Power Rivals: The Case of Washington, Beijing, and Moscow, 1969-1979," *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* Vol. 4, No. 2 (spring 2011), 205-230.

"Great Powers in a Restrictive International Environment," *International Journal* Vol. 66, No. 2 (spring 2011), 335-350.

"Realism and the Changing International System: Will China and Russia Challenge the Status Quo?" *The China and Eurasian Forum Quarterly* Vol. 8, No. 4 (2010), 129-151, with Kathleen J. Hancock.

"Second Face of Security Strategies: Anglo-German and Anglo-Japanese Trade Concessions during the 1930s," *Security Studies* Vol. 17, No. 3 (2008), 438-467.

"The Second Face of American Security: The U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement as Security Policy," *Comparative Strategy* Vol. 27, No. 1 (2008), 1-13.

"The Second Face of Security: Britain's 'Smart' Appeasement Policy towards Japan and Germany," *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific* Vol. 7, No. 1 (2007), 73-98.

"The Political Economy of War Mobilization: From Britain's Limited Liability to a Continental Commitment" *International Politics* Vol. 43, No. 3 (July 2006), 283-304.

"The International Realm, Framing Effects, and Security Strategies: Britain in Peace and War," *International Interactions* Vol. 32, No. 1 (2006), 27-48.

"The Politics of National Security: The Battles for Britain," *Conflict Management and Peace Science* Vol. 21, No. 4 (2004), 269-286.

"The Bush Defense Strategy of Assurance and Dissuasion: Lessons from Philip IV of Spain," *Comparative Strategy* Vol. 23, No. 2 (2004), 197-208.

“Historical Lessons to Extend America’s Great Power Tenure,” *World Affairs* Vol.166, No. 4 (spring 2004), 175-184.

“War is Politics: Offensive Realism, Domestic Politics, and Security Strategies,” *Security Studies* Vol. 12, No. 1 (winter 2002/03), 164-94.

“Britain’s Paradox: Cooperation or Punishment prior to World War I,” *Review of International Studies* Vol. 27, No. 2 (April 2001), 169-186.

“The Grand Strategy of Hegemonic Decline: Dilemmas of Strategy and Finance,” *Security Studies* Vol. 10, No. 1 (autumn 2000), 92-119.

“Second Image Reversed Politics: Britain’s Choice of Freer Trade or Imperial Preferences, 1903-1906, 1917-1923, 1930-1932,” *International Studies Quarterly* Vol. 43, No. 4 (December 1999), 671-694.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Neoclassical Realism: Domestic Politics, Systemic Pressures, and the impact on Foreign Policy since the Arab Spring,” with Norrin M. Ripsman, Larry Rubin, and Thomas Juneau, in *The Routledge Handbook of the International Relations in the Middle East*, Shahram Akbarzadeh, eds., (London: Routledge, 2019), 8-22.

Steven E. Lobell and Brad Nicholson, “Structural Modifiers, the Non-Proliferation Treaty Regime, and Fostering a Less Competitive International Environment,” in *International Institutions and Power Politics: Theory and Practice in the Twenty-First Century*, T.V. Paul and Anders Wivel, eds., (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2019).

“How Should the US respond to a Rising China?” in *Will China’s Rise be Peaceful?* Asle Toje, ed., (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), 349-362.

“Realism, Balance of Power, and Power Transitions,” in *Accommodating Rising Powers: Past, Present and Future*, T.V. Paul, ed., (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 2016), 33-52.

The Political Economy of Regional Peacemaking (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2016), with Norrin M. Ripsman, eds.

- Norrin M. Ripsman and Steven E. Lobell, “Introduction: Conceptualizing the Political Economy of Regional Transitions,” 1-22.
- Steven E. Lobell, “Chapter Two: The Second Face of Regional Peacemaking: Israel and Jordan, 1985-2001,” 35-48.

“Balance of Power Theory,” *Oxford Bibliographies* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015)

The Challenge of Grand Strategy: The Great Powers and the Broken Balance between the World Wars (Cambridge University Press, 2012), with Jeffrey W. Taliaferro and Norrin M. Ripsman, eds.

- Steven E. Lobell, Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, and Norrin M. Ripsman, "Introduction: Grand Strategy during the Interwar Years," 1-36
- "From Balance of Power to Components of Power – British Grand Strategy in the 1930s," 147-170.

Beyond Great Powers and Hegemons: Why Secondary States Support, Follow, or Challenge (Stanford University Press, 2012), with Kristen P. Williams and Neal G. Jesse, eds.

- Neal G. Jesse, Steven E. Lobell, Galia Press-Barnathan, and Kristen P. Williams, "The Leader Can't Lead When the Followers Won't Follow: The Limitations of Hegemony," 1-30.
- "Power Disparities and Strategic Trade: Bandwagoning, Balking, and the Domestic Consequence of U.S.-Jordan Trade Concessions," 81-96.

"Structural Realism/Offensive and Defensive Realism" in Robert Denemark et. al. eds., *The International Studies Compendium Project* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), 6651-6669.

As of 3/2022 the article has over 30,000 views and is the sixth most viewed article in Oxford Research Encyclopedias.

Neoclassical Realism, The State, and Foreign Policy (Cambridge University Press, 2009), with Norrin M. Ripsman, and Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, eds.

Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, Steven E. Lobell, and Norrin M. Ripsman, "Introduction: Neoclassical Realism, the State, and Foreign Policy," 1-41.

"Threat Assessment, the State, and Foreign Policy: A Neoclassical Realist Model," 42-74.

Norrin M. Ripsman, Jeffrey W. Taliaferro, and Steven E. Lobell, "Conclusion: The State of Neoclassical Realism," 280-299.

Reprints of Chapter One:

- a. "Introduction" reprinted in: *Foreign Policy Analysis* (Sage Publications, 2011), eds. Walter Carlsnaes and Stefano Guzzini.
- b. "Introduction" reprinted in: *Realism Reader* (Routledge, 2011), eds. Colin Elman and Michael Jensen.

Steven E. Lobell and Philip Mauceri, eds., *Ethnic Conflict and International Politics: Explaining Diffusion and Escalation* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004).

Steven E. Lobell and Philip Mauceri, Chapter 1, "Diffusion and Escalation of Ethnic Conflict," 1-10.

"Regional Powers and the Politics behind WMD Proliferation," in *The Search for WMD: Non-Proliferation, Intelligence, and Pre-emption in the New Security Environment*,

edited by Graham F. Walker (March, 2006). Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, 300-315.

Arthur A. Stein and Steven E. Lobell, "Geostructuralism and International Politics: The End of the Cold War and the Regionalization of International Security," in *Regional Orders: Building Security in a New World*, edited by David Lake and Patrick Morgan (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997), 101-122.

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

White Paper "Defense Implications for U.S. and NATO Policymakers and Their Staffs," *West Point Press* (2023).

Steven E. Lobell, [*Professor's Guide to Succeeding in College*](#) (2016), with Kristen P. Williams.

"Can the United States and China Escape the Thucydides Trap?" *China International Strategy Review* (Beijing: Center for International and Strategic Studies, Peking University, 2015). Mandarin (June) and English (December).

"Grand Strategy in an Era of Emerging Powers," YNET (2014; translated into Hebrew).

To the Editor, *New York Times*, April 22, 2013

- http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/23/opinion/obama-in-the-mideast-sampling-the-reviews.html?_r=1&

"Obama Foreign Policy Reflects Ways of '70s, '30s," *Salt Lake Tribune*, March 21, 2010.

"The Bush Defense Strategy," *Salt Lake Tribune*, September 26, 2004, A9.

Steven E. Lobell and Brent Steele, "Was the United States Correct in Pressuring Britain and France to Dismantle their Colonies?" in *History in Dispute 6: Cold War Series*, edited by Dennis Showalter (Farmington Hills, MI: St. James Press, 2000), 78-80.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"NATO Crisis Prevention," presentation to Dr. Benedetta Berti (with Scott Silverstone), Head of Policy Planning, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Brussels, Belgium (December 2, 2022).

"NATO Crisis Prevention," presentation to Bryan Frizzelle (with Scott Silverstone), Director, Geographic Operations Group, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Mons, Belgium (December 1, 2022).

"A Granular Theory of Balancing," Center for Security Studies, Zurich, Switzerland. Presented at (November 15, 2022).

“A Granular Theory of Balancing,” presented at the International Relations Seminar, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark (November 3, 2022).

“Research Seminar: The Power Dynamics of Near Crises,” Scottish Council on Global Affairs (SCGA) in collaboration with the International School of the Scottish Government, Edinburgh, Scotland (October 27, 2022).

“A Granular Theory of Balancing,” Bath University, Bath, United Kingdom (October 6, 2022).

“Campaigning in the Gray Zone,” Minerva Research Initiative’s [Virtual Series](#) (October 6, 2022).

“A Granular Theory of Balancing: U.S. Grand Strategy in an Era of Near-Peer Challengers,” Closing Session of The U.S. Study Program, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Argentina, December 9, 2021.

“Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an era of Challenging Near Peers, Rough States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations,” presented to the Conflict Stabilization Operations (Analytics; Department of State), December 10, 2021.

“Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an era of Challenging Near Peers, Rough States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations,” presented to the Conflict Stabilization Operations (Department of State), November 10, 2021.

“Studying Security: A Multidisciplinary Perspective,” EISS Keynote Roundtable, Lisbon, Portugal, September 3, 2021.

“Past, Present, and Future of the International Order,” University of Copenhagen, May 6, 2019, Oslo, Copenhagen.

“Israel’s Preventive Military Strike Against Iraq’s Nuclear Weapons Program: Why Begin Rejected Balancing,” Sonoma State University, April 11, 2019.

“Neoclassical Realism Workshop,” London School of Economics, November 30, 2019, London, England.

National Security Speaker Series, “A Granular Theory of Balancing,” Ohio State University (October 23, 2018).

Menachem Begin Heritage Center, “Israel’s Military Strike on Iraq’s Nuclear Reactor (1981): A Granular Theory of Balancing,” Jerusalem, Israel (June 13, 2018).

Notre Dame International Security Center, South Bend, Indiana (February 27, 2018).

“Granular Theory of Balancing”

<https://soundcloud.com/user-982486961/steven-lobell-a-granular-theory-of-balancing>

Security and Statecraft Workshop, London School of Economics, London, England (November 7, 2017).

“Neoclassical Realism, History, and International Politics,” *The Practice of International History in the Twenty-First Century*, Glasgow University (April 21-22, 2016).

Discussant for Stacie Goddard’s book manuscript, “When Right Makes Might,” Lone Star National Security Forum, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (March 31-April 1, 2016)

“Bringing Institutions Back-into Realism,” presented at the workshop on “Power Politics and International Institutions,” Copenhagen, Denmark (November 13, 2015).

“Ukraine: Crisis and Changing World Order,” Center on Asia and Globalization, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore (February 24-26, 2015)

“The Political Economy of National Security: A New Research Agenda of Military Power, War and Peace in An Era of Austerity,” New Orleans, Louisiana (February 17, 2015).

“Multidisciplinary Conference: New Perspectives on the First World War,” Jerusalem, Israel (November 10-12, 2014).

“Does the Rise and Fall of Great Powers lead to Conflict and War?” The Nobel Institute Symposia, Oslo, Norway (June 18-22, 2014).

“Workshop on Rising Power Accommodation,” Montreal, Canada (November 1-3, 2013).

“Rising Powers and Contested Orders,” Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (September 19-20, 2013).

“Power and the Balance of Power in the post-Cold War Period,” Nobel Institute, Oslo, Norway (May 23, 2013).

“Scholarship and Leadership,” Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M, College Station, Texas (February 21, 2013).

“Brainstorming Workshop: Planning for a US-Israeli Strategy in the Middle East,” Atlantic Council, Washington, DC (September 12, 2011).

Sixth Annual Tel Aviv University Workshop on Israel and the Middle East (July 2-14, 2011), participation postponed.

RAND - Academic Exchange Conference (March 3-4, 2011), Los Angeles, California.

International Studies Association (ISA) Catalytic Workshop “Bridging the Transatlantic Divide: European and American Realism Reconsidered,” Montreal, Canada (March 15, 2011), “From a Permissive to a Restrictive International Environment: The Influence of Structural Imperatives and Domestic Politics on Grand Strategy.”

"Balance of Power, Components of Power, and Grand Strategy," Haifa University, (June 10, 2010).

“The Role of Business in Conflict and Peace,” *Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy*, IDC, Herzliya, Israel (June 6, 2010).

Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), *Realism and Foreign Policy*, Copenhagen, Denmark (November 12-13, 2009).

"Balance of Power, Components of Power, and Grand Strategy," Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, Peace Studies Program (April 2, 2009).

“IPE and IR Theories: Historical Relationship, Globalization, and IR,” International Conference on Theorizing International Relations in East Asia, Sangnam Institute of Management, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (October 26-27, 2007).

“The Second Face of Security: Trade Arrangements as Security Policy,” International Conference on Economics *and Security*, sponsored by the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (April 25-26, 2007).

2006 Teacher’s Workshop on strategic studies, led by Professor Eliot Cohen and the Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (Stowe, Vermont, June 19-23, 2006).

HOSTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

“[The Near Crisis Project: Why What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You](#),” Scowcroft Center’s Forward Defense program, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C. (10-11:30 am, ET, in person and virtual, January 27, 2023). A workshop on crisis prevention and pre-crisis management featuring a panel of speakers from the research team followed by a moderated discussion. [YouTube video](#).

Workshop on Near Crises, Forecasting, and Escalation,” U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York (November 17-18, 2019). Workshop supported by the Minerva Research Initiative and the Office of Naval Research.

“Workshop on the Political Economy of Regional Transitions,” Concordia University, Montreal (May 7-8, 2012). Conference co-coordinated with Norrin Ripsman.

“Grand Strategy in the Interwar Years,” Alumni House, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah (March 26-27, 2009). Conference co-coordinated by Steven E. Lobell, Saban Kardas, Mark Bean, Bill Pingree, and Koji Haraguchi. *The Challenge of Grand Strategy: The Great Powers and the Broken Balance between the World Wars* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

Siciliano Forum, “Considerations of the Status of American Society,” University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 13, 2008.

“Neoclassical Realism and the State,” Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (May 25-26, 2006). Conference co-coordinated by Steven E. Lobell, Norrin M. Ripsman, and Jeffrey W. Taliaferro. *Neoclassical Realism, The State, and Foreign Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“A Granular Theory of Balancing,” presented at the European International Studies Association, Thessaloniki, Greece (July 6-9, 2022).

“US-Iran Ballistic Missile Test of 2015: Why not a Full-Blown Crisis?” 2022 International Studies Association Annual Convention (March 28-April 22), Nashville, TN.

“Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies and Escalation Dynamics; From Near Crisis to Crisis,” presented at The European Initiative for Security Studies, Lisbon, Portugal (September 4, 2021).

“Crisis Escalation and Prevention,” presented at the American Political Science Annual Convention, Seattle, Washington, October 1, 2021.

“Preventive Military Strike or Preventive War? The Fungibility of Power Resources” presented at *Realism and International Relations in Times of Change*, Politicologenetmaal/Annual Political Science Workshops of the Low Countries (June 3-4, 2021).

“Small States in an Era of a Shifting Great Power Engagement,” with Kristen Williams, presented at the 2021 International Studies Association Annual Convention (virtual platform, April 6-9).

“Deglobalization” roundtable, presented at the 2021 International Studies Association Annual Convention (virtual platform, April 6-9).

“The Second Lebanon War: Causes of Escalation and De-escalation,” presented at the 2021 International Studies Association Annual Convention (virtual platform, April 6-9).

“New Directions in Neoclassical Realism Research: World Order, State Foreign policy, and Contending Forces in World Politics,” Panel discussant, 2021 International Studies Association Annual Convention (virtual platform, April 6-9).

“The Second Lebanon War: Escalation and De-escalation,” 2020 APSA Annual Meeting (virtual platform, September 9-13).

“Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Resurgent Near Peers, Rogue States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations,” with Kyle Beardsley, presented at the 2019 Minerva Meeting and Program Review, Washington DC September 18-19, 2019.

“Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Resurgent Near Peers, Rogue States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations,” with Nakissa P. Jahanbani, presented at the 6.1 Basic research Quarterly Review, June 19, 2019, Arlington, VA.

“Funding, Grants and Research Initiatives in International Studies,” the International Studies Association's annual convention March 27-30, 2019 (Toronto, CA), presented at the International Studies Association's annual convention March 27-30, 2019, Toronto, CA.

“Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Resurgent Near Peers, Rogue States, and Cross Border Networked Terrorist Organizations,” with Kyle Beardsley, presented at the presented at the 6.1 Basic research Quarterly Review, February 25, 2019.

“Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Resurgent Near Peers, Rogue States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations,” presented at the 2018 Minerva Meeting and Program Review, Washington DC September 26-27, 2018.

“Synthesizing in International Relations,” roundtable panel, 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association San Francisco (August 31-September 3).

“Institutions and Peace in Asia-Pacific,” presented at 2017 International Studies Association, Hong Kong (June 15-18).

“Emerging Regional Powers in a Unipolar Order,” roundtable, presented at the 2017 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland (February 22-25).

“Power Politics and International Institutions in a Changing World,” Presidential Theme Roundtable, presented at the 2017 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland (February 22-25). Presented with Brad Nicholson.

“Power and Peace: Systemic Constraints and Domestic Conditions for Peaceful Change,” roundtable, presented at the 2017 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland (February 22-25).

“Power and Peace: Systemic Constraints and Domestic Conditions” presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (September 1-4).

2016 Minerva Initiative Meeting and Program Review, Washington DC (September 14-15, 2016)

Development of a National Security Strategy Conference, University of Utah (April 30, 2016).

“Neoclassical Realist Theory of International Politics,” roundtable, presented at the 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia (March 16-19).

“Realism and Nationalism: Old Pals or Strangers?” roundtable, presented at the 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia (March 16-19).

“China’s Economic Statecraft and Security,” presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association San Francisco (September 3-6).

“Bringing Institutions Back-in to Realism,” Power Politics and International Institutions roundtable, presented at the 2015 International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana (February 18-21).

“Balancing, Balance of Power, and Components of Power” presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (August 28-31).

“Exploring the Theoretical Scope and Ambitions of FPA,” presented at the 2014 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada (March 26-29).

“Balance of Power Realism,” presented at the 2014 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada (March 26-29).

“Power and the Balance of Power in the post-Cold War Period,” presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois (August 29-September 2).

“How do Leaders Measure Power?” Presented at the 2013 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, California (April 3-6).

“How Leaders Measure Power,” 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (August 29-September 2).

"The Political Economy of the Peace Process," 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (August 29-September 2).

"Neoclassical Realism and Sino-American Relations," with Kai He, presented at the 2012 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, California (April 1-4).

"Bridging the Transatlantic Divide: American and European Realism Reconsidered," Workshop Panel at the 2012 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, California (April 1-4).

"When Regions Transform," Roundtable at the 2012 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, California (April 1-4).

"Trading with the Enemy: Who's Leadin' Who?" presented at the 2011 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (March 16-19).

"Power Disparities and Strategic Trade: Bandwagoning, Balking, and the Domestic Consequence of U.S.-Jordan Trade Concessions," presented at the 2011 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (March 16-19).

Discussant, "Regional Orders: Liberal and Constructivist Perspectives," at the 2011 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (March 16-19).

"British Grand Strategy during the 1930s: Balance of Power, Components of Power, and the State," presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (February 17-20, 2010).

Chair, "Globalization and the National Security State," Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (February 17-20, 2010).

"The Political and Social Origins of Ethnic and Territorial Conflict," University of Utah, February, 25, 2010.

"Balance of Power, Components of Power, and Britain's Threat Perception in the 1930s," presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON, Canada (September 3-6, 2009).

"Appeasement or Realpolitik: Britain's Grand Strategy toward Germany and Japan in the 1930s," presented at "Grand Strategy in the Interwar Years," University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah (March 26-27, 2009). Conference coordinated by Steven E. Lobell, Saban Kardas, Mark Bean, Bill Pingree, and Koji Haraguchi.

"Why States Extend Trade Concessions to their Enemies: Britain's Limited Liability and America's Détente Grand Strategies," presented at the 2009 International Studies Association Annual Convention, New York, New York (February 15-18).

“Roundtable on Neoclassical Realism, the State, and Foreign Policy,” presented at the 2009 International Studies Association Annual Convention, New York, New York (February 15-18).

“When Rivals Trade,” Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts (August 28-31, 2008).

“The Second Face of Security: Britain’s Policy of Trade Concessions and Moderate Rearmament toward Germany during the 1930s,” presented at the 2008 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, California (March 26 – March 29).

“Free Trade Agreements as Security Policy: Who Gets ‘What, When and How,’” presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Hyatt Regency & Sheraton Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (August 30 - September 2, 2007).

“The Second Face of American Security: Free Trade Agreements as Security Policy,” 2007 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois (February 28 – March 3).

“The Class Politics of Balance of Power Theory,” presented at “Neoclassical Realism and the State,” Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (May 25-26, 2006). Conference is co-coordinated by Steven Lobell, Norrin Ripsman, and Jeffrey Taliaferro.

“Britain’s ‘Smart’ Appeasement Policy towards Japan and Germany,” presented at the 2006 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA (March 22-25).

“Threat Assessment, the State, and Foreign Policy,” presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (August 31-September 3).

“Free Trade Agreements as Security Policy: Who gets ‘What, When, and How’ from Trade Arrangements in Jordan,” presented at IPIA Conference on Failed States (November, 17, 2005).

“The Second Face of International Security,” presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham Hotel, and Washington Hilton, Washington, DC (September 1-4).

“Creating Security,” presented at the 2005 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI (March 1-5).

"The Political Economy of the State in Security Studies" presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Hilton Chicago and Parker House Hilton (Chicago, IL, 2-5 September).

"The Second Face of Hegemony," presented at the 2004 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec (March 17-20).

"When Liberal States go to War," presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (August 27-31).

"War, Domestic Politics, and Security Strategies," presented at the 2003 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Portland, OR (February 25-March 1).

"War and the State," presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (August 29-September 1).

"Offensive Realism and Britain's Great War Plans," presented at the 2002 International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA (March 24-27).

"The Internationalization of Ethnic Conflict," presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco Hilton & Towers (August 30 - September 2).

"Reflections on Ethnic Conflict," presented at the 2000 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Los Angeles, CA (March 14-18).

"The Domestic Consequence of International Politics," presented at the 1999 Iowa Conference of Political Scientists, Cedar Falls, IA (November 6).

"Causal Attributions for Success and Failure," 1999 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta Hilton and the Marriott Marquis (September 2-5).

"Second Image Reversed Politics: Britain's Choice of Free Trade or Imperial Preferences, 1903-1906, 1917-1923, 1930-1932," presented at the 1998 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Minneapolis, MN (March 18-21).

"The Grand Strategy of Hegemonic Decline: Dilemmas of Strategy and Finance," presented at the Global and Regional Governance Workshop, sponsored by IGCC and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, La Jolla, CA (May 9-10, 1997).

"Managing Hegemonic Decline: International Constraints on Foreign Policy Adaptability," presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, The San Francisco Hilton and Towers (August 29-September 1).

"International Constraints on Britain's Foreign Policy," presented at the 1996 International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA (April 16-20).

"Managing Decline: The Cases of Spain, Britain, and the United States," presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, The New York Hilton, New York, NY. (September 1-4).

"Reputation and Entry Deterrence," presented at the International Studies Association Western Region Conference, the Monterey Institute for International Studies, Monterey, CA (October 29-30, 1993).

TEACHING AWARDS

- 2017 Recognition from the Honors College for supervising students.
- Recipient of 2009 ASUU Student Choice Teaching Award.

RESEARCH AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

2022 "A Granular Theory of Balancing," Charles Koch Foundation. \$21,107.00 (7/1/22-6/30/23).

"A Granular Theory of Balancing," Betty Glad. \$8,500.

2020 Grant Incentive Course Release (fall 2020)

2018 Minerva Research Initiative, 2018-2021. "Power Projection, Deterrence Strategies, and Escalation Dynamics in an Era of Challenging Near Peers, Rogue States, and Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations." \$1,179,073. Lead-PI.

2017 Israel Institute, 2017. "The Use of Force to Prevent Nuclear Proliferation." \$7,600.

Research recognized at Showcase of Extraordinary Faculty Achievements, University of Utah.

2016 College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (CSBS) Superior Research Senior Award.

Graduate Convocation speaker.

2014-15 Betty Glad Award, "The Use of Preventive Military Strikes for Nuclear Counter Proliferation."

2013 Sabbatical, "How Leaders Measure Power and the Balance of Power?"

Nobel Institute, Visiting Research Fellow, Oslo, Norway.

CSBS Superior Research Senior Award Finalist

2012 URC Faculty Research Award. Israel, the Arab World, and the Decisions to Attack Iraq's Osiraq Nuclear Reactor.

- 2011** URC Faculty Research award. *Balance of Power, Components of Power, and British Grand Strategy*.
- Nominated for the CSBS Superior Research Award
- RAND - Academic Exchange Conference (March 3-4, 2011), Los Angeles, California.
- 2010** URC Faculty Fellow award.
Spring, 2011 release time.
- Fulbright Research Scholar
Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel (April-August, 2010).
“Business Communities in Conflict Zones: A Force for Peace?”
- 2010** Participant in the Israel American Academic Exchange (IAAE)
Mission to Israel, led by Prof. Charles Kupchan (July 27-August 3, 2010).
- 2009** 2009 ASUU Student Choice Teaching Award.
- URC (University Research Committee) travel award to conduct research at the P.R.O. and Bank of England, Kew and London, England.
- Conference on “Grand Strategy in the Interwar Years,” University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah (March 26-27), 2009. *The Challenge of Grand Strategy: The Great Powers and the Broken Balance between the World Wars*
- 2007** Proposal Initiative Grant (P.I.G.), University of Utah. “Politics behind America’s Rise to Globalism.”
- 2006** Conference on “Neoclassical Realism and the State,” Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (May 25-26, 2006). Conference co-coordinated by Steven Lobell, Norrin Ripsman, and Jeffrey Taliaferro. *Neoclassical Realism, the State, and Foreign Policy* (Cambridge University Press, 2009).
- 2005** Seed Grant for collaborative study on “The Failure of the Developmental State: Globalization and Discontent, I.P.I.A., University of Utah.
- Proposal Initiative Grant (P.I.G.), University of Utah.
- 2004** PDA, University of Northern Iowa (declined).

- 2003** University of Northern Iowa.
Summer Fellowship, Graduate College for research support.
- 2001** University of Northern Iowa.
Summer Fellowship, Graduate College for research support (London, England).
- 2000** University of Northern Iowa.
Summer Fellowship, Dean's Challenge Grant for research support (London, England).
- 1998** University of Northern Iowa.
Summer Fellowship, Graduate College for research support.
- 1996-1997** Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation/The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, UCLA.
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA.
- 1995-1996** Political Science Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UCLA.
- 1994-1995** Graham Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UCLA
- 1993-1994** International Studies and Overseas Program Fellowship, UCLA. Travel grant for field research at the Public Records Office in Kew, England.
- 1990-1991** Center for International and Strategic Affairs Fellowship (CISA), UCLA.
- 1990** Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, UCLA. For study of Arabic (Summer).
- 1989-1990** Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, UCLA.
- 1988** Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, Middlebury College, VT. For intensive study of Arabic (Summer).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

I. Professional Membership

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Affiliated with the Asia Center, University of Utah
Affiliated with the Middle East Center, University of Utah

II. Department Service

- 2021 Retention Promotion and Tenure committee, member
- 2021 Tenure Faculty Review committee, member
- Graduate Studies Committee.
- Member of Executive Committee for the Department of Political Science.
- International Relations *Field Chair* for the Department of Political Science, including course scheduling and organizing comprehensive exam for fall and spring.
- Member of RPT Committee (2009-2012; assisted in drafting new Retention Promotion and Tenure rules).
- Chair, International Relations Search (2005); member (various years).
- Advisor for the *Foreign Policy Club*, University of Utah (2007-2011). Guest speakers: Jack Levy, David Lake, Benjamin Miller, Jeffrey Taliaferro, John Owen IV, Christopher Layne, Robert Ross, and Jack Donnelly.
- Member Graduate Admissions Committee.
- Member Merit Activity Committee (2006-2007).

III. College Service

- Member of Superior Research Award, Committee Chair: Spring 2011 (2007-2012).
- Advise Honors Thesis.
- Advise students with Office of Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) funding.
- Judge for CSBS Research Day (4/28/2011).
- Member Master's of Science in International Affairs and Global Enterprise (MIAGE) admission committee (fall, 2010).
- Participant in the Master of Science Degree in International Affairs and Global Enterprise (MIAGE; 2004-2006).
- Member of IPIA International Search Committee (2006-2007).
- Member IPIA Director Search Committee (2005-2006).

IV. University Service

- Member of University Research Committee (URC, 2015-2018).
- Professional Master of Science and Technology (PMST), internal program review (2015).
- Member International Studies Board (2009-2010).
- Reviewer for Office of Undergraduate Research (UROP) assistance.
- Member of the *Peace and Conflict Studies* Steering Committee (2011-current).

V. Service to the Field

- Review for RAND document "*Understanding Escalation: A Framework for Evaluating the Escalatory Risks of Policy Actions*" (2022).
- Reviewer for Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order (2022 and 2020).

- Chair, 2022 Robert L. Jervis and Paul W. Schroeder Best Book Award in International History and Politics, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Current member of Editorial Board, *Security Studies*.
- Current member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Strategic Studies*.
- Member of Standing Editorial Board, Oxford University Press, Oxford Bibliographies-International Relations.
- “Top of Mind on BYU Radio with Julie Rose,” Monthly Panel on the Middle East (4-4:40 pm MDT, second Thursday of the month), Sirius XM Radio (143 and on-line live streaming). Julie Rose, host/producer. (2014-2017).
<http://www.byuradio.org/show/e9a84fc9-4bb1-476f-bd5d-0e907b754af8/top-of-mind-with-julie-rose>
- Member of dissertation committee for Kevjn Lim, Tel Aviv University (September 2020); Viva for Gustav Meibauer, “Doing Something: Neoclassical Realism, US Foreign Policy and the no-Fly Zone, 1991-2016,” London School of Economics (November 2017).
- Member of Editorial Board, *Dilemmas in World Politics* series, Westview Press (2010-2016).
- Guest Editor, Special Issue: Regional Contestation to Rising Powers, *International Politics* Vol. 52, No. 2 (February 2015).
- Workshop Grants Committee of the *International Studies Association* (2010-2013).
- Journal reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *International Security*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Organization*, *Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *European Studies Journal*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *World Politics*.
- Book manuscripts reviewer for Cambridge University Press, University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, Pittsburgh University Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Palgrave Macmillan, Georgetown University Press, and W. W. Norton & Company.
- Editorial Board, *International Journal of Global Health* (2004-2010).
- Grant Review for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC; 2005, 2010).