

# John Severini

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### Georgetown University

*Initiative on Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Citizenship (AIDC)*

– Planning Committee Member, 2025 – Present

## 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*, forthcoming.
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

“Time and the Nation: War, History, and Collective Identity in Classical Greece and Rome” (Under review)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

“The Division of Knowledge and the Problem of Synthesis”

## POLICY WRITING

### Commentary

**Digital Frontiers, Corporate Sovereignty, and the Future of the CEO.**  
*Corporate Political Responsibility*. February 27, 2024.

## 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 Gegory 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) (\$1,000,000 requested, final award TBD), 2025 – 2028.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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

### 2024

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

### 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)

## SERVICE

President, Georgetown University Graduate Political Science Association, 2024 – 2025.

Student Ambassador, Georgetown Political Science Predoctoral Summer Institute, 2025.

OTHER  
EMPLOYMENT

**Columbia University**

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

- Project Research Lead, 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, Excel,  $\text{\LaTeX}$   
ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS