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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer (Full-time), Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2023 – Present

Instructor (Full-time, 1-Year, Renewable), Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2020 – 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL (2021)

- Dissertation: “Dying to Fight: The Individual and Social Processes of the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon” (Pass with Distinction)

M.S., Politics & Government, Illinois State University, Normal, IL (2014)

- Master’s Thesis: “A Holy Peace: Abrahamic Interconnectivity and Collective Identity Framing in Israel/Palestine”

B.S., Politics & Government and History (double major), with a minor in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies, Illinois State University, Normal, IL (2012)

- Honors Thesis (Department of Politics & Government): “International Law as a System of Anarchy: A Paradigmatic Divide”
- Senior Thesis (Department of History): “The Fabric of Conflict: Cotton Diplomacy in the American Civil War”

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

“Terrorism” (CJC 395/PLSC 337) (last taught Fall 2023) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“International Criminal Justice” (CJC 378) (last taught Fall 2023) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Loyola University Chicago

“Criminal Justice in a Global Context” (CJC 101) (last taught Fall 2023) Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Loyola University Chicago

“Political Justice” (PLSC 301) (last taught Fall 2022) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Intervention in World Politics” (PLSC 359) (last taught Spring 2022) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Political Violence” (PLSC 300c) (last taught Fall 2021) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Revolutions” (PLSC 359) (last taught Fall 2021) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Democracy & Dictatorship” (PLSC 300c) (last taught Spring 2021) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Contemporary Political Thought” (PLSC 308) (last taught Spring 2023) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Introduction to Political Theory” (PLSC 100) (last taught Spring 2023) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Teaching Effectiveness Seminar” (GSSM 501) (co-instructor, year-long course, 2017-18, for training Ph.D. students from across the graduate school who are teaching a course as the instructor of record for the first time) The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

“Senior Seminar: International Humanitarian Law” (POL 300) (last taught Spring 2014) Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University

STUDENT MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2023-24** “Preceding Political Violence: The Amplification of Extremism, Dehumanization, and Radicalization in the Era of “Post-Truth,” (with Sierra Wann (undergraduate)), Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTS) Provost Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2022-23** “Violent Mediation: A Study of the Impact of Terrorism on U.S. Diplomacy,” (with Addison Emig (undergraduate)), Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTS) Provost Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2022-23** “An Online World of Extremism: The Relationship Between College Students’ Social Media Use and Radicalization,” (with Jordan Hamrick (undergraduate)), Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTS) Provost Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2022-23** “Evaluating the Domestic Political Instability-Terrorism Nexus: A Comparative Case Study of Global Terrorism (2000 – 2019),” (with Eileen DeGuire (undergraduate)), Gannon Fellowship for Women in Leadership and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.

- 2021-22** “Online Radicalization and Indoctrination: Power, Identity, and Violence in Alt-Right Online Forums,” (with Colleen Trybanski (undergraduate) and Chad VandeWiele (co-faculty advisor)), National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Gaithersburg, Maryland (Virtual).
- 2021-22** “Online Radicalization and Indoctrination: Power, Identity, and Violence in Alt-Right Online Forums,” (with Colleen Trybanski (undergraduate) and Chad VandeWiele (co-faculty advisor)). Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTs) Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2021-22** “A Critical Examination of the History of the Chicago Police Department at Sites of Political Violence (1886 Haymarket, 1968 Democratic National Convention, and 2020 BLM protests) across Categories of Labor Rights, War, and Race,” (with Megan Walsh (undergraduate)). Leibman Research Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Schumacher, Michael J. 2023. “From Partition to Peace? A Retrospective on Religion and Reconciliation in Palestine/Israel.” *Peace Review* 35(1) (April): 62-71.

Schumacher, Michael J. 2023. “A Holy Peace: Sacred Values, Collective Identity, and the Future of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict.” *Peace & Change* 48 (1) (January): 21-38.

Schumacher, Michael J. 2021. “Critical Junctures in Terrorism Studies: The Arab Spring and the New Twenty-First Century Security Environment.” *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 14 (4) (December): 470-473.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Peter J. Schraeder. 2021. “Does Domestic Political Instability Foster Terrorism? Global Evidence from the Arab Spring Era (2011-14).” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 44 (3) (February): 198-222.

Schraeder, Peter J., and **Michael J. Schumacher**. 2020. “Collective Action, Foreign Fighting, and the Global Struggle for the Islamic State.” *Democracy and Security* 16 (3) (August): 234-259.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Peter J. Schraeder. 2020. “A ‘Tale of Two Jihadis?’ Improperly Conflating Terrorists and Foreign Fighters in the Arab Spring.” *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* 12 (2) (April): 118-139.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Peter J. Schraeder. 2019. “The Evolving Impact of Violent Non-state Actors on North African Foreign Polices during the Arab Spring: Insurgent Groups, Terrorists, and Foreign Fighters.” *Journal of North African Studies* 24 (4) (July): 682-703.

Schraeder, Peter J., Brian Endless, **Michael J. Schumacher**, and Kirstie L. Dobbs. 2019. “Revolutionary Diplomats? Introduction to the Study of North African Foreign Policies within the Context of the Arab Spring.” *Journal of North African Studies* 24 (4) (July): 540-557.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Schumacher, Michael J. 2023. “The Arab Spring and the New Twenty-First Century Security Environment.” In *9/11 Twenty Years On: Critical Perspectives* edited by Leonie B. Jackson, Lee Jarvis, and Harmonie Toros. New York: Routledge, May 2023.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

(In progress/under contract) Schraeder, Peter J., **Michael J. Schumacher**, and Peter M. Sanchez, eds. *Intervention Abroad: United States Foreign Policy toward the Global South*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner. Expected publication: 2024.

Dying to Fight: The Individual and Social Processes of the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon. Book project based on dissertation research.

“Deadly Consequences: Lessons from the Evolution of Terrorist Attacks Against United States Diplomats.” Under review with Addison K. Emig.

“From Spain to Ukraine: The Social and Criminal Justice Implications of Foreign Fighter Reintegration after Conflict.” Preparing for submission.

“The Social Logic of the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon.” Preparing for submission.

“Be Careful What You Wish For: Impact of Democratization on Global Terrorism during the Third Wave.” Preparing for submission with Peter J. Schraeder and Tofigh Maboudi.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

2018-19 American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Workshop Fellowship

Travel, food, and lodging to present the theoretical chapter of my dissertation, “The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon in Historical Perspective,” at two week-long workshops on “The Evolving Role of Political Institutions in the Arab World” in Rabat, Morocco (September 24-28, 2018) and Tunis, Tunisia (January 28 – February 01, 2019).

- 2018-19 The Harold D. Lasswell Award for the Most Outstanding Dissertation Project in International Relations and Foreign Affairs (The Horowitz Foundation)**
Cash award (\$1,500) for most outstanding dissertation project.
- 2018-19 World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, The Smith Richardson Foundation**
Dissertation grant (\$7,500) for archival research at the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (New York University) in New York City and to conduct interviews in Tunisia.
- 2018-19 Ernest Hemingway Research Grant, The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Foundation**
Dissertation grant (\$1,600) for archival research at The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Archives in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2018-19 Dissertation Research Grant, The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy**
Dissertation grant (\$7,500) for archival research at the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (New York University) in New York City, archival research at The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Archives in Boston, Massachusetts, and to conduct interviews in Tunisia.
- 2016-17 Moroccan Studies Research Grant, Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa**
Research grant (\$2,000) to conduct interviews in Rabat, Morocco for project entitled, "Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime."

Internal Grants and Fellowships (Loyola University Chicago)

- 2019-20 Research Assistantship**
1-year, \$15,000 stipend, tuition, and health insurance.
- 2019-20 Research Grant**
\$500 to conduct field interviews in Tunisia.
- 2018-19 Dissertation Fellowship (funded by The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation)**
1-year, \$18,000 stipend, tuition, and health insurance.
- 2018-19 Research Mentoring Program Fellowship**
\$1,500 stipend plus \$500 research support to work with an undergraduate mentee who was integrated into my dissertation research.
- 2018-19 Conference Grant**
\$500 to present paper entitled, "The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon in Historical Perspective," at the APSA MENA Workshops.

- 2017-18 Teaching Fellowship**
1-year, \$18,000 stipend, tuition, and health insurance to teach one class each semester for the Political Science Department and to co-teach the year-long “Teaching Effectiveness Seminar” for the Graduate School.
- 2016-17 Research Grant**
\$400 for fieldwork in Morocco for project entitled, “Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime.”
- 2016-17 Conference Grant**
\$400 to present paper entitled, “Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime,” at ASMEA conference in Washington, D.C.
- 2014–17 Research Assistantship (funded by a U.S. Department of State, Economic Support Fund (ESF) Grant with Principal Investigator, Peter J. Schraeder)**
3-years, \$18,000/year stipend, tuition, and health insurance.

Internal Grants (Illinois State University)

- 2012–14 Graduate Student Fellowship and Award**
2-years, \$14,000/year stipend, tuition, and health insurance.
- 2013-14 Research Grant (funded by the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning)**
\$1,000 to conduct research on project entitled, “Conference Participation as a Mentoring and Learning Experience: Applying Social Network Theory to the Annual ISU Research Symposia.” Co-investigator, Michaelene Cox.
- 2013-14 Cross-Disciplinary Grant Development Program Award**
\$500 to conduct research on project entitled, “Inter-Agency Integration of Offender Data: Strategies for Effective Information Management in Criminal Justice.” Co-investigators, Michaelene Cox and Sesha Kethineni.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

- 2022-23** “The Social Logic of the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon,” (proposed) Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2023.
- 2021-22** “Online Radicalization and Indoctrination: Power, Identity, and Violence in Alt-Right Online Forums,” (with Colleen Trybanski (undergraduate) and Chad VandeWiele), Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2022.

- 2018-19** “The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon in Historical Perspective,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Conference and Workshop, September 2018 (Rabat, Morocco) and January 2019 (Tunis, Tunisia).
- 2018-19** “Dying to Travel and Fight for a Foreign Cause? Foreign Fighters and the Global Struggle for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS),” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018.
- 2017-19** “Evolving Role of Foreign Fighters, Terrorists, and Insurgent Groups in the Foreign Policymaking Process,” Loyola University Chicago Symposium: “Revolutionary Diplomats? Impacts of the Arab Spring on the Formulation and Implementation of North African Foreign Policies (2011-16),” March 2017.
- 2016-17** “Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Washington, D.C., October 2016.
- 2014-15** “From Rhetoric to Response: Understanding the Post-9/11 Terror Narrative as a Discursive Formation,” Critical Media Literacy Conference, Illinois State University, March 2014.
- 2013-14** “Identifying Diversity in the Field: An Evaluation of Political Science Student Journals,” Illinois State Graduate Research Symposium, Illinois State University, April 2013.

Panel Chair/Moderator

- 2020-21** “How the U.S. Thinks, Talks, and Acts During Elections,” The Graduate, Professional, and Adult Student section of the Civic Engagement Series, Loyola University Chicago, October 2020.
- 2014-15** “Political Theory,” 22nd Annual Illinois State Conference for Students of Political Science, Illinois State University, April 2014.
- 2013-14** “War and Peace,” 21st Annual Illinois State Conference for Students of Political Science, Illinois State University, April 2013.

Symposium Coordinator

- 2017-18** Symposium Co-coordinator: “Revolutionary Diplomats? Impacts of the Arab Spring on the Formulation and Implementation of North African Foreign Policies (2011-16),” co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the International Studies Program, and African Studies and the African Diaspora Program (with additional funding from the College of Arts and Sciences).

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 2023-24** Master Teacher Award and Designation, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago
- 2020-21** Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award (Loyola University Chicago Winner, Illinois Winner, and Midwest Finalist)
- 2019-20** Graduate Student Teacher of the Year Award, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago (one graduate student selected from Loyola's 11 schools and colleges)
- 2017-18** Tuma-Gravett Award for Academic Excellence at the Ph.D. level, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
- 2015-16** Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University
- 2014-15** Walter S.G. Kohn Award for excellence in European scholarship, Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University