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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Politics and International Relations
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Academic Positions

Florida International University, Miami, FL

Associate Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, June 2020 - present

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, August 2014 – June 2020

Education

PhD, Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2013

Fields: International Relations, Political Theory

Dissertation: *The Constitution of Supranationalism: Interdependence, Sovereignty and International Organization*

MA, Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago, 2005

BS, Edmond A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2000

Research

Research Interests: International Relations Theory; International Organization and Law; Normative International Theory; Social Theory

Peer Reviewed Publications

“Popular Internationalism and International Organization: The Effort to Empower Public Opinion and Its Limits During the Interwar Period.” 2025. *International Relations* <https://doi.org/10.1177/00471178251320548>

Constituent Power and the Legitimacy of International Organizations: The Constitution of Supranationalism. 2020. Routledge.

“When Delegation Fails: The Politics of Indivisible Sovereignty.” 2019. *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 22(3), pp. 676-697.

“Reciprocity, Hierarchy and Obligation in World Politics: From Kula to Potlach.” 2018. *Journal of International Political Theory*, 14(2). Co-authored with Eric Grynaviski.

“The Fourth Face of Legitimacy: Constituent Power and the Constitutional Legitimacy of International Institutions.” 2017. *Review of International Studies*, 43(2), pp. 199-220.

Working and Conference Papers

Popular Internationalism and International Organization: The movement to empower the people in world politics and its limits. Book manuscript in preparation.

“Constituting the Parliament of Man: Representative Claims and Popular Internationalism in the Early Twentieth Century.” Paper prepared for the ISA Northeast annual conference in Baltimore, MD, on November 8, 2024, and ISA Virtual conference, July 30, 2025.

“How Global Governance Became Technocratic: Popular Internationalism and the Challenge of Transnational Democracy.” Paper presented at the ISA Northeast annual conference in Providence, RI, on November 2, 2023.

“The Rise and Fall of Popular Internationalism: Democracy and International Organization During the Interwar Period.” Paper presented at the ISA annual conference in Nashville, TN, on March 2022.

“When Internationalism Became Liberal: Reconstructing the History of an IR Collocation.” Paper presented at the annual ISA virtual conference on April 6, 2020.

“Governing in the Name of: The Interpellating Function of International Institutions and the Global Demos.” Paper presented at the ISA conference in Toronto, Canada, March 2019.

“Recovering Public Internationalism: The Global Public and the Purpose of International Organization.” Paper presented at the ISA-NE conference in Baltimore, MD, November 2018 and the ISA conference in Toronto, Canada, March 2019.

“Politics at the End of Times.” Paper presented at the ISA-NE conference in Providence, RI, November 4, 2017. Co-authored with Alexander Barder.

“Reconstructing Constitutive Theory: Logical, Historical and Recursive Constitution in the Analysis of Social Action.” Paper presented at the ISA-NE conference in Providence, RI, November 4, 2017 and at the 2015 ISA conference in New Orleans.

“A Constitutive Theory of International Authority: The Global Public Interest and the Power of International Organizations.” Presented at the 2017 ISA conference in Baltimore, MD.

Co-authored with Eric Grynviski. “Reciprocity, Hierarchy and Obligation in World Politics: From Kula to Potlache.” Paper presented at ISA-NE conference in Baltimore, MD, November 5, 2016.

“In Defense of Formal International Organizations: Why Public Identity Matters for Global Governance.” Paper presented at the annual ISA conference in Atlanta, GA, March 18, 2016.

“Reconstructing Constitutive Theory: Logical, Historical and Recursive Constitution in the Analysis of Social Institutions.” Paper presented at the 2015 ISA conference in New Orleans.

“From Contracts to Constitutions: Constituent Power and the Founding of Supranational Institutions.” Paper presented at the 2015 ISA conference in New Orleans.

“Constituent Power: Theorizing a Neglected Dimension of Political Force.” Paper presented at the 2014 ISA conference in Toronto, Canada, and APSA 2014 conference in Washington, DC.

“When Delegation Fails: Discourses of Sovereignty and the Legitimacy of International Delegations.” Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago, IL.

“Cosmopolitan Sovereignty: Representing Humanity and the Architecture of the Human Rights Regime.” Paper prepared for the APSA conference in New Orleans, LA, August 30, 2012.

“The Art of Possibility: The Political Imagination and the Purpose of Political Science.” Paper presented at ISA conference in San Diego, CA, April 3, 2012.

“The Constitutions of International Organization: Towards a Theory of International Constitutional Moments.” Paper presented at the APSA conference in Seattle, WA, September 1, 2011.

“The Constitution of International Authority: Constituent Power and the Origins of Supranationalism.” Presented at ISA conference in Montreal, Canada, March 18, 2011.

“Methodological Nationalism in International Theory: Rethinking Sovereignty as Constituent Power.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago, IL, April 2010.

Book Reviews and other publications

“Review of *Ascending Order: Rising Powers and the Politics of Status in International Institutions* by Rohan Mukherjee” *Ethics and International Affairs*, Vol. 37, No. 1, Spring 2023, pp. 97-99.

“Embedded Legalism and the Limits of Law.” Contribution to a symposium on Hathaway and Shapiro’s *The Internationalists* in the Spring 2019 International History and Politics section of APSA newsletter, Vol. 4, No. 2.

“The Struggle for Rights and the Expansion of the International System: Review of Christian Reus-Smit, *Individual Rights and the Making of the International System.*” *International Studies Review*, Vol. 16, pp. 665-667.

Teaching and Professional Experience

International Humanitarian Law (INR 4411)

International Law (INR 3403)

International Organizations (INR 3502)

Science Fiction and Politics (POT 4104)

International Organizations (INR 5507)

Seminar on Non-State Actors (INR 6092)

Research Design in International Relations (INR 5615)

Managing Editor of *International Theory*, spring 2008 through summer 2009

Academic Service

Graduate Program Director, International Relations at FIU – 2024 – present

Member of the ISA-NE Governing Council 2018 - present

ISA-NE 2023 Past President

ISA-NE 2022 President

ISA-NE 2021 Vice President

ISA-NE 2020 conference Program Chair

Chair of the Graduate Student Development Committee – 2020 - 2023
Assistant Assessments Coordinator – 2018-19
Graduate Program Committee – 2016-18
Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Graduate Student Development and Seminars – 2015
Roundtable: Author Meets Critics Session on David M. McCourt’s “Britain and World Power since 1945,” ISA Northeast 2015
Library Communications Representative – 2014
Reviewer for *International Theory*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Polity*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of International Political Theory*, *Global Constitutionalism*, *Routledge*, and *Diplomacy and Statecraft*

Awards and Honors

2015-6 Broad Fellowship Award, Green School of International and Public Affairs, FIU
2005-6 and 2009-10: University Fellowship, Graduate School, The Ohio State University

References

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