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Associate Professor, Department of Political Science  
College of Letters and Science  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Degrees**

Ph.D., "With Distinction," December 1989  
Georgetown University - Washington, D.C. Major Field: International Relations

Master of Arts, May 1985  
Georgetown University - Washington, D.C. Major Field: International Relations

Honors Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, May 1983  
Marquette University - Milwaukee, Wisconsin Major Fields: Political Science, History, Latin

**Academic Experience**

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee  
Associate Professor, Political Science Department, 2008 – present  
Adjunct Associate Professor, Political Science Department, 2000-2008

Tufts University  
Adjunct Associate Professor, Political Science Department, 1998-2000

University of Virginia  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government & Foreign Affairs, 1991-1998  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government & Foreign Affairs, 1989-90

University of Minnesota  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department 1990-91

**Primary Area of Instructional Interest**

In recent years I have taught the following courses: International Law, Introduction to Global Studies, Political Conflict Management (senior seminar), and International Legal Theory (graduate).

I have also taught: International Relations (introductory course), American Foreign Policy, International Organization, and World Order (senior seminar capstone).

**Primary Area of Research/Scholarly/Creative Interest**

My research work has focused primarily on international law and includes these publications, among others:

- *Books*
  - *Law and Disciplinarity: Thinking Beyond Borders*. Editor and contributor. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).
  - *International Law* volume. *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. Co-editor with Henry F. Carey. (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2010).
  - *International Law and the Use of Force: Beyond the U.N. Charter Paradigm*. Co-author with Anthony Clark Arend and Catherine Lotrionte. (Routledge, second edition forthcoming; first edition, with Anthony Clark Arend, 1993).
  - *International Law and the Rise of Nations: The State System and the Challenge of Ethnic Groups*. Co-editor with Thomas Ambrosio. (Chatham House, 2002).
  - *International Rules: Approaches from International Law and International Relations*. Co-editor with Anthony Clark Arend and Robert Vander Lugt. (Oxford University Press, 1996).
  - *The Grenada Invasion: Politics, Law and Foreign Policy Decisionmaking*. (Westview Press, 1993).

- Articles
  - “The Grenada Invasion, International Law, and the Scoon Invitation: A Thirty Year Retrospective.” *The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs* 102 (June 2013): 281-290.
  - “Teaching International Law as a Partially Online Course: The Hybrid/Blended Approach to Pedagogy.” *International Studies Perspectives* 11 (2010): 273-290.
  - “Britain and the 1933 Refugee Convention: National or State Sovereignty?” *International Journal of Refugee Law* 11 (1999): 597-624.
  - “A Study of War and An Agenda for Peace: Reflections on the Contemporary Relevance of Quincy Wright’s Plan for a ‘New International Order.’” *Review of International Studies* 22 (April 1996): 119-147.
  - “The Prospects for Interdisciplinary Collaboration,” *Journal of International Legal Studies* 1 (1995): 119-149.
  - “‘Don’t Tread on Us’: International Law and Forcible State Responses to Terrorism.” With Anthony Clark Arend. *Wisconsin International Law Journal* 12 (Spring 1994): 153-219.
  - “International Law and the Decision to Invade Grenada: A Ten-Year Retrospective.” *Virginia Journal of International Law* 33 (Summer 1993): 765-817.
  - “The ‘McNeil Mission,’” *Naval War College Review* 44 (Spring 1991): 93-112.
  - “Munich’s Lessons Reconsidered.” *International Security* 14 (Fall 1989): 161-191.
  - “STAR WARS: An International Legal Analysis.” *Canadian-American Law Journal* 3 (Fall 1986): 169-187.
- Book Chapters
  - “Legal Brief of the Defendants/Applicants: *Prosecutor v. Mursfeld and Croft*.” With Aaron Fichtelberg, in Henry F. Carey and Stacey M. Mitchell, *Understanding International Law through Moot Courts: Genocide, Torture, Habeas Corpus, Chemical Weapons, and the Responsibility to Protect* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2014): 254-265.
  - “Thinking beyond Borders: Reflections on Law and Disciplinarity,” in Robert J. Beck, ed., *Law and Disciplinarity: Thinking Beyond Borders* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013): 3-30.
  - “International Law and International Relations,” in Robert Denemark, ed., *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2010): 4115-4141.
  - “Teaching International Law.” With Henry F. Carey, in Robert Denemark, ed., *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2010): 6801-6819.
  - “Introduction” to *International Law* volume. With Henry F. Carey, in Robert Denemark, ed., *The International Studies Encyclopedia*. (Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2010): cxi-cxxxix.
  - “Grenada,” in Rudiger Wolfrum, ed., *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* (Oxford University Press, 2009).
  - “International Law and International Relations Scholarship,” in David Armstrong, ed., *Routledge Handbook of International Law* (Routledge, 2009): 13-43.

### Professional Contributions

- Officer, International Studies Association, International Law Section, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 2001-02
- International Conference Organizer, “Law and Disciplinarity: Thinking Beyond Borders,” University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, April 23-24, 2010.
- Article reviewer: *International Security*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Interactions*, *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, *International Studies Encyclopedia*
- Manuscript reviewer: University of California Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Rowman & Littlefield, Lynne Rienner

### Awards

- Recipient, UWM Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2012
- Regents Award for Excellence, University of Wisconsin System, UWM Campus Nominee, January 2007
- Letter of Commendation for Teaching Excellence, University of Virginia, “7” Society, 1998
- Departmental Nominee, University of Virginia, Alumni Board of Trustees Teaching Award, 1993, 1996