

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D.	University of California, San Diego Department of Political Science Major fields: International Relations Comparative Politics.	1991
M.A.	University of California, San Diego Major field: Political Science.	1987
B.A.	University of California, San Diego Major field: Political Science.	1982

Academic Experience

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies

2011	Sié Chéou-Kang Chair for International Security and Diplomacy
2011-2018	Founding Director, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy
2015	Founding Co-Director, Certificate on Global Business and Corporate Social Responsibility
2019-2020	Co-Director, Josef Korbel School PhD Program
2020-2022	Director, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy

University of California, Irvine

2007-2012	Professor of Political Science Director, International Studies Program Founding Director, Center for Research on International and Global Studies
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George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs

2006	Professor Political Science and International Affairs
2004-2007	Founding Director, Institute for Global and International Studies
1998-2006	Associate Professor
1997-99	Director, Security Policy Studies Program
1995-98	Assistant Professor

University at Albany, State University of New York

1991-95	Assistant Professor of Political Science
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Policy Experience

National Intelligence Council

- 2019 Presentation on the Future of Norms (June)
- 2017 Presentation on non-state actors, authority, and impact on security and rule of law (July)
- 2016 Presentation on sources of authority for non-state actors (March)
Edited 2016 *Global Trends: Paradox of Progress* draft (October)
- 2014 Presentation on non-state actors and global politics (September)

International Code of Conduct [for private security providers] Association (ICoCA)
2013 Founding observer member, ICoCA 2013-present

American National Standards Institute/International Standards Organization
2013-2017 US TAG member for ISO/PC 284
2010-2011 Technical Committee, ANSI PSC1

Board of Visitors, Western Hemispheric Institute for Security and Cooperation (WHINSEC)
2002-2004 Board of Visitors, Western Hemispheric Institute for Security and Cooperation, US Department of Defense
2002-2004 Chair, Curriculum Committee, Board of Visitors, Western Hemispheric Institute for Security and Cooperation, US Department of Defense

Administrative Leadership Experience

University of Denver
2020-2022 Sié Chéou-Kang Center

Significant accomplishments:

- Won university support (\$45,000) for interdisciplinary and cross university program on Navigating the Future of Governance
- Won Carnegie Corporation support (\$600,000) for program on Responsible Public Engagement
- Expanded faculty affiliates to seventeen across the University of Denver
- Navigated COVID
- Revamped website as per University of Denver requirements
- Solidified partnership with Oxfam American and hosted joint post-doc
- Established “Politics Hour” (in coordination with the Scriver Institute on Public Policy and the Center on American Politics)
- Continued:
 - Research seminar series
 - Book talks
 - Research workshops
 - Practitioner lecture series

2011-2018 Founding Director, Sié Chéou-Kang Center

Significant accomplishments:

- Oversaw (as of 2017-18) \$3.4 million budget, nine faculty affiliates, three staff members, over thirty student workers, 3-5 postdocs, and occasional practitioners in residence
- Established architecture for, and culture of, external and internal fundraising
- Participated in hiring award winning faculty
- Established partnership with the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
- Established programing:
 - Research seminar series in collaboration with the Josef Korbel School PhD program

- Denver Dialogue Speaker Series
- Public Diplomacy Lecture Series
- Research workshops
- Practitioner lecture series
- Book talks
- Acquired new faculty lines for the Josef Korbel School
- Established postdoctoral program
- Established practitioner in residence program
- Created governance and committee systems
- Developed strategic planning process in conjunction with *DU Impact 2025*
- Created partnerships inside and outside the university
- Established and developed web, social media, and blog presence
- Developed and maintained collegial culture with a focus on excellence

University of California, Irvine

2007-2011 Director, International Studies (IS), university-wide major and Center for Research on International and Global Studies (RIGS)

Significant accomplishments:

- Established university-wide research center, RIGS, to complement International Studies undergraduate major with:
 - Research seminar series
 - Faculty/graduate student lunch groups
 - Cross-university workshops
- Created Governing Council
- Revised and updated IS undergraduate curriculum
- Created assessment process for IS
- Regularized International Studies Public Forum speaker series, added writing component, and integrated it with the IS major
- Undertook external review of IS/RIGS
- Saw student enrollment rise from 700-900; and increased faculty involvement and course offerings
- Worked to establish collegial and interdisciplinary culture with a focus on excellence

George Washington University

2004-2007 Founding Director, Institute for Global and International Studies (IGIS)

Significant accomplishments:

- Established new center with nine resident (and twenty-two non-resident) interdisciplinary faculty affiliates, and 26 interdisciplinary graduate student affiliates
- Oversaw U.S. Department of Education, Title VI National Resource Center for International Studies (which enabled the founding of IGIS) for 2nd (\$228,056) and 3rd (\$238,500) year
- Hired and oversaw three center staff
- Set up space in a new building
- Established programming:
 - Research seminar series
 - Faculty/graduate student lunch groups
 - Lecture series
 - Book incubator program for junior affiliates
 - Research workshops

- Undertook external review
- Won funding (\$25,000) to support the development of jointly edited volume (with Martha Finnmore and Susan Sell), *Who Governs the Globe?*
- Established and maintained collegial culture with a focus on excellence

1997-2000 Director, Security Policy Studies MA Program (SPS)

Significant accomplishments:

- Undertook overhaul of SPS curriculum
- Involved an interdisciplinary group of GWU faculty with teaching and/or research relevant to SPS
- Established governing council
- Established capstone course for the revamped program
- Oversaw adjunct hiring and development
- Oversaw development of skills courses for SPS
- Cultivated closer connections with relevant faculty and departments at GWU
- Established a collegial culture with a focus on excellence

Professional Leadership Experience

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| 2022-2023 | International Studies Association, President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISA in the World initiative |
| 2021-2022 | International Studies Association, President Elect |
| 2014-2019 | Founding Editor in Chief, <i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participated in the proposal to the International Studies Association (ISA) for a new journal designed to promote conversation among different parts of the security field. ▪ Established journal and journal operations with a team of five (and then six) associate editors and a managing editor. ▪ Set up Editorial Board along with committees to advise editorial team on specific concerns. ▪ Encouraged diversity of submissions resulting in (as of fall 2017) women authors represented at the same ratio as their membership in ISA. ▪ Supported the establishment of a pre-submission exchange to encourage submissions from (and success of) Global South authors. |
| 2006- 2008 | Chair, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Established new section awards ▪ Encouraged embrace of diversity in the field ▪ Oversaw growth in the section |
| 2005-2006 | Vice Chair, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized section participation for ISA annual meeting (120+ panels) • Set record number of co-sponsored panels |
| 2003-2004 | Summer Symposium Chair, Women in International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected participants • Organized panels and activities for three-day workshop integrating academic analysis and policy • Oversaw execution of three-day workshop for ~20 junior women |
| 1998-2008 | Executive Board, Women in International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established “New Faces” series for young women in academic and policy positions |

- Participated in strategic planning for the organization
 - Undertook outreach to academic departments throughout the world
 - Participated on committee to decide on relocation resulting in move from University of Maryland to Georgetown
- 1997-98 Summer Symposium Co-Chair, Women in International Security
- Selected participants
 - Organized panels and activities for three-day workshop integrating academic analysis and policy
 - Oversaw execution of three-day workshop for ~20 junior women

Awards

- 2026 ISSS Distinguished Scholar Award, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association Annual Meeting. March 22-25.
- 2026 ISSS Distinguished Scholar Award, International Interdisciplinary Studies Section, International Studies Association Annual Meeting. March 22-25.
- 2024 ISA Workshop Grant for “Sovereignty and the Digital” (with Swati Srivastava).
- 2024 Carnegie Corporation of New York, “Final Project Promoting Ethical Approaches to Policy Engagement”.
- 2022 Carnegie Corporation of New York, “Promoting Ethical Approaches to Policy Engagement”.
- 2021 Distinguished University Professor, University of Denver.
- 2020 Carnegie Corporation of New York, “Ethical Approaches to Policy Engagement”.
- 2020 Knowledge Bridge Competition, “Navigating the Future of Governance,” Development Grant, University of Denver.
- 2019 Public Impact Fellow, University of Denver.
- 2019 International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap. Washington, DC (9-13 June).
- 2019 Carnegie Corporation of New York. “Ethical Approaches to Policy Engagement.” https://www.du.edu/korbel/sie/news/rigor_and_relevance.html
- 2016 International Studies Association Special Projects Grant for a *Journal of Global Security Studies* special issue on Exclusion, Inclusion, and Global Security.
- 2016 Rigor and Relevance Grant, Carnegie Corporation of New York. “Inclusive Approaches to Violence Reduction, Peacebuilding, and Governance,” <http://www.du.edu/korbel/media/documents/news/carnegie-corp-grant-pr-1-13-17.pdf>.

- 2016 PROF, University of Denver, grant for “The Voluntary Principles, Extractives, and Communities in Peru” (with Devin Finn and Tricia Olsen), 20 April.
- 2015 Future International Administration Professionals, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, “Best Feedback Award”, 19 May.
- 2014 Rigor and Relevance Grant, Carnegie Corporation of New York, “Non-violent strategies in violent contexts,” <http://carnegie.org/news/grantee-news/story/view/bridging-the-gap/>.
- 2014 Social Science Foundation, University of Denver, Grant to support workshop on “The Role of Civil Society in Multi-stakeholder Initiatives” (with Tricia Olsen).
- 2013 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Political Science, for outstanding research in the field of international security and contributions toward the establishment of national and international regulation of private military and security services in conformance with human rights, international law, and democratic accountability. The University of St.Gallen School of Management, Economics, Law, Social Sciences and International Affairs, May 25.
- 2011 International Studies Association, Venture Research Workshop Grant, “The New Power Politics: Networks, Governance and Global Security” with Oliver Westerwinter.
- 2010 Commendation for Outstanding Graduate Teaching, University of California, Irvine, Department of Political Science.
- 2010 UC Irvine, Conference Support Program, award for “What Do We Need to Know to Regulate the Global Military and Security Industry?”
- 2007 International Studies Association, Venture Research Workshop Grant, “Who Governs the Globe?” with Martha Finnemore and Susan Sell.
- 2007 Pacific Council on International Policy, Adjunct Fellow on National Security.
- 2006 CIBER research award, “The Security Behavior of International Business and NGOS,” with Virginia Haufler.
- 2006 University Facilitating Fund, George Washington University, “Private Soldiers and Democratic Processes.”
- 2004 National Science Foundation Funded “Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Science (TESS),” Third Special Competition for an experiment: “Public Reaction to Military versus Private Security Deaths in Iraq,” with Lee Sigelman.
- 2002 Global Issues Course Development Grant, Smith Richardson Foundation administered by the Elliott School of International Affairs.
- 1999 Research and Writing Grant, Program on Global Security and Sustainability, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

- 1999 University Facilitating Fund Award, George Washington University
- 1999 Smith Richardson Case Study Grant, Administered by the Elliott School of International Affairs
- 1997 Junior Scholar Incentive Award, George Washington University
- 1996 John M Olin Institute for Strategic Studies Project on “US Post-Cold War Civil-Military Relations,” commissioned paper.
- 1995 Council on Foreign Relations, International Fellowship, finalist, wait listed.
- 1992 Nominated for Harold D. Lasswell Award for best dissertation in Policy Studies. Runner up.
- 1991-92 MacArthur Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison. (declined).
- 1990-91 Center for International Studies, University Of Southern California, Scholar in Residence.
- 1990-91 Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Dissertation Fellowship. (declined)
- 1989-90 Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Dissertation Fellowship.
- 1987 Friends of the International Center, International Scholarship.
- 1987 Chancellors Travel Fellowship.

Publications – Books

Forthcoming. *Pragmatic Pathway to (Good Enough) Global Governance*. under review.

2019 *Civil Action and the Dynamics of Violence in Conflict*. (Edited with Marie Berry, Erica Chenoweth, Rachel Epstein, Cullen Hendrix, Oliver Kaplan, and Timothy Sisk). New York: Oxford University Press.

2016 *The New Power Politics: Networks and Security Governance*. (Edited with Oliver Westerwinter). New York: Oxford University Press.

2010 *Who Governs the Globe?* (Edited with Martha Finnemore and Susan Sell). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2005 *The Market for Force: the Consequences of Privatizing Security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

1994 *Political Institutions and Military Change: Lessons from Peripheral Wars*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

Publications – Articles

2025. “Pragmatic Patchworks of Global Governance: Centering Relations and their Variation.” *International Theory*. (Revise and Resubmit, Resubmitted, under review).
2024. “Between Probability and Possibility: Fostering Productive Research in a Dystopian Moment.” *International Studies Review*. Vol 26, No 3.
2024. “The Ethics of Engaged Scholarship in a Complex World.” *International Affairs*. (with Naazneen Barma, George DeMartino, and Ilene Grabel). Vol 100, No 1.
2023. “Can CSR strategy mediate conflict over extraction? Evidence from two mines in Peru.” *World Development* Vol. 70, October.
2021. “Allergy to pragmatism’s femininities?” *Pragmatism in International Relations: Prospects for Substantive Theorizing*, *International Studies Review* Vol. 23, No 4.
- 2020 “America’s Pragmatic Role?” *International Studies Review*, Vol 23, No. 3:1126-1143.
- 2019 “The Private Security Events Database,” (with Kara Kingma Neu). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol 57, No. 5: 795-821.
- 2016 “Pragmatic Networks and Global Governance: Explaining Governance Gains in Private Military and Security Services,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 60, No. 2: 330-342.
- 2013 “Pragmatism and effective fragmented governance: comparing trajectories in small arms and military and security services” *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, v. 3, n. 4 *Law, Contestation and Power in the Global Political Economy*. ISSN: 2079-5971.
- 2012 “Transnational Organizations and Security,” (with Virginia Haufler) *Global Crime* Vol. 13: 1-22.
- 2011 “Military Contractors and the American Way of War,” (with Renee de Nevers) *Daedalus* Vol. 140, No. 3: 88-99.
- 2010 “Private Security and Democracy: Lessons from the US in Iraq” (with Lee Sigelman) *Security Studies* Vol. 19, No. 2: 230-265.
- 2007 “NGOs, Corporations, and Security Transformation in Africa,” *International Relations*, Vol. 21, No. 2: 143-161.
- 2007 “Contracting for Services in US Military Operations,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 50, No. 3: 457-460.
- 2006 “The Implications of Marketized Security for IR Theory: the Democratic Peace, Late State Building and the Nature and Frequency of Conflict,” *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 4, No. 3: 507 – 528.
- 2005 “Private Security Companies,” *New Political Economy* Vol. 10, No. 1: 121-131.

- 2004: "Conserving Nature in the State of Nature: the Politics of INGO Implementation," *Review of International Studies*, Vol. 30, No. 3: 361-382.
- 2004 "The Privatization of Security and Change in the Control of Force," *International Studies Perspectives* Vol. 5, No. 2: 153-157.
- 2002 "Private Military Training," (update) *Foreign Policy in Focus* Vol. 7, No. 6 (May).
- 2000 "US Military Attitudes toward Post-Cold War Missions," (with James Lebovic) *Armed Forces and Society* Vol. 27, No. 1: 37-56.
- 2000 "Privatizing Military Training," *Foreign Policy in Focus* Vol. 5, No. 17 (May).
- 2000 "From Mercenaries to Citizen Armies: Explaining Change in the Practice of War," *International Organization* Vol. 54, No. 1: 41-72.
- 1998 "Conflicting Indicators of 'Crisis' in American Civil-Military Relations," *Armed Forces and Society* Vol. 24, No. 4: 375-388.
- 1997 "Are the Reluctant Warriors Out of Control? Why U.S. Military Leaders have been Averse to Respond to Post-Cold War Low-Level Threats," *Security Studies* Vol. 6, No. 2: 51-90.
- 1993 "The Institutional Sources of Military Doctrine: Hegemons in Peripheral Wars," *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 37, No. 4: 409-430.

Publications – Book Chapters

2023. "The Role of Description." In *Doing Good Qualitative Research*. Eds. Jennifer Cyr and Sara Wallace Goodman. Oxford University Press.
2023. "Has Trump Changed the Way We Think About American Security? *Chaos Reconsidered: the Liberal Order and the Future of International Politics*. Eds. Robert Jervis, Diane N. Labrosse, Stacie E. Goddard, and Joshua Rovner. New York: Columbia University Press.
2021. "Governance Shifts in Security: Military and Security Services and Small Arms Compared. In *Global Governance in a World of Change*. Eds Michael Barnett, Jon Pevehouse, and Kal Raustiala. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
- 2018 "Contradictions in U.S. Security Planning for a Global Environment and a Process Approach to Solving Them" in *National Security Reform for a New Era*, Routledge.
- 2018 "Public-private interactions in the provision of security and insecurity," (with Virginia Haufler), *Oxford University Press Handbook on International Security*, Alexandra Gheciu and William Wohlforth, eds.
- 2017 "Pragmatism, the Just War Tradition, and an Ethical Approach to Private Military and Security Companies," in *The Ethics of War and Peace Revisited: Moral Challenges in an Era of Contested and Fragmented Sovereignty*, Daniel R. Brunstetter and Jean-Vincent Holeindre, eds. Georgetown University Press.

- 2016 “Netting the Empire: US Roles Governing Small Arms and Military and Security Services,” in Deborah Avant and Oliver Westerwinter, eds. *The New Power Politics: Networks and Security Governance*. New York: Oxford University Press, 103-130.
2016. “Introduction: Networks and Transnational Security Governance,” in *The New Power Politics: Networks and Security Governance*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2014 “The Dynamics of ‘Private’ Security Practices and their Public Consequences: Transnational Organizations in Historical Perspective,” (with Virginia Haufler) in Jacquie Best and Alexandra Gheciu, eds, *The Return of the Public in Global Governance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2014 “Questioning the Post-heroic Warfare Logic: Private Contractors, Casualty Sensitivity and Public Support for War in the United States,” in Sibylle Scheipers and Hew Strachan, eds., *Heroism and the Changing Character of War: Toward Post-Heroic Warfare?* New York: Palgrave.
- 2013 “The Mobilization of Private Forces after 9/11: Ad hoc Response to Inadequate Planning,” in James Burk, ed., *How 9/11 Changes Our Ways of War*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- 2013 “Military Contractors and the American War of War,” (with Renee de Nevers) in David Kennedy, ed., *The Modern American Military*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2010 “War, Recruitment Systems, and Democracy,” in Elizabeth Kier and Ronald Krebs, eds., *In War’s Wake*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2008 “Opportunistic Peacebuilders? International Organizations, Private Military Training and State-building after War,” in Roland Paris and Tim Sisk, eds., *The Dilemmas of Statebuilding: Confronting the Contradictions of Post-war Peace Operations*. New York: Routledge.
- 2008 “Contracting for Services in US Military Operations,” in Derek S. Reveron and Judith Hicks Stiehm, eds., *Inside Defense: Understanding the US Military in the 21st Century*. New York: Palgrave MacMillan (paperback version (2013)).
- 2008 “Private Security,” in Paul D. Williams, ed., *Security Studies: An Introduction*. New York: Routledge. (now in its 4rd edition)
- 2007 “The Emerging Market for Private Military Services and the Problems of Regulation,” in Simon Chesterman and Chia Lehnardt, *From Mercenaries to Markets: The Rise and Regulation of Private Military Companies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2007 “Institutions and Military Effectiveness,” in Risa Brooks and Elizabeth Stanley-Mitchell, eds. *Creating Military Power: The Sources of Military Effectiveness*. Stanford: Stanford University Press.
- 2007 “Selling Security: Trade-offs in State Regulation of the Private Security Industry,” in Thomas Jager and Gerhard Kummel, eds., *Private Military and Security Companies: Chances, Problems, Pitfalls, and Prospects*. VS: Verlog.

2006 “The Marketization of Force: Adventurous Defense, Institutional Malformation, and Conflict,” in Jonathan Kirshner, ed. *Globalization and National Security*. New York: Routledge.

2005 “Losing Control of the Profession through Outsourcing?” in Don Snider and Lloyd Matthews, eds. *The Future of the Army Profession*. 2nd Edition. New York: McGraw Hill.

2002 “Private Military Training: A Challenge to US Army Professionalism?” in Don Snider and Gayle Watkins, eds. *The Future of the Army Profession*. New York: McGraw Hill.

2002 “US military responses to post-Cold War missions,” in Theo Farrell and Terry Terriff, eds., *The Sources of Military Change: Military Organisations and Their Changing Environments in the Modern Era*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

Other Publications and Blogs

2026 Deborah Avant, Isil Dikici, Devin Finn, Linda Mendez-Barrientos, Tricia Olsen. Reflections on Navigating the Complexities of the Clean Energy Era. Forthcoming.

2025 Deborah Avant, Devin Finn, and Tricia Olsen. Pathways for Mitigating the Dirty Side of Clean Energy. Prepared for the UN Special Rapporteur on Climate Change, March 29.

2023 Deborah Avant, Devin Finn, Tricia Olsen, and Alvin Camba. Escaping the Dirty Side of Clean Energy. New America, Planetary Politics. September 6. <https://www.newamerica.org/planetary-politics/briefs/escaping-the-dirty-side-of-clean-energy/>

Heela Rasool-Ayub, Deborah Avant, and Candace Rondeaux. The Difference that ‘Difference’ Makes for U.S. National Security. New America, Planetary Politics June 1. <https://www.newamerica.org/planetary-politics/briefs/racial-difference-views-on-american-national-security/>

Dina Smeltz, Craig Kafura, Candace Rondeaux, Heela Rasool-Ayub, and Deborah Avant. Race, Ethnicity, and American Views of U.S. Military Power Abroad. New America, Planetary Politics. May 25. <https://www.newamerica.org/planetary-politics/blog/race-ethnicity-and-american-views-of-us-military-power-abroad/>Gordon

Dina Smeltz, Craig Kafura, Candace Rondeaux, Heela Rasool-Ayub, and Deborah Avant. Race, Ethnicity, and American Views of Immigration and Diversity. New America, Planetary Politics. May 23. <https://www.newamerica.org/planetary-politics/blog/race-ethnicity-and-american-views-of-immigration-and-diversity/>

Dina Smeltz, Craig Kafura, Candace Rondeaux, Heela Rasool-Ayub, and Deborah Avant. Race, Ethnicity and American Views of Climate Change. New America, Planetary Politics. May 23. <https://www.newamerica.org/planetary-politics/blog/race-ethnicity-and-american-views-of-climate-change/>

LaForge, Deborah Avant, Jonas Heering, and Merle Weidt. Democracy in the Digital Wild. New America, Planetary Politics. May 3. <https://www.newamerica.org/planetary-politics/briefs/democracy-in-the-digital-wild/>

- Avant, Deborah. Can Capitalism Meet the Climate Challenge? New America, Planetary Politics Feb 6. <https://www.newamerica.org/planetary-politics/blog/can-capitalism-meet-the-climate-challenge/>
- 2022 Avant, Deborah. Introduction. Roundtable 14-2 on Autesserre, The Frontlines of Peace. H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable. <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/10965072/h-diplo-issf-roundtable-14-2-avant-autesserre-frontlines-peace>
- 2021 Avant, Deborah. Has Trump Changed the Way We Think About American Security? H-Diplo/ISSF Foreign Policy Series. <https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/7833304/policy-series-2021-40-has-trump-changed-how-we-think-about>
- Avant, Deborah. A Florida Security Company is entangled in the assassination of Haiti's President. How is that possible. Monkey Cage. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/07/20/florida-security-company-is-entangled-assassination-haitis-president-how-is-that-possible/>
- Avant Deborah and Christopher Mayer. Could Outrage over Blackwater Prompt Congress to Act? Inkstick. <https://inkstickmedia.com/could-outrages-over-blackwater-prompt-congress-to-act/>
- 2020 Avant, Deborah and Kara Kingma Neu. Military Dissent Could Curb Democratic backsliding in the US. Political Violence at a Glance. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/06/11/military-dissent-could-curb-democratic-backsliding-in-the-us/>
- Avant, Deborah. If the U.S. withdraws from Afghanistan, will its military contractors stay? That's not clear. Monkey Cage. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/02/28/if-us-withdraws-afghanistan-will-its-military-contractors-stay-thats-not-clear/>
- 2019 Blog: "The Mueller Report and Global Contentious Politics," Political Violence @ a Glance. <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2019/03/26/the-mueller-report-and-global-contentious-politics/>
- Blog: "How Mehdi Hasan Caught Prince in a Lie but left some important questions about the private security industry unasked and unanswered," Al Jazeera. <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/mehdi-hasan-caught-erik-prince-lie-190315125456331.html>
- Blog: "What can we learn from looking at Private Security across time and space" Political Violence @ a Glance: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2019/02/19/what-we-can-learn-from-looking-at-private-security-across-time-and-space/>
- 2018 Blog: "Who Will Manage the Trade Off Between Rights and Security on the Internet? Political Violence @ a Glance: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2018/10/23/who-will-manage-the-trade-offs-between-rights-and-security-on-the-internet/>

- Blog: “Privatizing the War in Afghanistan Seemed Like a Bad Idea. Now its Even Worse. Monkey Cage: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/09/11/privatizing-the-u-s-effort-in-afghanistan-seemed-a-bad-idea-now-its-even-worse/?utm_term=.c178fdf245a6
- Blog: “Cross-fertilization and Research on the ‘Welfare Non-State’” Political Violence @ a Glance: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2018/06/12/cross-fertilization-and-research-on-the-welfare-non-state/>
- Blog: “Is the Liberal Order in Crisis?” Political Violence @ a Glance: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2018/03/13/is-the-liberal-order-in-crisis/>
- Blog: “Why #metoo could be good for men too”. Political Violence @ a Glance: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2018/01/09/why-metoo-could-be-good-for-men-too/>
- 2017 Blog Forum: Policy Forum on the Gender Gap in Political Science. H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum. September. <https://issforum.org/forums/gender-gap>
- Blog: “If the U.S. Steps Back, Can Innovative Global Governance Step Forward? Council on Foreign Relations: <https://www.cfr.org/blog/if-united-states-steps-back-can-innovative-global-governance-step-forward>
- Innovations in Global Governance. Council on Foreign Relations Report. September. <https://www.cfr.org/report/innovations-global-governance>
- Blog: “Private Military Contractors Aren’t Going to Do a Better Job in Afghanistan. Here’s Why. Monkey Cage. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/07/12/private-military-contractors-arent-going-to-do-a-better-job-in-afghanistan-heres-why/?utm_term=.52062a0a750e
- Blog: “Do Realists Need to Check their Idealism? Political Violence @ A Glance: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/05/16/do-realists-need-to-check-their-idealism/>
- Blog: “Where is the Global Left Wing?” Political Violence@aGlance <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/02/28/where-is-the-global-left-wing/>
- 2016 Blog. “Private Security for the President. What Could Go Wrong?” Political Violence@aGlance <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/12/27/private-security-for-the-president-what-could-go-wrong/>
- Creative Multilateralism: Workshop Report, (with Laura Hosman, Kara Kingma, and Jason Pielemeier). <http://www.du.edu/korbel/sie/media/documents/creativemultilateralismworkshopreport.pdf>
- Blog: “A Pragmatic Response” ISQ Blog <http://www.isanet.org/Publications/ISQ/Posts/ID/5358/A-pragmatic-response>.

- Blog: "Using IR Theory for Policy Prediction." Political Violence@aGlance:
<https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/08/23/using-ir-theory-for-policy-prediction/>
- Blog: "Stop Calling Trump a Fascist." Political Violence@aGlance:
<https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/06/07/stop-calling-trump-a-fascist/>
- Blog: "People (including me) used to think that the private military industry couldn't govern itself. We were wrong." *The Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*,
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- 2015 Blog: "Remember Daesh is a Network." Political Violence@aGlance:
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2015/11/20/remember-daesh-is-a-network/>
- Blog: "Enhanced Interrogation Could Become a New US Export Under Revised Regulations." Foreign Policy: Best Defense Guest Blog (with Colby Goodman):
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- Blog: "Relevant to whom? The multiplicity of policy audiences" Political Violence@aGlance, Denver Dialogues:
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2015/11/03/relevant-for-whom-the-multiplicity-of-policy-audiences/>
- Blog: "Potential for the Micro-dynamics of Peace?" Political Violence@aGlance, Denver Dialogues: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2015/06/30/potential-for-the-micro-dynamics-of-peace/>
- Blog: "Gap Half Full?" Political Violence@aGlance, Denver Dialogues:
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2015/04/28/gap-half-full-a-dialogue-on-bridging-the-academic-policy-divide/>
- Blog: Denver Dialogues: Encouraging Conversation Among Academics and Policy makers, Political Violence@aGlance, Denver Dialogues:
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2015/03/03/denver-dialogues-encouraging-conversation-among-academics-and-policymakers/>
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- 2014 Blog: "Managing a global military/security profession...some of it private," Foreign Policy, The Best Defense:
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- Blog: “What to do about ISIS? For starters think political as well as military strategy,” Political Violence@AGlance: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2014/09/12/what-to-do-about-isis-for-starters-think-political-as-well-as-military-strategy/>
- 2013 “Die Regulierung privater Militär- und Sicherheitsunternehmen,” *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, 4 June.
- “Pragmatic Action is the key to governing private security services,” *ForeignPolicyJournal.com*, June.
- “Where are the socially responsible companies in the arms industry?” *GlobalPost* <http://www.globalpost.com/dispatches/globalpost-blogs/commentary/arms-industry-gun-laws-commentary-companies-innovation> February 15.
- 2012 Private Security Monitor, <http://psm.du.edu/>, created web portal to serve as an annotated guide for regulations, data, and analysis related to private military and security services.
- “Are Private Security Contractors Performing Inherently Governmental Functions?” Testimony. Public Hearing, Commission on Wartime Contracting. Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, 18 June.
- “Outsourcing Defense: what private security in Iraq means for democracy at home,” *The American Interest*, spring.
- 2011 “Information for Monitoring the Global Private Military and Security Industry: What do we know, what do we need to know and how can we know it?” (with Mark Berlin and Karl Kruse), University of California Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) Occasional Paper No. 4, June.
- 2010 “Mercenaries,” *Encyclopedia of Globalization*, edited by George Ritzer, Blackwell.
- “Private Military and Security Companies,” *Encyclopedia of Global Studies* edited by Mark Juergensmeyer and Helmut K. Anheier.
- 2008 “The Real Blackwater Controversy,” *San Diego Union* 20 June.
- “NGOs, Corporations and Security Transformation,” *Human Security Bulletin*, Vol. 6, No. 3 March.
- 2007 “After Blackwater, Four Fundamental Questions about Our Democracy,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, 8 October.
- 2006 “Private Security Companies and the Future of War,” *Orbis*, (spring).
- “Hired Guns,” *Worth Magazine*, (January)
- 2005 “Think Again: Mercenaries,” *Foreign Policy*, July/August.
- 2004 “What are those contractors doing in Iraq?” *Washington Post*, Outlook, 9 May, p. B1

2000/01 Comment on “The Gap,” *The National Interest*, No. 26, winter.

2000 “Military Perspective and Civilian Control in post-Cold War Peace Operations,” *Proceedings of the 93rd Annual Meeting*, American Society of International Law, 214.

“Reconciling Culture and Change,” in Michael Duffy, Theo Farrell and Geoffrey Sloan, eds., *Culture and Command* (Exeter: Strategic Policy Studies Group).

1996 “Military Reluctance To Intervene in Low-Level Conflicts: A Crisis?” in Vincent Davis, ed., *Civil-Military Relations and the Not-Quite Wars of the Present and the Future*, (Carlisle Barracks: Strategic Studies Institute)

Works in Progress

“Just enough” business: Understanding the business contribution to human rights through relational practices. Article manuscript (with Devin Finn and Tricia Olsen)

Out of the Corner of My Eye: A cookbook with reflections on how cooking shaped my thinking about global politics, book manuscript.

Invited Talks and Testimony (since 2000 and excluding virtual talks during 2020/2021)

- 2023 The Ethics of Engaged Scholarship in a Complex World. Keynote address at the Mexican International Studies Association Annual Conference, Merida, Mexico, 21 October.
- 2023 Consultant to the U.S. Department of State on Partnering with Non-State Actors. September.
- 2023 New Approaches to the Study of International Organization and International Organizations. Plenary Roundtable. SNIS Biennial Conference. St Gallen. 13-14 June.
- 2023 Between Probability and Possibility: Fostering Productive Research in the Shadow of War. Keynote. Hungarian Political Science Association annual meeting. Szeged. 25 May.
- 2023 Building Successful Institutions. Public Governance and International Studies Faculty. University of Public Service. Budapest. 23 May.
- 2023 Science and Public Engagement. University of Public Service, Budapest.
- 2023 Between Probability and Possibility: Fostering Productive Research in a Dystopian Moment. ISA Presidential Address. 16 March.
- 2022 “ISA in the World.” Presidential address ISA Northeast Conference. 4 November.
- 2022 Participant, roundtable on Engaged Scholarship in the Midst of Crisis, meeting of the International Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association, Rethymno, Crete, 17-19 June.
- 2022 Participant, roundtable in memory of John G. Ruggie, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, 29 March-2 April.
- 2022 Discussant, panel on Globalization and Governance, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville. 29 March-2 April.
- 2019 Panelist, Helsinki Commission Panel on Russian PMSCs, United States Congress, November 6.
- 2019 “Public Action and Global Governance,” MIRTH, University of California, Berkeley, April 15.

- 2019 “Cultivating Responsible Engagement in Challenging Times”, Bridging the Gap: Contemporary Challenges and Policy Communities” Center for New American Security. 15 March.
- 2018 “Can Private Forces Serve the Public Good,” National War College panel, December 4.
- 2018 “Civil Action and the Dynamics of Violence in Conflicts,” University of Maryland, Department of Political Science, December 3.
- 2018 “Public Action and Global Governance,” lectures for MA capstone students, Monash University, 5-9 November.
- 2018 “Can Private Forces Serve the Public Good?” National War College Lecture. January 25.
- 2017 “Non-State Actors: their Authority and Impact on Security and Rule of Law,” National Intelligence Council. Nonstate Actors and Governance Conference, Arlington VA, July 26.
- 2017 “Innovation in Global Governance,” Council on Foreign Relations Workshop, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington DC, June 8 (with Miles Kahler and Jason Pielemeier)
- 2017 Peacebuilding in Africa Conference, Carnegie Corporation, New York, May 8-9.
- 2017 Senior Mentor at the 11th Annual “Journeys in World Politics” Conference, University of Iowa, May 4-7.
- 2017 “Transnational Forces in World Politics,” MIT Seminar XXII, Arlie House, VA, April 28-30.
- 2017 “Global Governance after Trump,” presentation to the Stanley Foundation Board, April 21-22.
- 2017 Book workshop for Heidi Hardt, University of California, Irvine, Feb 10.
- 2016 “Civil action and the dynamics of violence in conflict” presentation at Stanford’s Political Science Department, Nov. 4
- 2016 “America’s Pragmatic Role” presentation at Stanford’s Center for International Security and Cooperation, Nov 3
- 2016 Participant in Multi-stakeholder Governance Roundtable at the Stanley Foundation Strategies for Peace Conference, Warrenton, VA, October 26-27
- 2016 “What Really affects Violence in Conflicts?” Presentation at the Fletcher Ideas Exchange, October 25.
- 2016 “Private Security Events Data Set,” presentation at the board meeting of the International Code of Conduct Association, September 28
- 2016 Stability and Change in the Global Order: the Role of the United States, Roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 3
- 2016 “How should the US approach American Grand Strategy?” Sixth annual Princeton workshop on global governance, “Challenging Multilateralism and the Liberal Order: What Stance Should the United States Take?” 13-14 May.
- 2016 “Emerging challenges: “national security,” in a changed global environment,” United States Military Academy, Senior Conference 52, National Security Reform for a New Era: Reassessing the National Security Act of 1947, April 24-26.
- 2016 Discussion on the changing nature of power with “Global Trends” team at the National Intelligence Council. 30 March, SAIC.
- 2016 “Transnational Governance of Private Military and Security Services: Pragmatic Networks and Gains in Regulation,” the War and Peace Studies annual lecture at Ohio University, March 9.

- 2015 “Future Challenge of Contractors: How the US Should be Thinking?” Panel on Contractor Support to Operations: Beyond the Global War on Terror, US Army War College Landpower Conference: Carlisle Barracks, US Army Heritage and Education Center, 2-4 December.
- 2015 “Pragmatic Networks and Transnational Governance,” Frank W. Woods Seminar. Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, November 6.
- 2015 “Who really affects violence in conflict?” Frank W. Woods Lecture, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, November 5.
- 2015 “Transnational Governance of Private Military and Security Services,” CIPSS, McGill. September 25.
- 2015 “Partnership Meeting: Rio Tinto, Queens University, ICRC, DCAF on implementing the Voluntary Principles,” Montreal, 11-13 March.
- 2014 “The New Power Politics: Non-state Actors and Global Politics,” presentation for the National Intelligence Council, 26 September, Carnegie Endowment, Washington DC.
- 2014 “Linking Power, Purpose, and Legitimacy: Networks of Governance Around Private Security,” paper presented at PIPES, University of Chicago. February 27.
- 2014 “Challenges of Global Governance,” keynote speaker, Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance, Barcelona 9-10 January.
- 2013 “Montreux +5”, invited opening speaker, Montreux, Switzerland, 12-13 December.
- 2011 “What Does Private Security Mean for Democracy?” presented at the Korbel School, University of Denver, January 4.
- 2010 Testimony. Public Hearing, Commission on Wartime Contracting, “Are Private Security Contractors Performing Inherently Governmental Functions?” Dirkson Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, 18 June.
- 2009 “Transnational Organizations and Security in Historical Perspective,” presentation at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Frankfurt, 14 September.
- 2009 “Costs and Benefits of Contractors and Security Sector Reform” United States Institute of Peace, Security Sector Reform Working Group, Washington, DC, 23 January.
- 2008 “Defense Management Challenges: the Role of Contractors in DOD Operations,” the Preventative Defense Project (William Perry and Ashton Carter, co-directors), Washington, DC, 7 October.
- 2008 “Interaction among governors and the control of violence in areas of limited statehood,” Lecture Series on Conflict Research, Peace building and State building, Free University, Berlin, 7 July.
- 2008 “What Does Private Security in Iraq Mean for US Democracy at Home?” presented at “Are we Outsourcing our National Security?” 2008 CTNSP Seminar Series on Stability Operations, Center for Technology and National Security Policy in conjunction with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Stability Operations Capability, National Defense University, 18-19 June.
- 2008 Sandison Lecture, Western Washington University, “What Does Private Security in Iraq Mean for US Democracy at Home?” 13 May.
- 2008 Cephus Stephens Visiting Lecturer, Denison University, 31 March-1 April.
- 2008 “What does private security in Iraq mean for US democracy at home?” presented at the Burkle Center, UCLA, 24 January.
- 2007 “What does private security in Iraq mean for US democracy at home?” presented at International Politics Research Center, University of Wales, Aberystwyth, 25 October.

- 2007 “NGOs and Corporations in Ungoverned Spaces: Transforming Security?” paper presented at “Ungoverned Spaces” workshop at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, 2-3 August.
- 2007 Testimony. “Contracting to Train Foreign Security Forces: Benefits, Risks and Implications for US Efforts in Iraq,” Hearing on contracting issues associated with the development of the Iraqi Security Forces, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, 25 April, Rayburn House Office Building.
- 2007 “Mobilization for Force and Democracy: Implications of Private Security for Democratic Processes in the 21st Century US,” presented at the Program on International Politics, Economics and Security, PIPES, Harris School, University of Chicago, 1 February.
- 2006 “Globalization, Private Security and Trust: Implications for the Democratic Peace?” presented at the McGill/Regis Workshop on International Security and Political Economy, Montreal, Canada, 10 November.
- 2006 “The Market for Force: Implications for IR Theory,” presentation at University of California, Irvine, Department of Political Science, 22 May.
- 2006 “Costs and Benefits of Contractors on the Battlefield,” presentation at the American Enterprise Institute, 17 May.
- 2006 “Private Security and the Implications for the Control of Force,” paper presented at the International Conference on Privatisation of War, Warsaw 27-28 April.
- 2006 “The Implications of Private Security for the Changing Character of War,” Oxford University, presentation to the Changing Character of War Project, 25 April.
- 2006 “Private Security Professionals: A Tool for Regulating Market Forces?” paper presented at Security Beyond the State: the Privatization and Globalization of Security in Africa, Gregynog Hall, Newtown, Wales, UK, 19-21 April.
- 2006 “The Market for Force: Implications for IR Theory” paper presented at University of Delaware, 10 April.
- 2006 “Public Sensitivity to Different Types of Casualties,” presented at conference hosted by the Triangle Institute for Security Studies “Casualties and Warfare,” Duke University, 17-18 February.
- 2005 “Market Mechanisms and Regulation,” presentation at conference on “Regulating the Private Commercial Military Sector,” Institute for International Law and Justice, New York University School of Law, Greentree Estate, Manhasset 1-3 December.
- 2005 “Private Military Companies and the Future of War,” Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, 7 October.
- 2005 “The Market for Force,” presentation at the Center for Study of Public Choice Seminar Series, George Mason University, September 21.
- 2005 “Globalization, Private Security and the Democratic Peace,” paper presented at *Globalization and Transatlantic Security*, Robert Schuman Center, European University Institute, Florence, 10 June.
- 2005 “The Market for Force and Implications for IR Theory,” presentation at Northwestern University, Department of Political Science, Evanston 13 May.
- 2005 “Private Security and the Prospects for Institution Building and Democracy in Transitional States,” IGIS/RTI Conference on Rebuilding Governance in Post Conflict Societies, Washington, DC 6 May.
- 2005 “The Market for Force and Implications for IR Theory,” presentation at the University of Texas International Security Speaker’s Series, Austin 3 May.

- 2005 “Private Military Companies and Energy Security in Africa: Managing Trade-offs,” presentation at Africa Center for Strategic Studies conference on Energy and Security in Africa, Abuja, Nigeria 6-11 March.
- 2005 “The Market for Force,” presentation at SIPA, Columbia University, 22 February.
- 2004 “Third Meeting of Experts on Traditional and New Forms of Mercenary Activities as A Means of Violating Human Rights and Impeding the Exercise of the Right of Peoples to Self-Determination,” United Nations High Commission for Human Rights, Geneva, 6-10 December.
- 2004 “The Implications of Marketized Security: Adventurous Defense, Institutional Malformation and Conflict,” Georgetown University, 15 November.
- 2004 “Is it time to go back to Government?” presentation for the Princeton Project on National Security Conference on the Privatization of American National Security, Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Middlebury College, 9 October.
- 2003 “The Market for Force,” presentation at University of Washington, Jackson School of International Affairs, 7 November.
- 2003 “The Market for Force,” presentation at the department of political science, William and Mary, 17 October.
- 2003 “Private Security in Iraq,” presentation for *Security for a New Century Series*, Capitol Hill, 8 October.
- 2003 “Private Security and Political Change,” presentation at the Center for International Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), University of Maryland, 4 April.
- 2003 Panelist on “America’s Private Army,” Council on Foreign Relations, Roundtable on National Security, 22 February.
- 2003 “Beyond Regulation: the Trade-offs of Private Security,” paper prepared for delivery at “In Search of Security” conference sponsored by the Law Commission of Canada, Montreal, 19-22 February.
- 2002 Congressional Forum: U.S. Foreign Military Training, Trade & Aid Programs, Russell Senate Office Building, 20 May.
- 2001 “Future Roles and Missions for the US Armed Forces in the New Millennium,” Washington follow-on Conference, sponsored by WIIS and the McCormick Tribune Foundation, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 12 March.
- 2000 Strategies for Military Intervention in Internal Conflict, National Intelligence Council Project, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland, University of Maryland, College Park, 27 October.
- 2000 “What Does the Gap Matter?” The U.S. Civil-Military Culture Gap in Comparative Perspective, Military Academy Saint-Cyr, Coetquidan, France 20-21 October.
- 2000 “Army Professionalism in the Midst of Competing with Contractors: Foreign Military Training,” Army Professionalism Project, US Military Academy, West Point, 25-26 September.
- 2000 “The Roles and Responsibilities of the US Military in the New Millennium,” Cantigny Conference Series, Chicago, 14-15 September.
- 2000 “The Export of Defense Services: Training and Privatization” Council on Foreign Relations mini-conference on American and Multi-lateral Arms Export Policy, Washington, DC, March 17.

Conference Presentations (since 2000)

- 2024 Participant. Roundtable on “Relations Before States.” Annual conference of the International Studies Association. San Francisco. 3-6 April.
- 2024 Discussant. Panel on “Civil Military Relations and Political Control.” Annual conference of the International Studies Association. San Francisco. 3-6 April.
- 2024 Participant. Panel Honoring Bear Braumoeller as Distinguished Scholar. Annual conference of the International Studies Association. San Francisco. 3-6 April.
- 2024 Participant. Roundtable on “The Patchwork of Global Governance. Annual conference of the International Studies Association. San Francisco. 3-6 April.
- 2024 Participant. Panel on “Remembering Susan Sell. Annual conference of the International Studies Association. San Francisco. 3-6 April.
- 2023 Participant. Roundtable on Pragmatism and the new geopolitics. Analytical and normative views. Annual conference of the International Studies Association. 15-18 March.
- 2023 Participant. Roundtable on A lifetime of learning under a Damocles’ sword. Professional development at progressive academic career stages. Annual conference of the International Studies Association. 15-18 March.
- 2022 Participant, roundtable on Engaged Scholarship in the Midst of Crisis, meeting of the International Interdisciplinary Studies Section of the International Studies Association, Rethymno, Crete, 17-19 June.
- 2022 Participant, roundtable in memory of John G. Ruggie, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, 29 March-2April.
- 2022 Discussant, panel on Globalization and Governance, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville. 29March-2 April.
- 2019 Roundtable on Security as a Public Policy Issue. Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 7.
- 2019 Non-state Action to Develop Collective Purpose: Avenues for Effective Service Delivery- and Increased State Legitimacy (with Devin Finn, and Tricia D. Olsen) Welfare Non-State Workshop, Toronto, October 18-19.
- 2019 “Public Action and Global Governance” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March.
- 2019 “Accentuating or Mediating the Resource Curse? CSR Strategies, Community Relations and Development Surrounding Two Mines in Peru” (with Devin Finn and Tricia Olsen) paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March.
- 2019 “Roundtable on Pragmatism” annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March.
- 2019 “Roundtable on Diversity and Inclusion” annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March.
- 2018 “Networks of Interdependency and Non-State Authorities” (with Pauline Moore). Presented at Workshop on the Welfare Non-State, University of California, San Diego, June 7-9.
- 2018 Pay it Forward Workshop, mentor, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, 4-7 April.
- 2018 Roundtable: Security, Power, and Time, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, 4-7 April.
- 2018 Roundtable: Author meets critics, Stewart Patrick’s, The Sovereignty Wars: Reconciling America with the World, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, 4-7 April.
- 2018 “Governance Shifts in Private Security,” The Future of Global Governance? Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and Social Trends Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, February 8-9.

- 2018 “Global multistakeholderism and mechanisms for local access. A framework with preliminary evidence from two mining communities in Peru,” Barcelona Workshop on Global Governance: Access and Exclusion in Global Governance. ESADE/IBEI Barcelona 11-12 January.
- 2017 Discussant for “The Future of Public Goods in a Transactional Order,” American University, November 16-17.
- 2016 “Stability and Chance in the Global Order: the Role of the United States”, roundtable participant, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 1-4 September.
- 2016 “Exploring the Micro-dynamics of Nonviolence: Propositions on non-state action, violence, and its alternatives,” paper (with Erica Chenoweth, Rachel Epstein, Cullen Hendrix, Oliver Kaplan, and Tim Sisk) presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association meeting, Atlanta, 16-19 March.
- 2015 “Netting the Empire: US Roles in Governing Small Arms and Military and Security Services,” paper presented at the annual Political Networks Conference, Portland, 18-20 June.
- 2015 “Reappraising the state of research on private contractors and military outsourcing: moving toward research programs,” roundtable at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 17-21 February.
- 2015 “A memorial roundtable: remembering Patricia Weisman,” roundtable at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 17-21 February.
- 2014 “Preliminary Thoughts on Liquid Authority,” workshop on Liquid Authority and Global Governance, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals, Barcelone 11 January.
- 2013 “The New Power Politics: Networks, Governance and Global Security,” paper presented at the annual International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 3-6 April.
- 2013 “The Future of Civil Military Relations,” roundtable at the annual International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 3-6 April.
- 2013 “Smuggler Nation” roundtable at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 3-6 April.
- 2013 Participant, Drafting Conference for the Oversight Mechanism of the International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers (ICoC), Montreux (Switzerland), 19-22 February.
- 2012 Roundtable on State-making and Non-State Armed Actors, BISA/ISA Joint International Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, 20-22 June.
- 2012 “Legal Pluralism in Two Flavors: Regulation of Small Arms and Military and Security Services” presented at conference on Law, Contestation and Power in the Global Political Economy, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Spain, 7-8 June.
- 2012 “The New Power Politics: Networks, Governance, and Global Security,” ISA Venture Workshop, San Diego, 31 March.
- 2012 “Governance Dynamics in Military Security Services and Small Arms,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, 1-4 April.
- 2011 “Mobilizing Private Forces Post 9/11: Why the Increase?” paper presented at the bi-annual meeting of the Inter-University Seminar for Armed Forces and Society, Chicago, 21-23 Oct.
- 2011 Research in Progress, Private Security Workshop, University of Ottawa, 7-8 October.

- 2011 “Private Security Contractors,” Post Heroic Warfare: An International Conference, Changing Character of War Programme, University of Oxford, 21-23 March.
- 2011 The Emerging Patterns of Insecurity Dialogue, Cornell University Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies and Torino World Affairs Institute, Torino, Italy 19-21 May.
- 2011 “Sovereignty: Up, Down, and Sideways” roundtable at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, March 16-19.
- 2011 “Markets for Force” ISA Workshop, Montreal, March 15.
- 2010 “Diffusion and Governance beyond the State: Security Policies and Governance Roles for NGOs and Corporations,” (with Virginia Haufler) presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2-5 September, Washington, DC.
- 2010 “The Role of Contractors in US Military Operations and Implications for Civil-Military Relations,” presented at the conference on “War and Military Operations in the 21st Century: Civil-Military Implications, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, University of North Carolina, 8-9 April.
- 2009 “The Current State of Regulation in the Global Private Security Market,” paper presented at workshop co-sponsored by the CSET-DCAF Workshop, Governing Private Security: Perspectives on the Public/Private Divide, Geneva, 2-3 November.
- 2009 “Transnational Organizations and Security in Threatening Environments,” paper presented at the 2009 meeting of the European Consortium on Political Research, Potsdam, 10-12 September.
- 2009 “War, Recruitment Systems and Democracy,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, 3-6 September.
- 2009 “Transnational Organizational Security: an Agenda for Research,” paper presented at Governance, Development and Political Violence Conference, University of California, San Diego, 26-28 June.
- 2009 “Private Security Strategies and their Public Consequences: Transnational Organizations in Historical Perspective” paper presented at Public/Private Interaction and the Transformation of Global Governance Workshop, University of Ottawa, 5-6 June.
- 2009 “What do private forces mean for democracy?” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, New York, 15-18 February.
- 2009 “Organizational Security in Areas of Weak Governance,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, New York, 15-18 February.
- 2008 “Transnational Non-State Actors and Security Planning in Areas of Weak Governance: the State of the Debate,” (with Virginia Haufler) prepared for workshop on the New Economy of Security, Merton College, Oxford, 3-4 July.
- 2008 “Interactions among Governors and the Control of Violence in Weak States,” workshop on Responses to Political Violence and the Growth of Anti-Americanism, sponsored by the MacArthur Foundation, organized by UC Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation and Stanford Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, 21-23 May 2008.
- 2008 “Who Governs the Globe?” ISA Workshop.

- 2008 “Organizational Security in Areas of Weak Governance,” (with Virginia Haufler) paper presented at the annual convention of the International Studies Association, 26-29 March.
- 2008 “War, State Transformation and Democratic Civil-Military Relations,” presented at “War and Democracy: the Domestic Political Consequences of International Conflict” workshop organized by Elizabeth Kier and Ronald Krebs, University of Washington, Seattle 2-3 March.
- 2007 “Who Governs the Globe?” (with Martha Finnemore and Susan Sell) presented at the third workshop on Global Governors, IGIS, Elliott School, GWU, 16-17 November.
- 2007 “Organizational Security in Areas of Weak Governance,” paper presented at ESRC workshop on Private Security, 26 October.
- 2007 “War, State Transformation and Democratic Civil-military Relations,” presented at “The Politics of Peace and the Consequence of War” workshop organized by Elizabeth Kier and Ronald Krebs, University of Texas, Austin, LBJ Library 6-7.
- 2007 “NGOs, Corporations, and Security Transformation,” presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, 27 February- 3 March.
- 2006 “The Market for Force: Cost and Benefits of Contractors on the Battlefield,” presented at the RAND/TEW conference, Global Security, Terrorism and the Law, Los Angeles, 19-20 October.
- 2006 “Private Security and Contracting for Military Services in the US,” roundtable presentation for “This is your military: is it the right military?” at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 30 August- 3 September.
- 2006 “Making Peacemakers out of Spoilers: International Organizations, Private Military Training and State-building after War,” second meeting of the Research Partnership on Post-War State Building, Boulder, CO, 5-7 July.
- 2006 “Making Peacemakers into Spoilers,” first conference of the Research partnership on Post-War State Building, Boulder, CO, 5-6 January.
- 2005 “The Increasing Role of Contractors in US Military Operations: Managing Trade-offs,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, 1-5 March.
- 2005 Panelist on Roundtable “The Use of Private Military Services: Policy, Legal and Ethical Complications, annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, 1-5 March.
- 2005 “Private Security and the Prospects for State Building and Democracy in Transitional States,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1-4 September, Washington, DC.
- 2004 “Markets and Forces: Private Security and Its Implications,” paper presented at the annual conference of the International Security and Arms Control/International Security Studies Section, Washington DC 29-30 October.
- 2004 “The Marketization of Security: Adventurous Defense, Institutional Malformation and Conflict,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2-4 September.
- 2004 “Political Institutions and Military Effectiveness,” draft chapter presented at the conference on Military Effectiveness, Northwestern University, Chicago, 30 April-1May.
- 2004 “The Marketization of Security, Adventurous Defense, and Conflict,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, 17-20 March.

- 2004 “Security, Private Military Services, and the Private Sector,” Conference on the Role of the Private Sector in Conflict, Woodrow Wilson Center, January 29.
- 2003 “The Marketization of Security,” draft chapter presented at Olin Conference on *Globalization and National Security*, Harvard University, 14-16 November.
- 2003 “Transnational Networks and the Control of Force,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 28-31 August.
- 2003 “Conserving Nature in the State of Nature,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 28-31 August.
- 2003 “Privatization and Military Effectiveness,” presented at workshop on Military Effectiveness, Northwestern University 11-12 April.
- 2003 “Transnational Financing of Security Services and the Control of Force,” paper prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Portland, Oregon, 25 February-1 March.
- 2002 Commentator on “New Direction in Civil-Military Relations,” panel at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, 23-27 March 2002.
- 2001 “Privatizing Military Training: A Challenge to US Army Professionalism?” paper prepared for delivery at the bi-annual meeting of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, Baltimore, 19-21 October.
- 2001 “Selling Security: Post Cold War Private Security Services in Historical Perspective,” paper prepared for delivery at the 2001 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 30 August-2 September.
- 2001 “Competing with Contractors and its Effects on Army Professionalism: Foreign Military Training,” The Future of the Army Profession, USMA Senior Conference XXXVIII, Arden House, 14-16 June.
- 2001 “NGO Security Dilemmas,” The Politicization of Humanitarian Action and Staff Security,” Conference hosted by International Alert and the Feinstein International Famine Center, Tufts University, Boston 23-24 April.
- 2000 “Competing with Contractors and its Effects on Army Professionalism: Foreign Military Training,” Army Professionalism Project, second meeting, US Military Academy, West Point, 2-3 April.

Recent Workshops Organized/Hosted

- 2025 “Navigating the Complexities of the Clean Energy Era.” Carnegie Corporation of New York (with the Sie Center), New York, Dec 3-4.
- 2024 “The Ethics of Research and Teaching around Global Governance.” Sie Center, University of Denver, October 17-18.
- 2023 “Escaping the Dirty Side of Clean Energy? Ethical Quandaries Around Responses to the Climate Crisis.” Sie Center, University of Denver 20-21 April (with New America).
- 2023 “Democratic Digital Governance.” New America. January 12 (with Josef Korbel School, Denver Democracy Summit).
- 2018 “Inclusive Responses to the Liberal Order’s Crisis,” Sie Center, University of Denver 8-9 March (with CSIS, and the University of Denver’s Colorado European Union Center of Excellence (CEUCE) and the Center on American Politics).
- 2018 “Exclusion, Inclusion, and Global Security,” JoGSS Special Issue Workshop, 28-30 January.
- 2017 “Innovation in Global Governance” (with Miles Kahler and Jason Pielemeier), Council on Foreign Relations, 8 June.

- 2017 “Non-violent Strategies in Violent Settings Case Study Workshop,” (with Marie Berry, Erica Chenoweth, Rachel Epstein, Cullen Hendrix, Oliver Kaplan, and Timothy Sisk), Sie Center, University of Denver, 28-29 August.
- 2016 “Creative Multilateralism” (with Jason Pielemeier) George Washington University, 16 May.
- 2016 “Multistakeholder Approaches to Global Governance,” (with the Stanley Foundation and One Earth Future) Sie Center, 8-9 August.
- 2015 “Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Settings,” (with Erica Chenoweth, Rachel Epstein, Cullen Hendrix, Oliver Kaplan, and Timothy Sisk), Sie Center, 2-3 April
- 2015 “Terms of Engagement: How to better engage multistakeholder Initiatives” (with Tricia Olsen), Sie Center, 15-16 January.
- 2015 “The Future of Global Security Studies” JoGSS special issue workshop, Sie Center, 30 April-1 May.
- 2013 “Non-violent Strategies and Violence” (with Erica Chenoweth, Rachel Epstein, Cullen Hendrix, Oliver Kaplan, and Timothy Sisk) Sie Center, 10-12 October.
- 2013 “Networks and Security Governance,” 28 Feb-2 March.
- 2012 “Transparency and Governance of Private Military and Security Services” (with Geneva-based Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces, DCAF), May.

Professional Affiliations

American Association of University Women, AAUW
 American Political Science Association, APSA
 International Studies Association, ISA
 International Code of Conduct (for private security providers) association, ICocA
 Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, IUS
 Peace Science Society
 Women in International Security, WIIS

Professional Service

1991- present Reviewer for the following journals:

<i>International Organization</i>	<i>Armed Forces and Society</i>
<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>	<i>International Security</i>
<i>International Security Perspectives</i>	<i>Security Studies</i>
<i>American Political Science Review</i>	<i>Naval War College Review</i>
<i>Contemporary Security Policy</i>	<i>Journal of Politics</i>
<i>Review of International Political Economy</i>	<i>World Politics</i>
<i>Review of International Studies</i>	<i>Review of Policy Research</i>
<i>Social Problems</i>	<i>Governance</i>
<i>International Political Sociology</i>	<i>International Theory</i>
<i>Journal of International Relations and Development</i>	
<i>European Journal of International Relations</i>	

2025-present Steering Group, *International Security Bridge*

2025-present Editorial Board, *Texas National Security Review*

2019-present Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Security Studies*

2018-present Editorial Board, *Global Perspectives*

2009-present Editorial Board, *International Studies Quarterly*

2014-2020 Scientific Advisory Board, Peace Research Institute, Frankfurt

2007- 2013 Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review*

2007- 2008 Governing Council, International Studies Association

2007- 2011 Steering Committee, Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California

2005-2018 Editorial Board, *Security Studies*

2003-2014 Editorial Board, *Contemporary Security Policy*

2001-2010 Editorial Board, *Armed Forces and Society*

1999-2013 IUS Governing Council

1998-2015 Governing Board, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association

1997-2005 Governing Board, International Security and Arms Control Section, American Political Science Association.