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EDUCATION

- Fall 2003** **Ph.D. in Political Science**
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA)
- Dissertation *Diversionsary Temptations: Presidential Incentives and the Political Use of Force*
- This dissertation challenges the notion that diversionsary wars are an attractive strategy for U.S. presidents facing domestic political problems. Force usually provides only modest political gains, conditions conducive to large gains are difficult to manufacture, and the public discounts uses of force when presidents are unpopular. Presidents gain nearly as much from less risky strategies, such as peace-oriented foreign policy activity. I reach these conclusions through the use of both historical research and innovative statistical techniques.
- Committee: Harvey M. Sapolsky (chair), Steve Van Evera, Charles Stewart
- Major Fields **International Relations:** International security, U.S. foreign policy, international political economy, democratic peace theory. Classical and critical approaches to IR theory. Regional focus on former USSR, East Asia.
- Public Policy:** Organization theory; regulation, cost-benefit analysis. Environmental and science policy.
- Minor Fields **Security Studies:** Major strategic thinkers and grand strategy. Nuclear weapons and arms control; conventional force analysis. Ethnic conflict and peacekeeping. Civil/military relations, public opinion. U.S. military history.
- Methodology:** Multivariate techniques, time-series and event-count models. Survey methods. Content analysis. Qualitative methods and case study design. S-PLUS, SPSS, ArcView, and other software.
- May 1990** **Bachelor of Arts in Government**
Pomona College (Claremont, CA)
Emphasis on international relations. Additional courses in physics, mathematics, economics, Russian.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Spring 2005 - **Assistant Professor of International Relations**
School of Advanced Military Studies
U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (Leavenworth, KS)
- Summer 2006 - **Adjunct Professor of Political Science**
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)
- 2003-2004 **Visiting Scholar**
Center for International Studies
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2006 **CGSC Silver Pen Award** (best article-length work by a faculty member, 2004-05)
- 1998-1999 **John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**, Transnational Security Fellowship
- 1994 **MIT Dept. of Political Science**, Honors on Qualifying Exams (IR, Public Policy)
- 1992-1995 **National Science Foundation**, Graduate Training Fellowship
- 1989-1990 **Pomona College**, Pomona College Scholar
- 1988 **Pomona College Government Department**, Sait Prize in Government

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2005 - **Assistant Professor**
School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS)
U.S. Army Command & General Staff College (Leavenworth, KS)
 SAMS is an elite, Master's-granting program that provides advanced academic study to the top 5% of Majors graduating from the Army Staff College (as well as officers from other services and countries). The curriculum includes an interdisciplinary Core, academic electives, exercises and simulations.
- Taught graduate seminars on international security and U.S. Foreign Policy (being credited as Kansas State University POLSCI 813 and 814 in 2006-2007)
 - Designed an international relations block for the School's interdisciplinary Core Curriculum
 - Led Core Curriculum seminars on subjects including international relations military history and strategy, Middle East regional studies, counterinsurgency and terrorism, research methods
 - Supervised student M.A. thesis projects
 - Planned and led student trips to Washington, DC and to study NATO/EU issues in Europe
 - Increased treatment of international politics, news media, and State Dept. in simulations
 - Received excellent student ratings for classroom technique and quality of lessons
- Summer 2006 - **Adjunct Professor**
Department of Political Science
Kansas State University (Manhattan, KS)
 Faculty member in joint Leavenworth-KSU graduate program in security studies. Will teach two graduate IR courses and supervise M.A. and Ph.D. theses.
- 1997-2004 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Political Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA)
 Teaching assistant for seven undergraduate political science courses. Most courses involved substantial writing assignments and oral presentations. Led small-group discussion seminars.
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| Courses Taught | U.S. Foreign Policy (Steve Van Evera, supervising faculty member)
American National Security (Steve Meyer, supervising faculty member)
Environmental Politics and Policy (Steve Meyer, supervising faculty member)
Scope and Methods of Political Science (Adam Berinsky, supervising faculty member) |
| Evaluations | Received consistently positive evaluations from students. Praised for: knowledge and enthusiasm, encouraging student participation, welcoming diverse viewpoints, clearly explaining complex topics, and offering thorough, constructive feedback on written work. |
- 1987-1988 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Physics, Pomona College (Claremont, CA)
 Led writing-intensive laboratory section of first-year physics course.
- 1985-1989 **Instructor**
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (Portland, OR)
 Developed and taught astronomy courses, labs, and field activities. Performed planetarium lectures.
- Various years Additional teaching experience in formal and informal settings, including:
 Coached the Claremont Colleges Model United Nations team
 Conducted training programs for computer users at Pomona College, MIT, and private-sector firms
 Developed and led educational activities on astronomy, photography, and environmental science

SUGGESTED COURSE OFFERINGS

Intro / Intermediate

Introduction to International Relations

U.S. Foreign Policy

International Political Economy

Science, Politics, and Public Policy

Research Methods

Advanced

War and Anti-War Politics in U.S. History

Causes of War

Global Environmental Politics

Mass Media, Public Opinion, and World Politics

Foreign Relations of East Asia

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

WORK IN PROGRESS

Diversionary Temptations: Presidential Incentives and the Use of Force. Book manuscript in preparation.

“Rally ‘Round the Dove? Peace-Promoting Activity and Presidential Support, 1953-2000”. Submission planned to *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

“Presidents and Diversionary Wars: Why ‘Wagging the Dog’ Doesn’t Pay”, to be submitted to *Armed Forces & Society*.

To become book reviewer for journal *Parameters*

ARTICLES

“Weighing the U.S. Navy” (with Harvey Sapolsky, Marc Devore, and Steve Van Evera). *Defense Analysis*, vol. 17, no. 3 (December 2001).

“South Asian Nuclear Testing: The International Context”, *Precis*, vol. 9, no. 3 (Summer 1998).

“Ready for Action? European Capabilities for Peace Operations”, *Breakthroughs*, vol. 6, no. 1 (Spring 1997).

“Let’s Have a Parade” (with Harvey Sapolsky, et. al.). *Breakthroughs*, vol. 6, no. 1 (Spring 1997).

“Options for Preventing Illicit Trafficking in Fissile Materials” (as part of MIT Study Group on Nuclear Materials Management). *Pacific Review*, vol. 8, no. 2 (May 1995).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chair and Discussant, "International Relations (final title TBA)", Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, to be held October 2006, Bend, OR.

“Peace-Promoting Activity and Presidential Approval, 1953-2000”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2004, Chicago, IL.

“Polarized Publics and Scared Soccer Moms: Comparing Support for the 1991 and 2003 Wars in Iraq”. Western Political Science Association meeting, March 2004, Portland, OR.

Discussant and Chair, "Global Politics of The Iraq War: National Security Implications", Northeast Political Science Association, November 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

"Rally 'Round the Flag, or Run Away, Run Away? Public Support for U.S. Military Intervention, 1953-2000", Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

"Rally 'Round the Flag, or Run Away, Run Away? Predicting Public Support for U.S. Military Intervention", Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, February 2003, Portland, OR.

"Peace-Promoting Activities As a Source of Presidential Support", Northeast Political Science Association, November 2002, Providence, RI.

"Presidential Approval and the Use of Force", Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 1995, Chicago, IL.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

"American Presidents and Diversionary War: Why Wagging the Dog Seldom Pays", presented at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, December 2005.

"Diversionary Temptations: Presidents and the Political Use of Force", presented at the Naval War College, Newport, RI, December 2004.

"Diversionary Temptations: Presidents and the Political Use of Force", presented at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, April 2004.

"Introduction", in *The Implications of Changing Employment Relations For Worker's Compensation*, Glenn A. Gotz, editor. (Cambridge, MA: Workers Compensation Research Institute)

"Nuclear Weapons Primer". (unpublished, but assigned in undergraduate courses by instructors at MIT and other universities).

"U.S.-Russian Strategic Nuclear Stability under post-START II / NMD Scenarios", presentation to the New Directions in Security Studies Working Group, MIT, May 1997.

"Lessons Learned From IFOR". RAND, Santa Monica, CA, November 1996.

Illicit Trafficking in Nuclear Materials: Policy Options for the 1995 NPT Review Conference (as part of the MIT Working Group on Nuclear Materials Management), January, 1995.

"British and French Nuclear Arsenals, 1993" (appendix), *Views From the Second Tier: The Nuclear Weapons Policies of Britain, France, and China*, Hopkins and Whu, eds. (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers, 1995).

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2003-2004 **Visiting Scholar**
MIT Center for International Studies
Post-doctoral appointment. Continued research program on public opinion and foreign policy.
- Various years **Research Assistant**
MIT Security Studies Program
Participated in faculty research. Projects and supervising faculty included:
Cindy Williams, “Defense Budgets for the 21st Century”
(assisted with edited volume: *Holding The Line*, MIT Press, 2000)
Harvey Sapolsky, Historical trends in great power naval capabilities
(co-authored article in *Defense Analysis*, 2001)
Barry Posen, “What if Iraq Had Nuclear Weapons?”
(assisted with article that appeared in *Security Studies*, 1997)
- 1996, 1997 **Graduate Intern Program**
RAND Corporation (Santa Monica, CA)
Conducted research on U.S. defense policy, wrote reports and briefings. Research topics were NATO peacekeeping in Bosnia and .incorporation of new C⁴ISR technologies into conventional combat models.
- Summer 1994 **Young Scientist Summer Fellow**
IIASA (Laxenburg, Austria)
Analyzed the verification requirements of international greenhouse gas reduction agreements.
- 1991-1992 **Research Assistant**
Trexler and Associates (Portland, OR)
Quantitative and qualitative analysis for environmental policy consulting firm.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- May 2006 **Judge, Joint Chiefs of Staff Strategic Essay Contest**, National Defense University
- Sept 2005: **APSA Short Course, Educating the Public About Security Issues**, Washington, DC
- May 2005 **Participant, Joint Advanced School Faculty Roundtable**, Norfolk, VA
- Sept. 2004 **APSA Short Course, Nuclear Proliferation: New Approaches to Teaching**, Chicago, IL
- 1993-2003 **MIT Security Studies Program**. SSP offered numerous conferences, briefings from military officers, government officials, and scholars; background in defense technology and operations planning; observation of military exercises and visits to military bases, contractors, and labs.
- 1997-2001 **Defense Politics Working Group**, MIT.
- 1999-2001 **Asia Energy and Security Working Group**, MIT.
- 1997-2000 **MacArthur Trans-National Security Seminar**, Harvard/MIT
- 1997 **MIT Asia-Pacific Crisis Simulation**.
- 1993-1997 **New Directions in Security Studies Working Group**, MIT
- 1995 **APSA/CCFR Workshop on Foreign Policy and Public Opinion**, Chicago, IL.
- 1993-1995 **MIT/Harvard Seminar on International Environmental Institutions**
- 1993 **IGCC Workshop on French, British and Chinese Nuclear Forces**, San Diego, CA

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2000-2004 **IT Consultant**
Pzena Investment Management (New York, NY)

2000-2001 **Quality Engineer**
Viveca Software (Boston, MA)

1999-2000 **Software Test Engineer**
Crimson Solutions (Boston, MA)

1998 **Project Manager**
Brown Brothers, Harriman (Boston, MA)

COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2006- CGSC Graduate Faculty Council

2006- Coordinator, SAMS - Kansas State Univ. joint M.A. program

2005- Director, SAMS Guest Speaker Program

2005-2006 SAMS Faculty Search Committee

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association.

Sections: International Security and Arms Control Foreign Policy Analysis
Political Methodology Undergraduate Education

Committee on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy

Peace Science Society

Midwest Political Science Association

International Studies Association

REFERENCES

Dr. Harvey Sapolsky, MIT. Professor Emeritus and former Director, Security Studies Program; thesis advisor.
sapolsky@mit.edu

Dr. Stephen Van Evera, MIT. Professor of Political Science. *vanevera@mit.edu*

Dr. Charles Stewart, MIT. Professor and Department Chair, Political Science. *cstewart@mit.edu*