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Areas of Specialization

- Public Policy and Administration: Homeland/International Security
- International Relations: Security Policy
- International Business: Finance and Economics

Education

- Walden University, PhD (2013)
Dissertation, United States' Foreign Policy toward the Middle East and Transnational Terrorism
Committee Chair: Dr. John Nirenberg
Committee Member: Dr. James Mosko
- St Mary's University, MA (2002)
- Millersville University, BA (1998)

Academic Appointments

2016 – Present Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M University - Commerce

2014 – 2016 Professor of Government, McLennan Community College

2008 – Present Lecturer of International Security/Terrorism, Baylor University

Research and Teaching Interest

American Politics: US Foreign Policy, the Structure of the United States Federal Government, American Political Parties and Institutions.

Comparative Politics: Middle Eastern Politics, Political Parties and Institutions in the Middle East

International Security: Middle East Security Issues, US National Security, European Security Issues, Asian Security Issues

Publications

Books

The Ambiguous Foreign Policy of the United States toward the Muslim World: More than a Handshake, Rowman & Littlefield: 2016

Book Manuscripts in Progress

Volatile State: Iran in the Nuclear Age, under contract (Indian University Press) anticipated publication, Spring, 2017

Contributing Book Chapters

Dying to Eat: Cross-cultural Perspectives on Food in Dying, Death, and Afterlives edited by Dr. Candi K. Cann, University Press of Kentucky, anticipated Spring, 2017

Islam, Peace and Social Justice: A Christian Perspective edited by Dr. A. Christian Van Gorder, James Clarke & Co, 2014

Articles

The European Atlantic Council

“Geopolitics and Energy Security: From Prosperity to Survival,” *The Slovak Atlantic Commission (SAC)*, February 27, 2016

The Huffington Post

“Turkey Ponders New Directions After July Coup, Should the U.S. be Concerned?” *The Huffington Post*, August 22, 2016

“To Muslims around the World, Enough Talks, Show Deeds...,” *The Huffington Post*, August 15, 2016

“The Mysterious Classified 28 Pages and the Saudis’ ‘Alleged’ link to 9/11,” *The Huffington Post*, July 12, 2016

“Sale of Aramco, Cabinet Shake-up: Is it the Beginning of the End for Saudi Arabia?” *The Huffington Post*, May 23, 2016

“Fighting Between the Pentagon- and CIA-Backed Militias Portrays a Chaotic U.S. Foreign Policy,” *The Huffington Post*, April 5, 2016

“The West Is Oblivious to Russia's Geopolitical Game in Syria,” *The Huffington Post*, March 28, 2016

“NATO/US need to be Doubly Wary of Saudis and Turks Adventurism in Syria,” *The Huffington Post*, March 18, 2016

“NATO’s Invitation of Montenegro Betrays Folly and Lack of Strategic Vision,” *The Huffington Post*, December 13, 2015

“US Dismal Ranking in the World Betrays Serious Decline; Wake Up America!” *The Huffington Post*, November 14, 2015

“Chinese Admiral's Visit to Iran: U.S. Era of Dominance in the Mideast Is Ending,” *The Huffington Post*, November 6, 2015

“A Possible Coup in Saudi Arabia Signals the End of US Dominance in the Mideast,” *The Huffington Post*, October 19, 2015

“Russia Outsmarts the US in Syria: A New Geopolitical Outlook,” *The Huffington Post*, October 13, 2015

“Here We Go Again: U.S. Top Brass Alter Intelligence Report(s) About ISIS,” *The Huffington Post*, September 30, 2015

“Wake up America: the Real Threat beside Iran's Nuclear Deal Is Saudi Arabia's Wahabism Ideology,” The Huffington Post, September 8, 2015

“Lack of a Strategic Vision Suggests Saudis Learned Nothing from US Mistakes in Iraq,” The Huffington Post, September 8, 2015

“What Are the Saudis and Hamas Planning behind Our Back,” The Huffington Post, August 10, 2015

“Iran's Nuclear Agreement Divides Our Government at its Core; Allies Won't Care,” The Huffington Post, August 3, 2015

“Iran's Nuclear Accord: An Opportunity, Too Much Noise, or a Strategic Mistake?” The Huffington Post, July 24, 2015

“Saudi Arabia Ditches the US for Russia: Does it Matter?” The Huffington Post, July 16, 2015

“Scattershot U.S. Policies Only Fueling China's Strength Economically, Militarily and Politically,” The Huffington Post, July 9, 2015

“US Needs to Think Twice About Antagonizing Russia,” The Huffington Post, June 23, 2015

“Secret Talks between Israelis and Saudis Reflect Regional Anxieties,” The Huffington Post, June 21, 2015

“US Needs to Heed the Growing Sunni-Shiite Rift to Avoid Atomic Pursuits across Middle-East,” The Huffington Post, June 1, 2015

“Internal Rift in Saudi Kingdom Poses Tough Foreign Policy Questions for the United States,” The Huffington Post, May 15, 2015

“Washington Hawks Advocate the Bombing of Iran,” The Huffington Post, April 24, 2015

“Russia-Iran Rapprochement: A Convenient Partnership or a Desperate Move,” The Huffington Post, February 23, 2015

“Venomous American Politics Shows World Our Weaknesses,” The Huffington Post, February, 19, 2015

“Falling Oil Prices and Geopolitics,” The Huffington Post, January 20, 2015

“China’s Nuclear Upgrade Raises Concerns in the West,” The Huffington Post, December 31, 2014

“It's Time for the US to Reconsider its Relationship with Egypt,” The Huffington Post, December 23, 2014

“US Era of Dominance Is Dwindling as China Takes Over the World Economy,” The Huffington Post, December 15, 2014

The Waco Tribune-Herald

“Turkey, longtime NATO ally, ponders new directions after July coup,” Waco Tribune – Herald, August 21, 2016

“Shifting oil policies cloud Saudi royal family’s future,” Waco Tribune – Herald, May 20, 2016

“NATO’s Expansion in Membership only Provoking Russian Paranoia,” Waco Tribune – Herald, December 13, 2015

“Candidate’s Bigotry Conjures Darkest Moments in our History,” Waco Tribune – Herald, December 6, 2015

“Military Victories over Islamic Terrorists won’t Mean Much if Radical Beliefs Go Unchecked,” Waco Tribune – Herald, November 22, 2015

“Economic Survey Strongly Suggests our Nation is Faltering Amidst Societal Ills, Political Rifts,” Waco Tribune – Herald, November 15, 2015

“Strange bedfellows of China, Iran could mean bad news for United States,” Waco Tribune – Herald, November 1, 2015

“Saudi King Salman’s Absence Threatens Instability in Desert Kingdom,” Waco Tribune – Herald, October 18, 2015

“Russia Seizes Leadership Role from US in Middle East Upheaval,” Waco Tribune – Herald, October 9, 2015

“Altered Intelligence Reports Should Sound Alarm Bells,” Waco Tribune – Herald, September 27, 2015

“Saudi Backing of Radical Islam in Mideast Easily Rivals a Nuclear Iran,” Waco Tribune – Herald, September 8, 2015

“Invasion of Yemen finds Saudis ignoring Their Own Good Advice,” Waco Tribune – Herald, August 30, 2015

“Why is Hamas Cozying up with US Ally?” Waco Tribune – Herald, August 9, 2015

“If United States Abandons Iran Nuclear Deal, Remember that our Partners Won’t,” Waco Tribune – Herald, August 2, 2015

“Warming Saudi, Russian Ties Unlikely to Endure Geopolitical Tumult in Middle East,” Waco Tribune – Herald, July 16, 2015

“Scattershot U.S. Policies only Fueling China’s Strength Economically, Militarily,” Waco Tribune – Herald, July 9, 2015

“Egypt’s Dictator and Unlikely Allies Targeting Journalists, Academia,” Waco Tribune – Herald, June 28, 2015

“Israelis, Saudis in Secret Talks Reflects Regional Anxieties,” Waco Tribune – Herald, June 14, 2015

“Too Many of our Mideast Allies Failing to Embrace Democratic Reforms,” Waco Tribune – Herald, June 7, 2015

“Growing Sunni-Shiite Rift Fuels Power Plays, Atomic Pursuits across Middle East,” Waco Tribune – Herald, May 31, 2015

“American War Hawks Delusional if they believe Bombing Iran is Quick, Easy and Bloodless Solution,” Waco Tribune – Herald, April 26, 2015

“US Needs to be Doubly Wary of Yemen, Middle East’s Latest Flashpoint,” Waco Tribune – Herald, April 2, 2015

“Israel’s Snooping on US Negotiators Casts another Shadow on Critical Alliance,” Waco Tribune – Herald, March 29, 2015

“Russian Ire, US Strife Could Torpedo Fragile Nuclear Negotiations with Iran,” Waco Tribune – Herald, February 26, 2015

“Geopolitics is Helping you Top off the Tank in Your Car,” Waco Tribune – Herald, January 18, 2015

“China Not to be Feared Yet but Warrants Closer Scrutiny,” Waco Tribune – Herald, January 8, 2015

“While US Congress Bickers and Policymakers Bumble, Chinese Stay Focused, Savvy, Driven in their Rise to the Top,” Waco Tribune – Herald, December 21, 2014

“United States Risks Plenty by Pushing the Russians Too Hard,” Waco Tribune – Herald, November 30, 2014

“West’s Meddling in the Middle East Only Fueling More Terrorism,” Waco Tribune – Herald, November 23, 2014

“NATO Needs to Show far More Leadership in Facing Global Threats,” Waco Tribune – Herald, October 17, 2014

***South China Morning Post* (SCMP)**

“China's leadership Role on Global Stage will Continue to Grow” South China Morning Post, July 22, 2015

Presentations

McLennan Community College Board of Trustees, Waco, TX November, 2015
Presenter: US Foreign Policy and Democracy

McLennan Community College, Waco, TX November, 2015
Presenter: US Foreign Policy and Geopolitics of the Middle East

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, TX
August, 2015
Presenter: Middle East Geopolitics: ISIS and Shiite-Sunnis Schism

III Corps, Ft Hood, TX July, 2015
Presenter: International Security: Geopolitics of the Middle East

McLennan Community College, Waco, TX March, 2015
Presenter: Terrorism: The Threat of ISIS

The Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, TX November 2014

Presenter: Middle East Security Issues: The Emergence of ISIS

The Waco Interfaith Dialogue Conference, Waco, TX July 2013
Panelist: Jihad, Prayer, and Meditation

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Waco, TX June 2013
Presenter: What Is Islam, and What Is its Link to Terrorism?

Congregation Agudath Jacob, Conservative Synagogue, Waco, TX January 2013
Presenter: How Middle East current Security Issues Impact the State of Israel.

Interviews

- Live Interview at Central Texas Leadership Series, a Radio Program hosted by KWBU (NPR), Waco, TX June-2016
 - Serve as an Invited Speaker at TV Station (KWTX), an affiliate of CBS (Foreign Affairs Segment), Waco, TX April, 2016- Present
 - El Confidential Magazine, Madrid, Spain June, 2015
- Topic: Geopolitics and Energy Security in the Middle East

Professional Affiliations

- Founding member of Baylor University's Multi-Faith Advisory Council, Waco, Texas
- The World Affairs Council, Dallas, Texas
- Cambridge Journal of Politics, London, England
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Cambridge, MA
- Geneva Center for Security Policy, Geneva, Switzerland

Foreign Languages

Fluent in French and Arabic, able to teach and give conference presentations; moderate reading and speaking ability in Spanish and Dari

International Assignments/Travels

Afghanistan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Canada, Denmark, Djibouti, England, Finland, France, Grand Cayman, Germany, Holland, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, and Yemen.

Awards

International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence Award (NISOD), 2016
Certificate of Appreciation, Translator, U.S. Government, 2002 and 2004
Winner of 2001 Worldwide Language Olympics (Arabic skills), Monterey, California, 2001
Military achievement medal, 2001