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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor, American University

Fall 2011—Present

**EDUCATION**

King's College London

Ph.D. in War Studies 2012

Dissertation: *Peripheral Jihads: The Drivers of Jihadist Group Evolution in a Pre- and Post-9/11 World*

Supervisors: Peter Nuemann (primary); Anatol Lievan (secondary)

Examiners: Lawrence Freedman (internal); Martha Crenshaw (external)

London School of Economics

MSc in Global Politics 2005

Graduated with Distinction

Awarded the Global Politics Prize for academic achievement

Cornell University

B.S. in Human Services Studies 1998

Golden Key, Kappa Omicron Nu, and Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Societies.

**PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS**

*With Us and Against Us: America and its Partners in the War on Terror*, New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming (2017—2018 depending on publication schedule).

*Storming the World Stage: The Story of Lashkar-e-Taiba*, New York: Columbia University Press, 2011.

**SCHOLARLY ARTICLES**

“Universal Soldiers or Parochial Actors: Understanding Jihadists as Products of their Environments,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Sept. 7, 2016.

“Beyond the Double Game: Lessons from Pakistan’s Approach to Islamist Militancy,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, June 16, 2016.

“Beyond FATA: Exploring the Punjabi Militant Threat to Pakistan,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 28 (1), 2016, pages 49-71.

“Indian Jihadism: The Evolving Threat,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 37 (7), 2014, pages 567-585.

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“Confronting Pakistan’s Support for Terrorism: Don’t Designate, Calibrate,” *The Washington Quarterly*, 39 (4), Winter 2017, pages 165-179.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Rules for the Double Game,” in *Handbook of Pakistani Defense Policy*, ed. Aparna Pande, London: Routledge, forthcoming.

“Islamist Terrorism in India: A Hybrid Threat,” in *Handbook of Indian Defence Policy*, ed. Harsh Pant, London: Routledge, 2015.

“Pakistani Militancy in the Shadow of the U.S. Withdrawal,” in *Pakistan in the Shadow of the U.S. Withdrawal*, ed. C. Christine Fair, Pennsylvania: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015.

“Pakistan’s Militant Milieu: The Evolving Threat,” in *Pakistan Labyrinths*, ed. Ravi Kalia, New York: Routledge, 2015.

### **POLICY BRIEFS AND REPORTS**

*Art of the Possible: Restructuring the Defense Relationship with Pakistan*, Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, forthcoming.

*Remodeling Partner Capacity: Maximizing the Effectiveness of U.S. Counterterrorism Security Assistance*, Washington: DC, Center for a New American Security, Nov. 2016 (co-authored with Ilan Goldenberg, Alice Hunt Friend, and Nick Heras).

*Security Cooperation and Assistance: Rethinking the Return on Investment*, Washington, DC: Center for a New American Security, July 2015 (co-authored with Dafna H. Rand).

“Assessing the Indian Jihadist Movement,” Washington, DC: National Defense University, July 2014.

*Jihadist Violence: The Indian Threat*, Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center, January 2014.

*Domestic Barriers to Dismantling Militancy in Pakistan*, Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace, Sept. 2013.

“A Pakistan-based Terrorist Attack on the United States Homeland” Washington, DC: Council on Foreign Relations, August 2011.

“Lashkar-e-Taiba: Past Operations and Future Prospects” Washington, DC: New America Foundation, April 2011.

“Lashkar-e-Taiba in Perspective: An Evolving Threat” *Counterterrorism Strategy Initiative Policy Paper*, Washington, DC: New America Foundation, February 2010.

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“Long Arm of the LeT” *Policy Watch Series*, Washington, DC: Washington Institute for Near East Studies, February 2010.

*Countering Violent Extremism: Lessons from the Three Abrahamic Faiths*, ed. Stephen Tankel, New York: EastWest Institute, 2007.

### **ADDITIONAL ARTICLES**

“Lashkar-i-Tayyiba: One Year After Mumbai” *CTC Sentinel*, Vol. 2 No. 11, November 2009.

“Lashkar-e-Taiba: From 9/11 to Mumbai” *Developments in Radicalization and Political Violence*, April/May 2009.

“Pakistan’s Lashkar-e-Tayyiba remains potent” *Janes Intelligence Weekly*, October 2009.

“Profile: Hafiz Mohammed Saeed, Lashkar-e-Tayyiba Founder” *Janes Intelligence Weekly*, July 2009.

“ Hamas Victorious: A Grand Experiment Begins” *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*, Vol. 12 No. 133, Dec. 2005 -Jan. 2006.

“The Iraqi Elections: Beyond the Results” *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*, Vol. 12 No. 133, Dec. 2005 -Jan. 2006.

### **CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

“Protecting the Homeland Against Mumbai-Style Attacks and the Threat from Lashkar-e-Taiba” House Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, June 12, 2013.

“The Threat to the U.S. Homeland Emanating from Pakistan” House Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, May 3, 2011.

### **COMMENTARY**

“Trump’s Plan to Defeat Terrorism is Self Defeating,” *Foreign Policy*, June 6, 2017.

“Trump seeks greater collaboration with Saudi Arabia, but will this boost counterterrorism?” *Washington Post*, May 25, 2017.

“This is why Trump’s loose tongue has compromised U.S. security,” *Washington Post*, May 16, 2017.

“Back to First Principles: Four Fundamental Questions About Afghanistan,” *War on the Rocks*, May 15, 2017.

“National Security and Holding the Line Under Trump,” *War on the Rocks*, Feb. 9, 2017.

“The Art of Dealing with Pakistan,” *Defense One*, Jan. 25, 2017.

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“Getting More Bang for Our Buck: Measuring Counterterrorism Assistance to Partner Nations,” *Defense News*, Nov. 16, 2016.

“Being Smart Beats Talking Tough,” *The Huffington Post*, Oct. 5, 2016.

“Pakistani Militants and the State: Friends, Foes, and Frenemies,” *War on the Rocks*, Jul. 5, 2016.

“Is the United States Cutting Pakistan Off,” *War on the Rocks*, Aug. 31, 2015.

“Security Assistance isn’t the Quick Fix the United States Thinks it is” *The Hill*, Aug. 6, 2015.

“A Deepening Defense Relationship on Republic Day,” *War on the Rocks*, Jan. 29, 2015.

“General Kayani’s Legacy: Trying to Get Pakistan’s House in Order,” *War on the Rocks*, Dec. 4, 2013.

“Killing Hakimullah Mehsud,” *War on the Rocks*, Nov. 6, 2013.

“Going Native: The Pakistanization of al-Qaeda,” *War on the Rocks*, Oct. 22, 2013.

“Keeping Score in the War on al-Qaeda,” *War on the Rocks*, Oct. 1, 2013.

“Jaw-Jaw and War-War in Pakistan,” *War on the Rocks*, Sept. 17, 2013.

“India’s Most Wanted,” *War on the Rocks*, Sept. 4, 2013.

“Not Another al-Qaeda Article,” *War on the Rocks*, Aug. 6, 2013.

“The Abbottabad Commission Gets Realist,” *War on the Rocks*, July 23, 2013.

“Unpacking the Abbottabad Commission Report: Part I,” *War on the Rocks*, July 16, 2013.

“Pakistani Militants Plan Their Own Pivot East,” *War on the Rocks*, July 9, 2013.

“Book Review: Fountainhead of Jihad,” *Foreign Policy*, June 27, 2013.

“Egypt’s Aid Dilemma,” *The National Interest*, August 23, 2013.

“The Militant Groups Next Door,” *Foreign Policy*, April 24, 2013.

“Pakistan’s Sticky Wicket: The India-Saudi Link,” *Foreign Policy*, July 30, 2012.

“Sharing is Caring: Containing Terrorism in South Asia,” *Foreign Policy*, July 20, 2012.

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“A Road Paved with Potholes,” *Foreign Policy*, July 13, 2012.

“The Mumbai Blame Game,” *Foreign Policy*, July 9, 2012.

“U.S. Confuses Carrots and Sticks in Pakistan,” *The National Interest*, April 20, 2012.

“Lashkar-e-Taiba is not the Next al-Qaeda: Contextualizing the Threat,” *9/11 Compendium*, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, September 11, 2011.

“Reaching Beyond its Home Base in Pakistan, Lashkar-e-Taiba Strives for Global Jihad,” *Yale Global*, September 8, 2011.

“Lashkar-e-Taiba’s American Connections,” *Foreign Policy*, September 6, 2011.

“Lashkar-e-Taiba’s Rise, before Mumbai” *Foreign Policy*, August 3, 2011.

“Who will Replace al-Qaeda?” *The Times of India: The Crest Edition*, May 7, 2011.

“The bin Laden Aftermath: Pakistan’s Militant Milieu” *Foreign Policy*, May 6, 2011.

“A Year After Mumbai, Lashkar’s Threat Has Only Grown” *RAND.org*, November 25, 2009.

“India’s 9/11: How it could happen again” *Foreign Policy*, November 24, 2009.

“Low-hanging Fruit” *Foreign Policy*, August 10, 2009.

“A Risky Deal in Swat” *The Guardian*, February 17, 2009.

“The Headless Beast” *The Guardian*, January 18, 2009.

“Who is behind the Mumbai attacks?” *The Guardian*, November 27, 2008.

“Homegrown terror, learned online” *The Guardian*, August 19, 2008.

“Spinning al-Qaida” *The Guardian*, April 22, 2008.

## **TEACHING**

Terrorism and Counterterrorism (graduate course)

Seminar on Security Policy (graduate course)

Security Challenges in South Asia (undergraduate and graduate course)

Evolution of the Global Jihad (undergraduate and graduate course)

U.S. Allies in the War on Terror (undergraduate course)

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Jihadists and the State (undergraduate course)

### **SERVICE**

Member, School of International Service Search Committee for Senior Faculty Position in Transnational/International Security, 2016-17

Member, School of International Service Search Committee for Tenure-Track Position in Transnational/International Security, 2015-16

Member, School of Public Affairs Search Committee for Tenure-Track Position in Terrorism & Security Studies, 2013-2014.

Member, School of Public Affairs Assessment Committee, 2012-2013

Member, School of Public Affairs Social Committee, 2011-2012

Supervise PhD Independent Study for Jason Fritz, 2016-2017.

Serve as Olson Scholars Mentor for Ryan Fedasiuk, 2016-2017.

Supervise Two Undergraduate Student Internships for Caitlin Dunn and Brian Nguyen, 2012.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Journal of Terrorism and Political Violence*, Editorial Board 2017-Present

Engaging America Project, Co-founder 2017-Present

- Developed an initiative at American University to promote civic engagement on U.S. foreign policy and national security by facilitating engagement between academics, policy experts, and local communities.

*Journal of Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Editorial Board 2013-Present

*War on the Rocks* Web Magazine, Senior Editor 2013-Present

Manuscript peer reviewer for Oxford University Press (2014), Hurst & Co. (2013, 2015), *Journal of Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013), *Journal of Strategic Studies* (2014), *International Security* (2012).

Grant proposal reviewer for Smith Richardson (2015), U.S. Institute of Peace (2013).

### **ADDITIONAL RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Center for a New American Security, Adjunct Senior Fellow 2015-Present

- Contribute to CNAS projects and reports, conduct independent research, participate in conferences and workshops, and brief senior US government officials.

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Department of Defense, Sr. Advisor for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs 2014-2015

- Led a strategic review of U.S. defense policy in South and Central Asia and served as the lead author of the resulting strategic framework for the region. Headed up APSA-wide initiatives to contribute to the effort to counter the flow of foreign fighters from South, Central, and Southeast Asia to Iraq and Syria. Coordinated DoD contributions to the U.S.-Japan-India trilateral, a State-led biannual engagement among the three countries. Initiated and oversaw a review of the U.S.-Pakistan bilateral defense relationship, and led a working group responsible for reforming security assistance to Pakistan.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Non-Resident Scholar 2011-2014

- Provided analysis for policymakers, contributed to seminar series and CEIP reports, conducted independent research, participated in conferences and workshops, and briefed US t officials.

EastWest Institute 2006 –2007

- Coordinated EWI research initiatives, including managing teams in the New York and Brussels offices. Guided development of publications and facilitated public events as well as private meetings among security practitioners, policymakers, academics and members of various Muslim communities in the U.S. and Europe. Designed, launched, and managed the Countering Violent Extremism Initiative to combat religious extremism and isolate extremist groups by mobilizing civil society.

Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies, Associate Fellow 2006

- Provided strategic counsel on drafting and implementation of a campaign plan for electoral reform, the promotion of democracy and the promotion of human rights. Contributed articles and advised on editorial content for the Center's monthly publication.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Dean's Summer Research Award, American University School of International Service, 2017 (\$4,000)

Research Grant, Smith Richardson, 2012-13 (\$39,000)

Research Grant, National Defense University, 2012 (\$16,000)

Research Grant, National Defense University, 2011 (\$20,000)

Public Policy Scholar – summer term, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2012 (\$10,000)

King's College London School of Social Science and Public Policy Studentship Award, 2008-11, full tuition and stipend, one of two annual recipients awarded this scholarship for doctoral research

British Government, Overseas Research Award for doctoral research in the United Kingdom, 2008-11, (\$45,000)