

# Thomas Just

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School of Politics and Global Studies

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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Arizona State University, School of Politics and Global Studies, Tempe, AZ  
Assistant Teaching Professor – Future Security Initiative, Spring 2020 – Present  
Affiliate Faculty – Melikian Center, Spring 2025 – Present

Northern Arizona University, Martin-Springer Institute, Flagstaff, AZ  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Fall 2019

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs, Athens, GA  
Lecturer, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations, Miami, FL  
Adjunct Professor, Fall 2016 – Summer 2018, Summer 2019 – Fall 2019

Broward College, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Pembroke Pines, FL  
Adjunct Professor, Fall 2017 – Summer 2018

## EDUCATION

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### **Ph.D. in International Relations, 2017**

Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations, Miami, FL  
Dissertation: *Contemporary State Policies Toward Antisemitism in Germany and Poland*  
Committee: Tatiana Kostadinova (Chair), John Clark, Tudor Parfitt, Markus Thiel

### **M.P.P. in International Relations and Economics, 2011**

Pepperdine University, School of Public Policy, Malibu, CA  
Thesis: *The Economic and Environmental Impacts of Water Market Distortions*

### **B.A. in International Studies and German, magna cum laude, 2009**

Baylor University, Departments of Political Science and Modern Foreign Languages, Waco, TX

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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International Relations – Comparative Politics – Political Extremism – Security Studies – Religion & Politics – American Politics – Public Diplomacy – Policy Analysis

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Graduate Teaching Experience**

- Terrorism and Insurgency, Arizona State University (Online)
- U.S. Politics of Security, ASU (Online)

- Comparative Studies of Conflict, ASU (Online)
- Overview of Cybersecurity, ASU (Online)
- Emerging Technologies, ASU (Online)
- Governance in Post-Conflict and Transitional Contexts, ASU (Online)
- MA in Global Security Capstone, ASU (Online)

### **Undergraduate Teaching Experience**

- Honors Thesis, ASU
- Holocaust: Experience, Meaning, History, Northern Arizona University
- Political Ideologies, Florida International University (Online)
- Contemporary International Problems, FIU (Online)
- Ancient and Medieval Political Theory, FIU (Online)
- Introduction to International Relations, University of Georgia
- Introduction to Global Issues, UGA
- International Organizations, UGA
- U.S. National Security Policy, UGA
- American Politics, UGA
- Development of International Relations Thought, FIU
- Introduction to American Government, Broward College
- Introduction to International Relations, Broward College
- Political Parties, FIU
- American Foreign Policy, FIU

### **Courses Assisted**

- International Protection of Human Rights, FIU
- The Challenges of Refugees and Migrants, FIU
- Conflict, Security, and Peace Studies, FIU (Online)
- International Relations Theory, FIU
- International Relations of Sub-Saharan Africa, FIU
- International Political Economy – FIU (Online)
- Contemporary International Problems, FIU
- International Organizations, FIU
- American State Politics, FIU
- Introduction to American Politics, Pepperdine University

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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#### **Peer-Reviewed Book**

Just, Thomas (2024). *Combating Antisemitism in Germany and Poland: Strategies Since 1990*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Just, Thomas (2021). "Germany's Approach to Countering Antisemitism Since Reunification," *German Politics and Society* 39(3): 1–22.

Just, Thomas (2017). “The Imagery of Political Extremism,” *Florida Political Chronicle* 25(1): 158–172.

Just, Thomas (2016). “Promoting Russia Abroad: Russia’s Post-Cold War National Identity and Public Diplomacy,” *Journal of International Communication* 22(1): 82–95.

Just, Thomas (2015). “Public Diplomacy and Domestic Engagement: The Jewish Revival in Poland,” *Place Branding and Public Diplomacy* 11(4): 263–275.

Just, Thomas (2015). “Post-Communist Recovery and the State: The Case Studies of Poland and Ukraine,” *Florida Political Chronicle* 24(1): 41–54.

Just, Thomas (2011). “The Political and Economic Implications of Great Lakes Invasive Species,” *Pepperdine University Policy Review* 5(1): 5–15.

### **Works in Preparation**

“Holocaust Remembrance Policy in Poland: The Shifts Since 2000”

“The Failures of EU Conditionality Measures on Turkish Democratic Consolidation”

“Branding Extremism: The Imagery of Nazism and Contemporary Islamism” (with Rasha Al Aqeedi, Maissa Arfoui, and Dlpak Hawrami)

### **AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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2020	Quality Matters Online Teaching Certification
2019	Postdoctoral Fellowship – Martin-Springer Institute, Northern Arizona University
2018	Best Dissertation – International Relations, Florida International University
2017	UNESCO Young Ambassador for Peace Award
2017	Dissertation Year Fellowship – Florida International University
2017	Travel Grant – International Studies Association
2015	Florida Political Science Association – Best Graduate Student Paper
2014 – 2017	Global Jewish Communities Initiative Research Fellowship
2014 – 2017	Travel Grants – Florida International University
2012 – 2016	Doctoral Scholarship and Assistantship – Florida International University
2010	International Internship Scholarship – Pepperdine University
2009 – 2011	School of Public Policy Scholarship – Pepperdine University
2009	Joseph E. Hawkins Award for Outstanding Senior in German Studies
2009	Honors Program Scholar with Distinction – Baylor University

### **INVITED TALKS**

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“Combating Antisemitism in Germany and Poland: Strategies Since 1990,” New America, Washington D.C. [held virtually], May 2024.

“Countering Antisemitism and the Far-Right in Central Europe,” Rio Verde Community Lecture Series, Rio Verde, AZ, January 2023.

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“Confronting Antisemitism in Today’s Germany and Poland,” Jewish Community of Sedona – Church of the Red Rocks, Sedona, AZ, February 2020.

“Antisemitism in Today’s Germany and Poland,” Bureau of Jewish Education Conference on the Holocaust, Phoenix, Arizona, January 2020.

“Branding Extremism: The Imagery of Nazi and Contemporary Islamist Movements,” Aladdin Project – UNESCO Intercultural Leadership Conference, Paris, France, May 2017.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“COVID-19 Era Conspiracy Theories and the Reframing of Antisemitic Tropes in Germany,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 2025.

“QAnon and the Pandemic-Era Reframing of Antisemitic Tropes in Germany,” International Studies Association – West Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 2024.

“Strategies for Countering Antisemitism and the Far-Right in Poland,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2024.

“Strategies for Countering Antisemitism and Extremism in Contemporary Germany,” International Studies Association – West Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 2023.

“How Antisemitism Manifests and Fuels Extremism in Contemporary Germany,” International Studies Association Virtual Conference, August 2023.

“Russia’s Approach to the Information War in Ukraine,” International Studies Association – West Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 2022.

“Germany’s Approach to Countering Modern Antisemitism,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV [held virtually], April 2021.

“How Antisemitism Motivates Contemporary Extremism,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV [held virtually], April 2021.

“The Challenges of Far-Right Radicalization and Antisemitism in Contemporary Germany,” International Studies Association – Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO [held virtually], November 2020.

“Holocaust Remembrance Policy in Poland: The Shifts Since 2000,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, March 2019.

“The Economic Impacts of Climate Change on the U.S. Transportation System,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Fort Myers, FL, March 2018.

“Germany’s Contemporary State Policies Toward Antisemitism,” International Studies Association – South Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, October 2017.

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“The Public Diplomacy of Polish-Jewish Relations,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, April 2017.

“Contemporary State Responses to Antisemitism in Germany and Poland,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

“The Imagery of Political Extremism,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Lakeland, FL, April 2016.

“The Public Diplomacy of German-Jewish Relations,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“The Uneasy Alliance of Antisemitism: Radical Islam and the Far Right in Germany,” International Studies Association – South Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, October 2015.

“Branding Extremism: Nazi and Contemporary Islamist Movements,” Aladdin Project – UNESCO International Summer University, Mustafapasa, Turkey, July 2015.

“Post-Communist Recovery and the State: The Case Studies of Poland and Ukraine,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, March 2015.

“Promoting Russia Abroad: Russia’s Post-Cold War National Identity and Public Diplomacy,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.

“National Identity and Reconciliation: The Revival of Poland’s Jewish Community,” International Studies Association – Collegium Civitas Joint Eurasia Conference, Warsaw, Poland, June 2014.

“Public Diplomacy and National Identity Formation: The Jewish Revival in Poland,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, March 2014.

“The Most Powerful Man in the World: Presidential War Powers and the United Nations,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL, March 2014.

“Waging Peace: Leipzig’s Peaceful Revolution,” Honors Scholar Symposium, Baylor University, Waco, TX, April 2009.

“The Science of Totalitarian Propaganda,” Critical Assessments of the Writings of Hannah Arendt Conference, Hannah Arendt Institute – Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, July 2006.

### CAMPUS TALKS

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“Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories in the Post-COVID Era,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tempe, AZ, April 2025.

“Combating Antisemitism in Germany and Poland: Strategies Since 1990 – A Book Discussion,” Melikian Center at ASU, Tempe, AZ, March 2025.

“Antisemitism in Today’s World and Strategies for Combating It,” Osher, Lifelong Learning Institute, Tempe, AZ, April 2024.

“Combating the Rise of Antisemitism in Europe and the US,” Future Security Initiative Spring Speaker Series, Tempe, AZ, March 2024.

“How Antisemitism Fuels Extremism and Conspiracy Theories,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ, February 2023.

“Branding Extremism: The Recruiting Strategies of Nazis and Radical Islamists,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 2022.

“The Rise of Antisemitism and Nationalism in Central Europe,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, February 2021.

“Antisemitism and the New Far Right in Germany and Poland,” Martin-Springer Institute, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ, October 2019.

“Contemporary Strategies for Countering Antisemitism in Central Europe,” Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, February 2019.

## MENTORING

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### **Graduate Student Capstone Project Advisor**

Austin Abrew: “NATO Utilizing Ukrainian Forces in the Donbas Region to Damage the Russian Threat,” 2022.

Michael Adams: “Chinese Cyber Capabilities,” 2023.

Zaid Al Mahdawi: “Countering Iran’s Influence in the Middle East and Enhancing US Strategic Interests,” 2024.

Karmyn Allen: “Weaponized Narrative Offensive Tactics,” 2020.

Don Alston: “Mitigating Increasing Cyber Risk within Rural Cooperatives,” 2024.

Natascha Alvarado: “Vladimir Putin’s Reliance on Private Military Companies for Plausible Deniability,” 2023.

Claudia Alvarez-Garcia: “Extremism and Nationalism in America,” 2023.

Lauren Anderson: “The Weimar Republic’s Totalitarian Transformation Compared to Contemporary US Politics and the Steps for Fortifying Democracy,” 2024.

Joseph Basso: “Militarized Cyber Operations,” 2020.

Jocelyn Bly: “The Estonian Template for NATO: Ensuring Continuous Adaptation Capabilities in a New Era,” 2021.

Elizabeth Bourget: “Policy Proposal for Drones and the Design Basis Threat for Nuclear Power Plants,” 2022.

Kayne Brady: “Online Radicalization and White Nationalist Extremism,” 2021.

Briona Brown: “Humanitarian Legacy and Political Fallout: Germany’s Future Following the 2025 Elections,” 2025.

Ian Bridson: “Sino-African Destabilization and Security Threats,” 2024.

Megan Burns: “They/Them: Anti-Jewish Rhetoric and Right-Wing Terror,” 2023.

Cesar Carcamo: “Safe City/Smart City Expansion in Latin America and Its Effects on U.S. Special

- Operations,” 2022.
- Christian Carpenter: “Megacities and Global Security Considerations of the Future,” 2020.
- Ashley Cherro: “How are Autonomous Weapons Protecting Human Life as Warfare is Changing?” 2022.
- Alexander Clavette: “Impacts of Open-Source Intelligence and Commercial Off-the-Shelf Technologies on Future Insurgencies,” 2022.
- Ian Colon: “Obfuscating Democracy: Russia’s Efforts to Weaponize Social Media in the New Cold War,” 2024.
- Irma Crawford: “Technology-Enabled Humanitarian Incident Response Plan,” 2020.
- Shane Daniels: “The Ideological Conflict Beneath the NDAA Surveillance Issue: Obstacles and Solutions,” 2021.
- Ramon De Leon: “Countering Extremist Organization Radicalization and Recruiting Efforts on Social Media,” 2020.
- Robert Dillman: “Revising Training Policy During a Health Crisis,” 2020.
- David Dravenstott: “U.S. Relations with China: Dilemmas of Littoral Buildup in the South China Sea,” 2025.
- Roy Emanuel: “U.S. Cybersecurity Requirements Against Russian Threat Actors,” 2022.
- Erika Falla: “Weaponized Narratives and Social Media,” 2024.
- Ahmednor Farah: “Preserving U.S. Interests in Somalia Despite China’s Growing Influence, 2022.
- Tim Forero: “The Danger of Leaving Latin America Behind,” 2023.
- Jeffrey Furman: “Grey Zone: Subversive Tactics and the Future of Conflict,” 2020.
- Carson Gary: “How To Deal With The Ethical Issues of Human Enhancement,” 2024.
- Shiraz Gillani: “Countering the Manipulation of Open-Source Technologies by ISIS,” 2021.
- John Gose: “Improving Army Intelligence’s Doctrine, Modernization, and Training Deficiencies Against China in the Pacific,” 2020.
- Nicholas Green: “An Assessment of Current Modernization, Training, and Doctrine Strategies and the Implications for the Future Soldier,” 2021.
- Davyeon Groves: “Ethical Concerns Related to Autonomous Weapon Systems,” 2023.
- Stefano Guadagnuolo: Drone Swarms and Autonomous Warfare: A Western Perspective on Preparation and Strategy,” 2024.
- Darian Hallbauer: “How to Prevent Cyberattacks During the Russia-Ukraine War,” 2024.
- Corey Helsel: “Russian Cyber Aggression Briefing for the Principals of the NSC,” 2021.
- Emily Hendrix: “Solving for Third Party Vendor Relationships in Russia,” 2022.
- Vernon Howard: “An Effective and Efficient Response to Russia: NATO’s Only Answer to the New Wave of Conflict,” 2022.
- Nate Joyner: “The Future of Cybersecurity Defending America’s Financial Institutions,” 2020.
- Nicholas Knight: “The Challenges of Designating the Sinaloa Cartel as a Foreign Terrorist Organization,” 2025.
- Hans Kuhnlenz: “Project Kronos: A Proposal to the National Intelligence Council,” 2021.
- Jake Lackey: “Abuse of Government Organizations Collecting Electronic Surveillance,” 2022.
- Michael Lapadot: “Dual-Use Technology Providers: A New Actor in Proxy Warfare,” 2023.
- Orlando Larez: “How Cryptocurrencies are Changing Terrorist Finance,” 2021.
- Patrick Mahaney: “Army Modernization Requirements to Counter Hybrid, Asymmetric, and Grey Zone Threats during Major Ground Combat Operations,” 2021.
- Courtney Mahone: “Countering Russia’s use of Weaponized Narratives in the War against Ukraine,” 2023.
- Jessica Maier: “Bionic Implant Integration into U.S. Military Ground Forces,” 2020.
- Maryam Maleh: “Revision of International Humanitarian Law to Regulate Hostile Cyber

- Operations,” 2023.
- Shawna Malone: “Russia’s Advancement of Information Operations Targeting the United States,” 2021.
- Gordon Marsh: “Why Should Territorially Defined Rules Govern Cyberspace?” 2022.
- Thomas Martin: “Combating the Role of Social Media in Extremist Radicalization and Recruitment,” 2023.
- Dion McCleese: “Holistic Methods of Mitigating Insider Threats,” 2022.
- Shaunda McConnelly: “Hackers and Hospitals,” 2021.
- Noah McGee: “Finding Solutions to the Weaponization of Refugees During Wartime,” 2023.
- Ricardo Mendez: “Cybersecurity Curriculum Implementation,” 2020.
- Andrew Mika: “U.S. Response to China’s Belt and Road Initiative in Kenya,” 2022.
- Ashley Mikami: “The Dragon’s Ally: Exploring China’s Partnership with North Korea in Shaping East Asian Geopolitics,” 2023.
- Hala Mohamed: “Cognitive Intrusion Detection (CID): A Cyber Risk Management Approach to Defend Urban Critical Infrastructure from Cyberattacks,” 2022.
- Sara Robison Molina: “Analysis of the Growing Threat Presented by Far-Right Groups and Their Power on Social Media,” 2022.
- Hatem Mosa: “The Influence of the Cyber Domain on Social Mobilization,” 2021.
- Damian Muniz: “Political Extremist Utilization of AI and Deepfake Media,” 2024.
- Jake Newton: “Modernizing and Standardizing Corporate Travel Risk Management Programs in the United States,” 2020.
- Amanda Noeth: “Increased Threat of Bioterrorism from the Sale and Distribution of DIY CRISPR Technology Kits,” 2021.
- Jamal Osman: “Educating Youth and Creating Jobs Can Stop Extremism in Somalia,” 2022.
- Jon Otto: “Russian Disinformation and Methods to Neutralize It,” 2024.
- Toni Piironen: “Russian Use of Instrumentalized Migration Against Finland,” 2024.
- Marcelino Prieto: “U.S.-China Rivalry: An American Approach to China,” 2021.
- Mercedes Robert: “Implementation of Social Media Guidelines for Right-Wing Extremism,” 2023.
- LaRae Rave-Small: “Countering Far-Right Extremism and Its Violence to Protect American Lives,” 2022.
- Dylan Riordan: “China: The Preeminent Threat Posed by Beijing’s Expanding Nuclear Stockpile,” 2022.
- William Ruzich: “Technology and Psychology: How Victims are Recruited to Become Part of the Crime,” 2023.
- Derek Scott: “Risks and Corrective Actions for Cyber Vulnerabilities in the United States,” 2025.
- Clayton Septant: “The Future of Warfare for the United States Conventional Forces,” 2021.
- Patric Sepulveda: “A Solution to Deepfakes Infiltrating the Hearts and Minds of the American People,” 2024.
- Dillon Shoemaker: “Ukraine, Emerging Technologies, and Lessons for the Indo-Pacific,” 2023.
- Nathaniel Simmons: “Mitigating National Security Threats Posed by Unregulated Engagement-Based Algorithmic Recommender Systems,” 2025.
- Daniel Smith: “A Marshall Plan for Russia: The Missed Opportunity for Securing Democracy,” 2020.
- Fola Sosan: “Strategic Rivalry in the Americas: U.S.-Mexico Relations in the Shadow of China’s Influence,” 2025.
- Mia Spare: “The U.S. Indo-Pacific Security Strategy: Navigating India’s Democratic Backsliding,” 2022.
- Tarisai Tambo: “Leveraging Emerging Trends in Women’s Participation in Foreign Policy for Better Foreign Policy Outcomes,” 2020.



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Emerson Thomas-Best: “Strengthening American Electrical Grids from Natural Disasters with the Capabilities of Artificial Intelligence,” 2024.

Jason Thompson: “The Cyber Shift: Engaging and Defending Targets in Near Peer Digital Conflicts,” 2020.

Patrick Treppa: “Countering the Regional Implications of Syria’s Production of Captagon,” 2023.

Roxanne Trombetta: “International Governance and Transnational Forces: At the Intersection of IGOs and Grassroots Movements,” 2024.

Mihaila Tuba: “Upholding Democratic Principles in Serbia,” 2020.

Cierra West: “Importance of Russian Weaponized Narratives and What To Do About It,” 2021.

Kyle Wilfong: “The Problem of Cyberterrorism in the U.S.A.,” 2023.

Juncheng Yan: “China’s Vision for a New World Order,” 2024.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Research Assistant/Translator

Book Project: *The Pharmacist of Auschwitz: The Untold Story*, Summer 2016

- Translated and summarized German language primary source material for a biography of Dr. Viktor Capesius for authors Gerald and Patricia Posner

### Research Assistant

Jewish Museum of Florida, 2014 – 2017

- Conducted research on antisemitic extremist groups in Germany under the direction of Dr. Tudor Parfitt

### Congressional Aide

Office of U.S. Representative Thomas E. Petri, 2011 – 2012

- Conducted research on legislative issues for a Member of Congress, managed communications with constituents, and managed congressional website and social media

### Assistant to the Director of African and Middle Eastern Affairs (Internship)

Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, May 2010 – July 2010

- Conducted research on political developments in the Gaza Strip, drafted and edited official European Union correspondence, and helped expand the Foreign Ministry’s English language website

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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Interview with Global Connections Television. May 2024,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEQENNTcwX4>

“International Relations Ph.D. Student Studies How Political Extremists Create a Following,” *FIU News*. 13 June 2017, <https://communitynewspapers.com/florida-international-university/ph-d-student-studies-how-political-extremists-create-a-following/>

“Aide Brings Worldview to the Hill,” *Roll Call*. 3 October 2011,

<https://rollcall.com/2011/09/30/aide-brings-worldview-to-the-hill/>

## STUDY ABROAD

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UNESCO International Summer University – Istanbul/Cappadocia, Turkey, 2015  
Academic Year Abroad – Universität Leipzig, Germany, 2007 – 2008  
Summer Semester Abroad – Technische Universität Dresden, Germany, 2006  
International Air Cadet Exchange – United Kingdom, 2005  
German–American Partnership Program – Leopoldinum Gymnasium, Passau, Germany, 2004

## SKILLS

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Language: English (Native), German (Fluent)  
Computer: Microsoft Office, Drupal, Online Learning Platforms (Blackboard, Canvas, D2L, and others)

## AFFILIATIONS

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American Political Science Association  
Delta Phi Alpha German Honor Society  
International Studies Association  
Pi Alpha Alpha Public Affairs Honor Society

## SERVICE

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Reviewer, *International Studies Perspectives*  
Reviewer, *Place Branding and Public Diplomacy*  
Reviewer, *South African Journal of International Affairs*  
Reviewer, MIT Press  
Reviewer, Polish National Science Centre Grant  
American Red Cross Volunteer

## REFERENCES

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