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Education

Georgetown University

PhD, Government

Expected 2027

Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology, Political Theory

Columbia University

MPA, International Security Policy (Major), East Asian Affairs (Minor)

2021

Capstone: "Strategies for U.S. National Security Priorities" (now classified)
Presented to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5: Strategy, Plans, & Policy

Advisor: Dr. Nancy W. Collins

The Ohio State University

BA, Political Science and Linguistics (Cum Laude)

2016

Academic Writing

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Military Effectiveness and Naval Warfare," with Stephen Biddle.
Security Studies, forthcoming

2024

Working Papers

"Technology, Behavior, and Effectiveness in Naval Warfare: The Battles
of Savo Island and Cape Saint George" with Stephen Biddle

"Defining Militarism: Towards an Empirical Approach"

"Social Wars: Conflicts of Belonging and Identity Transformation"

Works in Progress

"Making AI Inevitable: Historical Perspective and the Future of Machine
Learning" with Mark Fisher

"NAVBATTLE: A New Dataset on Naval Warfare" with Stephen Biddle

"State Capacity and Capital-Intensive Warfare: The Influence of Institutional
Structure During the Anglo-Dutch Wars"

"Simultaneity and Nationalism: Benedict Anderson, Walter Benjamin, and
Spatio-Temporal Ordering"

Policy Writing

Commentary

“Digital Frontiers, Corporate Sovereignty, and the Future of the CEO,” 2024
Corporate Political Responsibility, February 27, 2024. <https://www.corporate-political-responsibility.org/post/second-place-essay-2024-by-john-severini>.

Policy Reports

“Assessing the Reliability of the Future Years Defense Program and Building a Forecast.” with Andrew Hunter and Gregory Sanders. *Acquisition Research Program*, 2021. <https://calhoun.nps.edu/handle/10945/68118>.

Invited Talks / Conference Presentations

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference 2024

Military Force Analysis Seminar Series 2024

Military Force Analysis Seminar Series 2022

Grants, Awards, and Honors

Corporate Political Responsibility (CPR) Essay Prize (750 €) 2024

Georgetown University, Methodology Skills Building Award (\$5000) 2024

Teaching

Georgetown University, GOVT 2603 – *International Law*, TA 2024

Georgetown University, GOVT 1800 – *Elements of Political Philosophy*, TA 2023

Research Positions

Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University

Project Research Lead for Prof. Stephen Biddle 2021 – 2022

Research Assistant for Prof. Stephen Biddle 2020 – 2021

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Research Analyst, Defense Industrial Initiatives Group 2020 – 2021

Professional Affiliations

International Studies Association 2024 –

American Political Science Association 2023 –

Midwestern Political Science Association 2023 –

Government Experience

Hideout Municipality – Policy Adviser 2018 – 2019

Office of the Governor, NJ – Constituent Relations 2015

Languages and Skills

English (native); Spanish (intermediate); Russian (beginner)

R, STATA, Excel, SQL

ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS