

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D.– Security Studies, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, Aug. 2014-Dec. 2018.

Dissertation Title: “Leader Psychology and Civil War Behavior.”

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Mark Schafer

M.A. – Political Science, International Relations Track, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, Aug. 2012 – Aug. 2014.

Thesis Title: “Leadership Distrust, Need for Power, and the Initiation of Militarized Interstate Disputes.”

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Mark Schafer

B.A. - Political Science, International Relations focus, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Aug. 2008-Jul. 2012.

Minor: International Studies: Concentrations in Global Diplomacy and European Comparative Government.

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research – Advanced Quantitative Methods Workshop, Ann Arbor, MI. Jun.-Aug. 2016.

Maximum Likelihood Methods (Introduction and Advanced Topics) Time Series Methods (Introduction and Advanced Topics)

Summer Institute for Political Psychology, Stanford University, Stanford, California, Jul. 2013.

International Society of Political Psychology Summer Academy Fellow, Herzliya, Israel, Jul. 2013.

Academic Experience

Academic Advisor, Undergraduate Advising Services, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida, August 2020 – Present.

Research Fellow, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida, June 2019 – Present.

Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Valencia College-Osceola, Aug. 2018 – Present.

Adjunct Professor, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida, Aug. 2018 – Dec. 2019.

Graduate Research Fellow, Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. Aug. 2016 – Aug. 2018.

Graduate Teaching Associate/Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. Aug. 2016 – May 2017.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. Aug. 2014 – Aug. 2016.

Environmental Politics; Global Political Issues; International Law; Political Psychology; Politics and Civil Rights; Politics of the Middle East; Conflict and Political Violence; Introduction to International Relations

Managing Editor (Graduate Assistantship), Journal of Political Science Education, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. May 2013 – Aug. 2014.

Graduate Assistant, Burnett Honors College Office of Prestigious Awards, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, Mar. 2013 – May 2013.

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, Jan. 2013 – May 2013.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Powell, Jonathan, Mwita Chacha, and Gary E. Smith. 2019. "Failed Coups, Democratization, and Authoritarian Entrenchment: Opening Up or Digging In?" *African Affairs* 118(471): 238-258.

Hamann, Kerstin, Philip H. Pollock, Gary E. Smith, and Bruce Wilson. 2017. "Distance Education and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Political Science." *Politics* 37(2): 229-238.

Invited/Editorially Reviewed Articles

Hamann, Kerstin, Philip H. Pollock, Gary E. Smith, and Bruce Wilson. 2016 "Online Teaching and Assessment." *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 49(1): 107-110 Invited for Symposium on Assessment.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Smith, Gary E. 2021 "Operational Code Analysis and Civil War Severity." In *Operational Code Analysis and Foreign Policy Roles: Crossing Simon's Bridge*, eds. Mark Schafer and Stephen G. Walker. New York: Routledge.

Schafer, Mark, Stephen G. Walker, Clayton Besaw, Paul Gill, and Gary Smith. 2021 "The

Personality Traits & Operational Codes of U.S. Presidents: Introducing a New Data Set.” In *Operational Code Analysis and Foreign Policy Roles: Crossing Simon’s Bridge*, eds. Mark Schafer and Stephen G. Walker. New York: Routledge.

Walker, Stephen G., Mark Schafer, Gary Smith, and Collin Kazazis. 2021 “Testing Reality: U.S. Presidential Belief Systems and the Evolution of Peace in the International System.” In *Operational Code Analysis and Foreign Policy Roles: Crossing Simon’s Bridge*, eds. Mark Schafer and Stephen G. Walker. New York: Routledge.

Walker, Stephen, Mark Schafer, and Gary Smith. 2018. “The Operational Codes of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Political Science*, ed. Alex Mintz. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Schafer, Mark and Gary Smith. 2017. “Beliefs and Foreign Policy Decision-Making.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy Analysis*, ed. Cameron Thies. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Schafer, Mark, and Gary E. Smith. In Press. “Personality and Beliefs.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Executives*.

Papers Delivered at Professional Conferences

Smith, Gary E. “Sowing the Seeds of Their Own Destruction: Leadership Psychology and Coup Vulnerability.” Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, San Antonio, Texas. July 2018.

Walker, Stephen G., Mark Schafer, Gary E. Smith, and Collin J. Kazazis. “Testing Reality: U.S. Presidential Belief Systems and the Evolution of Peace in the International System.” Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, San Antonio, Texas. July 2018.

Besaw, Clayton Thomas, Gary E. Smith, and Joshua Lambert. “Evaluating Out-of-Sample Accuracy for Models of Interstate Conflict using Machine Learning.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – Southern Region, Orlando, Florida. October 2017.

Schafer, Mark, Gary Smith, and Joshua Lambert. “The Psychological Characteristics of Presidents and Society, and Their Effects on Protest Levels in the United States.” Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland. July 2017.

Walker, Stephen G., Mark Schafer, and Gary Smith. “Trump vs. Clinton: A War of Personalities.” Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Edinburgh, Scotland. July 2017.

Schwarz, Christopher and Gary Smith. “Better Together: A Psychological Bargaining Model of War.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD. February 2017.

Smith, Gary, Christopher Schwarz, and Andrew Brooks. “At the Nexus of Life Experience and

Leadership Psychology: How Leaders Decide to Initiate Conflict.” Annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Warsaw, Poland. July 2016.

Schafer, Mark, Stephen Walker, Clayton Besaw, Paul Gill, and Gary Smith. “Introducing a New Data Set: Psychological Correlates and U.S. Conflict Behavior.” Annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, Warsaw, Poland. July 2016.

Smith, Gary. 2016. “Who Maintains Peace? The Operational Code of Leaders and the Maintenance of Dyadic Peace.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia. March 2016.

Hamann, Kerstin, Philip H. Pollock, and Gary E. Smith. “Using Technology to Teach Political Science: Evaluating New Approaches.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. September 2015.

Smith, Gary. “Leadership Psychology and the Escalation of Militarized Interstate Disputes.” Annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, San Diego, California. July 2015.

Schiel, Rebecca, and Gary E. Smith. “Leadership Psychology and Regime Repressive Behavior.” Annual meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology, San Diego, California. July 2015. (Robert Sigel Award for best Paper by Early Career Scholars).

Smith, Gary. “Leadership Psychology and the Use of Sanctions.” International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. February 2015.

Hamann, Kerstin, Philip H. Pollock, Bruce Wilson, and Gary Smith. “Innovations and Expectations for Teaching in the Digital Era.” American Political Science Association – Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington D.C., January 2015.

Hamann, Kerstin, Philip H. Pollock, Bruce Wilson, and Gary Smith. “The Digital Revolution in Political Science Education and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.” American Political Science Association Conference, Washington DC, August 2014.

Smith, Gary. “Leadership Psychology and the Initiation of Militarized Interstate Disputes.” International Society for Political Psychology Conference, Rome, Italy, July 2014.

Smith, Gary. “Distrust and Militarized Interstate Dispute Initiation.” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2014.

Smith, Gary. “Leadership Personality and the Willingness to Repress in the Arab Spring.” International Society for Political Psychology Conference, Herzliya, Israel, July 2013.

Working Papers

“The Psychology of Civil Conflict Duration: How Leaders Affect the Length of Intrastate

Conflict.” (Currently preparing for submission to another outlet)

“Leadership Psychology and the Onset of Civil Conflict: Applying At-A-Distance Profiling Methods to the Study of Civil Conflict Onset.”

“Evaluating Out-of-Sample Accuracy for Models of Interstate Conflict using Machine Learning.” (with Clayton Besaw and Joshua Lambert).

Invited Talks

“The Psychology of Leaders and Foreign Policy Behavior.” Presentation delivered at the headquarters of United States Central Command. Tampa, Florida. August 11th, 2016.

Relevant Graduate Coursework at UCF

Seminar on War (2012), Political Behavior in International Conflict (2013), Seminar on International Relations Theory (2013). Theoretical Issues in Security Studies (2014), Advanced Qualitative Research Methods (2014), Advanced Quantitative Research Methods (2014), Issues in Domestic Security (2015), Issues in International Security (2015), Revolutions and Political Violence (2015), Geographic Information Science (2016), Politics of Civil War (2016).

Research Interests

International Security, International Relations, International Conflict, Psychological Correlates of International Conflict, Leadership Trait Analysis, Foreign Policy Analysis, Political Violence, Conflict Resolution, and Research Methodology.

Courses Taught – Instructor of Record

University of Central Florida

POS 2041 – American National Government (Spring 2019; Summer 2019)

POS 4206 – Political Psychology (Fall 2018)

INR 4060 – Causes of War (Fall 2016; Spring 2017)

POS 4023 – The Politics of LGBTQ+ Policy (Spring 2022)

Valencia College

INR 2002 – Introduction to International Politics (Multiple Terms)

POS 2041 – American Government & Politics (Multiple Terms)

Grants, Awards, and Applications

Bronze (Level 1) Student Support Certificate – Fall 2021.

Associate Faculty Certification, Valencia College, Fall 2019 – Present.

Security Studies Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida, Fall 2016.

Roberta Sigel Award for Best Paper by an Early Career Scholar, International Society of Political Psychology (co-authored with Rebecca Schiel), Warsaw, Poland, 2016.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), for travel to annual meeting, New Orleans, LA 2014.

Junior Scholars Travel Award, Junior Scholars Committee (ISPP), for travel to ISPP annual meeting, Herzlyia, Israel, 2013.

Professional Training

INDV 3710: Working with Conflict, Valencia College, Spring 2021.

ASMT 3280: Using Writing and Technology to Assess Learning, Valencia College, Spring 2021.

AAT 211: Preparing First Generation, Low Income, and Underrepresented Students for Graduate School, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

FERPA Training, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

Student At-Risk Training, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

Student Records Inquiry Training 1 & 2, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

PSC 001: PeopleSoft Basic Navigation, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

PSAA: Degree Audit Security Training, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

AAT 102: Academic Advising Essentials, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

AAT 101: Introduction to Academic Advising, University of Central Florida, Fall 2020.

LCTS 3242: Developing Interactive Web-Based Courses, Valencia College, Fall 2020.

ASMT 3353: Authentic Learning and Online Assessment. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

LCTS 3125: Engaging the Online Learner. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

ASMT 2122: Classroom Assessment Techniques. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

ASMT 3326: Introduction to the Rubric for Online Competencies. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

PRFC 3244: Legal Issues and the Virtual Student. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

LCTS 3211: Strategies for Academic Integrity. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

INDV 3248: Building Online Learning Communities. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

INDV 3158: Universal Design and Accessibility. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

LTAD 1118: Canvas Essentials. Valencia College, Spring 2019.

ASMT 2227: Understanding and Designing Rubrics. Valencia College, Fall 2018.

INDV 3352: Classroom Management: A Foundation in Expectations and Policy. Valencia College, Fall 2018

LCTS 1110: Teaching in Our Learning College. Valencia College, Fall 2018.

INDV 3246: Universal Design for Online Learning: Developing Digital Content. Valencia College, Fall 2018.

Webinar: Academic Advising Fundamentals, University of Central Florida, 2013.

Preparing Tomorrow's Faculty Program, University of Central Florida, Fall 2013.

Skills

Software

STATA, R, and Profiler Plus

Quantitative Methods

Time Series Analysis

Vector Autoregression (VAR)

Vector Error Correction (VEC)

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Logit, Probit, Tobit Regressions

Bias-Reduced Generalized Linear Modeling

Regression Methods for Count Data

Survival (Hazard) Analysis

Ordered & Multinomial Logistic Regression

Service: Profession

Chair Ex-Officio, Early Career Committee – International Society of Political Psychology, July 2018 – July 2019.

Chair, Early Career Committee – International Society of Political Psychology, July 2017 – July 2018.

Member of the Communications Committee, July 2017 – July 2018.

Chair-Elect, Early Career Committee – International Society of Political Psychology, July 2016 – July 2017.

Professional Development Coordinator, Early Career Committee – International Society of Political Psychology, July 2015 – July 2016.

Mentor Program Coordinator, Junior Scholars Committee – International Society of Political Psychology, July 2013 – July 2015.

Chair, Leadership Psychology and Its Political Implications, Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 2018.

Chair, Foreign Policy Decision-Making Panel, Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 2016.

Chair, At-a-Distance Assessments of Leadership and Decision-Making, Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 2016.

Discussant, At-a-Distance Assessment of Leadership and Decision-Making, Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 2016.

Chair, Early Career Committee Roundtable Diversity in Academia, Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, July 2016.

Graduate Student Discussant, “Risking Commitment: Bargaining, Prospect Theory, and War,” University of Central Florida, Political Science Department Colloquium, August 26, 2013.

Service: Community

At-Large Representative, Orange County Nuisance Abatement Board, August 2018-Present.

*Chairman, September 2019 – Present

At-Large Representative, Orange County Children and Family Services Advisory Board, February 2017 – December 2020.

Project Manager, Habitat for Humanity – LSU Chapter, August 2011 - May 2012.

Treasurer, Habitat for Humanity – LSU Chapter, August 2010 - January 2011.

Chair, Fundraising Committee, Habitat for Humanity – LSU Chapter, January 2010 - May 2010.

Professional Associations

International Society of Political Psychology

Early Career Committee Member 2013-2019

American Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association International Studies Association

Member: ISSS, FPA, Peace Studies and LGBT subgroups

Midwest Political Science Association

Peace Science Society

Potential Courses

Undergraduate-Introductory

Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to American Politics and Government, Research Methods.

Undergraduate-Upper-Level/Special Topics

Causes of War, Political Psychology, Revolutions and Political Violence, Civil Wars, Foreign Policy Decision-Making, American Foreign Policy, International Relations Theory, Politics of Africa, Politics of the Middle East, Politics of Western Europe, Politics of France and Francophone Areas.

Graduate – Broad Topics

Quantitative Research Methods, Qualitative Research Methods, International Relations Theory, International Security, Domestic Security, American Security Policy.

Graduate – Special Topics

Advanced Quantitative Methods, Time Series Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Seminar on War, Seminar on Civil Wars, Political Psychology of International Relations, Revolutions and Political Violence, International Development, Politics of the Middle East, Politics of Africa.