

# John Severini

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### Georgetown University

*Initiative on Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Citizenship (AIDC)*  
Co-Director, 2025 – Present

### University of Notre Dame

*O'Brien Notre Dame International Security Center (ONDISC)*  
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, 2026 – 2027

## EDUCATION

### Georgetown University

Ph.D., Government, 2027 (Expected)  
Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology, Political Theory

### Columbia University

M.P.A., International Security Policy, 2021

### The Ohio State University

B.A., Political Science and Linguistics, 2016

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

3. **Technology, Behavior, and Effectiveness in Naval Warfare: The Battles of Savo Island and Cape Saint George** (with Stephen Biddle). *International Security*, 50 (3): 156-191. 2026.
2. **Making AI Inevitable: Historical Perspective and the Problems of Predicting Long-Term Technological Change** (with Mark Fisher). *Oxford Intersections: AI in Society*. 2025.
1. **Military Effectiveness and Naval Warfare** (with Stephen Biddle). *Security Studies*, 33 (3): 325-47. 2024.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Producing More, Learning Less: AI and the Burden of Knowledge in Political Science”  
“Where the Model Frequently Meets the Road: Combining Statistical, Formal, and Case Study Methods” (with Andrew Bennett and Bear Braumoeller)  
“Prediction Markets and War”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“State Capacity and Capital-Intensive Warfare: The Influence of Institutional Structure During the Anglo-Dutch Wars”  
“Time and the Nation: War, History, and Collective Identity in the Works of Erich Auerbach and Walter Benjamin”  
“Defining Militarism: Towards an Empirical Framework”

PUBLIC  
WRITING

**Commentary**

[The Limits of Naval Technology Alone](#) (with Stephen Biddle).  
*Laufare*. May 17, 2026.

[The Importance of the Battle of Savo Island](#) (with Stephen Biddle).  
*War on the Rocks*. April 27, 2026.

[Digital Frontiers, Corporate Sovereignty, and the Future of the CEO](#).  
*Corporate Political Responsibility*. February 27, 2024.

**Policy Reports**

[Empirical Analysis for Meeting Great Power Challenges](#) (with Stephen Biddle, Eli Berman, Eric Min, Laura Samotin, and Meyer Thalheimer). *Office of Naval Research*. February 1, 2024.

[Assessing the Reliability of the Future Years Defense Program and Building a Forecast](#) (with Andrew Hunter and Gregory Sanders). *Acquisition Research Program*. May 10, 2021.

GRANTS

[National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence](#). “Initiative on Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Citizenship (AIDC)” (with Mark Fisher and Matthew Hamilton) (\$750,000), 2025 – 2028.

FELLOWSHIPS

[University of Texas at Austin, Clements Center for National Security Summer Seminar in Statecraft and History Fellowship](#), 2026 [Invited]

[University of Notre Dame, O’Brien Notre Dame International Security Center, Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship](#), 2026 – 2027

HONORS  
& AWARDS

[Georgetown University, Summer Research Award](#) (\$5,000), 2026

[Georgetown University, Collaborative Research Award](#) (\$6,500), 2025

[Georgetown University, Methodology Skill Building Award](#) (\$5,000), 2024

[Corporate Political Responsibility Essay Prize](#) (\$1,000), 2024

INVITED TALKS  
& CONFERENCES

**2026**

[American Political Science Association](#) [Invited]  
[Midwestern Political Science Association](#)  
[International Studies Association](#)

**2024**

[ISA Northeast](#)  
[ISA International Security Studies Section](#)  
[Military Force Analysis Seminar Series](#)  
[DC-Area International Relations Colloquium](#)  
[Midwestern Political Science Association](#)

**2022**

[Military Force Analysis Seminar Series](#)

**2021**

[Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5: Strategy, Plans, & Policy](#) (Classified)

TEACHING

**Georgetown University**

**2025**

[GOVT 1600 – \*International Relations\*](#) (TA)

**2024**

[GOVT 1600 – \*International Relations\*](#) (TA)

[GOVT 2603 – \*International Law\*](#) (TA)

**2023**

GOVT 1800 – *Elements of Political Philosophy* (TA)

**DATASETS**

**NAVBATTLE: A New Dataset for Naval Warfare**

Details information on 573 major naval engagements between 1649 and 1988 and 10,396 warships constructed between 1623 and 2006.

**SERVICE**

President, Georgetown University Graduate Political Science Association, 2024 – 2025.  
Student Ambassador, Georgetown Political Science Predoctoral Summer Institute, 2025.

**Referee**

*International Security*

**OTHER**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Columbia University**

*Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies (SIWPS)*

Lead Research Analyst, 2021 – 2022

Research Assistant, 2020 – 2021

**Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)**

*Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group (DIIG)*

Research Analyst, 2020 – 2021

**SKILLS**

R, Stata, Python, Excel  
L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML, CSS  
ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS