




Graduate Program in International Studies

# Shaping a Global Community

GPIS - 2022



The Graduate Program in International Studies (GPIS) is a truly interdisciplinary program reflecting the need to educate future leaders capable of navigating complex environments.

*Our mission is to educate and train students for internationally-oriented leadership positions in academia, government, and the private sector.*

*GPIS faculty and curriculum emphasize transnational and global perspectives as critical prerequisites for successful engagement with an interconnected world.*

This dynamic program:

- ◆ Leads Old Dominion University in interdisciplinary, international education
- ◆ Holds an annual Graduate Research Conference
- ◆ Organizes international conferences
- ◆ Engages in exciting crisis simulation exercises on NATO and humanitarian assistance
- ◆ Offers internships through NATO's Allied Command Transformation, the NATO Civil-Military Fusion Center, and NATO Innovation Hub
- ◆ Facilitates a vibrant GPIS community through the Graduate Society in International Studies (GSIS)

## Accomplished Faculty



### **Regina Karp, PhD**

GPIS Director, Associate Professor Political Science and International Studies  
Conflict and Cooperation and Strategic Leadership Concentration Coordinator  
Areas of Specialization: Arms Control, Weapons Proliferation, International Security,  
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GPIS Assistant Director  
Areas of Specialization: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Nationalism and Post-Soviet Politics  
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### **Angelica Huizar, PhD**

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Comparative Cultural and Political Studies Concentration Co-Coordinator  
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Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Studies  
Comparative Cultural and Political Studies Concentration Co-Coordinator  
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### **Francis Adams, PhD**

Professor, Political Science  
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### **Georg Menz, PhD**

Professor, Political Science and International Studies  
International Political Economy & Development Concentration Co-Coordinator  
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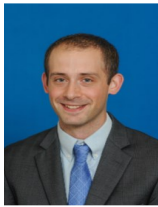
**Jesse Richman, PhD**

Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies

Modeling & Simulation Concentration Coordinator

Areas of Specialization: Congress, Public Opinion, Electoral Politics, Voting, Intellectual Property, State Politics

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**Matthew DiLorenzo, PhD**

Assistant Professor, Political Science & International Studies

International Political Economy & Development Concentration Co-Coordinator

Areas of Specialization: International Political Economy, Foreign Aid, Connections between Domestic Politics and International Relations, International Conflict

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**Peter Schulman, PhD**

Professor, World Languages and Cultures Department

Interests include French Politics and French Literature, Post-Colonialism

Areas of Specialization: French culture and politics, French literature, French cinema, Jewish studies, Contemporary France, Chassidut and Jews in France, Corsica, Quebec

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**Richard Maass, PhD**

Associate Professor, Political Science & International Studies

U.S. Foreign Policy and International Relations Concentration Coordinator

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**Erika Frydenlund, PhD**

Faculty Associate, International Studies

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**Ivy Robinson**

Program Coordinator

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GPIS provides enriching seminars, lectures, workshops, and professional development series to enhance classroom learning.

**Workshop: Early Steps to Prepare for the Job Market**  
**GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series (PDWS)**



Join us at the first meeting of the 2021 GPIS PDWS (on Zoom) with GPIS Program Director **Dr. Regina Karp** to learn what steps you can take now to position yourself for success in the job market as a GPIS graduate!

**Date:** Friday, September 17th, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00-3:30PM



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GRADUATE PROGRAM | INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

OCTOBER 7  
 12:30-1:30PM

**A TALK WITH DR. GEORGE MENZ**  
 THE OUTCOME OF GERMAN ELECTIONS

BURGESS ROOM  
 9TH FLOOR, BAL

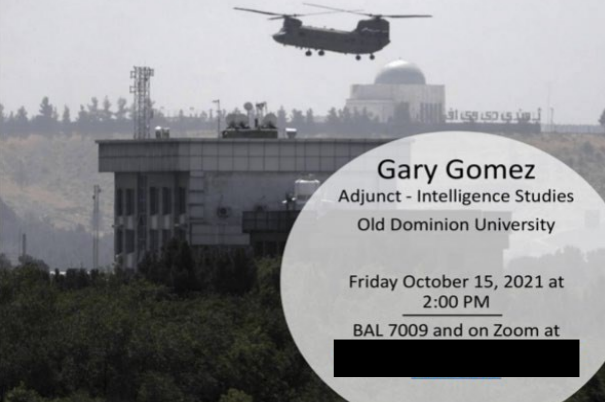
**AFTER MERKEL**  
 GERMAN POLITICS IN FLUX

Join us for a special one hour seminar with Dr. George Menz on October 7th as he goes in depth on the recent German elections and their consequences.




The Old Dominion University Department of Political Science and Geography, the Graduate Program in International Studies, and Pi Sigma Alpha Present:

**From Pearl Harbor to the Fall of Kabul: The Reality of Intelligence Failure**



**Gary Gomez**  
 Adjunct - Intelligence Studies  
 Old Dominion University

Friday October 15, 2021 at  
 2:00 PM

BAL 7009 and on Zoom at

GRADUATE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
 OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

GSIS Lecture Series on US-China Relations


THE GRADUATE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (GSIS) invites you to the

**FIRST LECTURE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS**

**Guest Speaker:** Professor Kishore Mahbubani

Kishore Mahbubani is a leading geopolitical thinker on US-China relations. He is the author of seven books including "Has the West lost it?" and "Has China won?"

**Wednesday**  
**October 20th, 2021**  
**7 P.M. (EDT)**



**Workshop: Academic Conferences and Publishing**  
**GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series (PDWS)**



Thinking about submitting a proposal to that upcoming conference? Want to turn your conference or seminar paper into a published article? Join us at the second meeting of the 2021 GPIS PDWS (on Zoom) with Assistant Professor **Dr. Matthew DiLorenzo** to learn more about how to navigate the worlds of conferences and publishing in academia.

**Click to Join!**

**Date:** Friday, October 22nd, 2021  
**Time:** 2:00-3:30PM



Topics of interest to all!

**GPIS SEMINAR:**  
**GHOSTS OF FRENCH COLONIZATION**  
 Hosted By: Dr. Peter Schulman





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Tuesday, October 26th • 7:10 EST PM

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**SENEGAL**

**Special Guest Speaker:**  
**DR. SOULEYMANE BACHIR DIAGNE**  
 Director of the Institute of African Studies  
 Professor of French and Philosophy  
 Columbia University

THE GRADUATE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
 AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
 INVITES YOU TO THE

**SECOND LECTURE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS**

**GUEST SPEAKER TYLER SHIELDS**  
 DIRECTOR OF CHINA OFFICE  
 INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE






WEDNESDAY, DEC 1 2021

**Current Events in Context**  
 2021-2022 forum series

**Wednesday, December 8**  
 12:30-1:30pm



**U.S.-China-Taiwan Relations**  
 Discussion with Dr. Cathy X. Wu



Graduate Program in International Studies  
 Old Dominion University

The world wide pandemic impacted normal university operations from March 2020—June 2021. During this time GPIS had to pivot and change the delivery of its normal on-campus activities. Look at what we did at the beginning of the pandemic.

GPIS/GSIS: Research Presentation  
**The Benign Hegemon's Dilemma:**  
 Racism, Liberalism, & the Roots of International Order  
 Dr. Richard Maass  
 Friday, April 2, 2021 | 2:30 PM EST



**Pursuing an Academic Career With a GPIS PhD**  
 GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series



**Dr. Dovyte Budyte**  
 Professor, Chair of Faculty, Political Science  
 Georgia Gwinnett College  
 GPIS PhD (2000)



**Dr. Sabine Hirschauer**  
 Assistant Professor, Government  
 New Mexico State University  
 GPIS PhD (2012)



**Dr. Jennifer Schiff**  
 Associate Professor,  
 Political Science & Public Affairs  
 Western Carolina University  
 GPIS PhD (2013)



**Dr. Lauren McKee**  
 Assistant Professor, Political Science &  
 Asian Studies  
 Berea College  
 GPIS PhD (2014)

Looking to go into an academic career with a GPIS PhD? Join us on Zoom to hear four GPIS alumni share their advice and answer your questions in academia!



Friday, March 12 | 2:30 PM EST  
**Why Weak States Balance:**  
 National Mobilization and  
 Georgia's Post-Cold War Security  
 Strategy.  
**DR. ETERI**  
 Tsintsadze-Maass  
 Research Presentation  
 GSIS

THE GRADUATE SOCIETY  
 FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
 PRESENTS  
 A FRANCOPHONE FILM SCREENING & HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL DISCUSSION  
**HIGHER THAN FLAMES**  
**WILL GO**  
 A FILM BY  
 Monique LeBlanc  
 HUMAN RIGHT PANELISTS  
 LOUISE DUPRE  
 MELANIE LOISEL  
 TIRZA LEIBOWITZ  
 PETER SCHULMAN  
 OVER  
 FOUNDATION  
 29, 2021  
 7:00 PM EDT

GPIS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP SERIES  
 SPONSORED BY THE GRADUATE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

**CONFERENCE DAY**  
**26<sup>th</sup>** Friday, February 2021  
 Starting at 9:00 AM EST

MORNING PANEL DISCUSSANTS

- Navigating Global Health - Dr. Muge Akpinar-Elci
- The Impacts of Globalization - Dr. Eteri Tsintsadz-Maass,
- Chinese Politics of the 21st Century - Dr. Austin Jersild

LATE-MORNING PANEL DISCUSSANTS

- Complexities of Warfare - Dr. Cathy Wu
- Domestic Dimensions of American Foreign Policy - Dr. Richard W. Maass
- Development in a Changing World - Prof. Aaron Karp

Lunch & RoundTable Discussion:

America 2021: Leading While Putting the Domestic House in Order



Special Guests: NATO Innovation Hub

RoundTable Discussion:  
 The Conference of Minds: Studying  
 Disinformation with the  
 NATO Innovation Hub



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**SPOTLIGHT**  
**CULTURAL DIPLOMACY**  
 A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

22 MARCH 2021 | 7:10 PM - 9:00 PM

HOSTED BY: DR. PETER SCHULMAN

**SPECIAL GUEST:** LAURA BAUDE  
 French Cultural Services, Washington DC

**SPEAKERS:** M. JUSTIN MARGOLIS  
 Cultural Services of Quebec in Washington, DC  
 DR. MARIA LAURA FORNELLA  
 UN Representative Soroptimist International, NY-Co Chair, & NGO Committee for Social Development

**TOPICS INCLUDE:** The Role of Culture in Diplomatic Missions | What role does a cultural attaché play? | How can it help with "soft power" within a host country? | How does it differ from other types of diplomatic initiatives?

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staying connected virtually!

**Careers in Nongovernmental Organizations: A Panel Discussion**  
**GPIS Professional Development Workshop Series**



**Dorian Karp** is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Jewish Women International, where she focuses on federal advocacy, grassroots engagement, and coalition building. Her work centers around ending gender-based violence, gun violence prevention, reproductive justice, and economic security. She is an active member in over 15 coalitions, holding leadership positions on the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, the Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, and is an inaugural member of Everytown for Gun Safety's Interfaith Advisory Council.



**Horacio Carreño Karp** is the Foundation Relations Manager at Faith in Action. This multi-faith, multi-racial national community organizing network gives people of faith the tools that they need to fight for justice and work towards a more equitable society. Horacio believes in empowering his community, promoting civic and political participation of communities of color, and, most importantly, in creating long-term systemic changes that will give power back to those closest to the pain. He has raised money for work in economic justice policies, immigration and criminal justice reform, and civic engagement in this role.



**Madeline Karp** is a non-profit professional with expertise in program and project management, community engagement, education, distributed organizing, grassroots advocacy, strategic communications, and environmental issues. She currently works for the Climate Reality Project, founded by former Vice-President Al Gore to inspire climate activism globally. She manages a national network of over 140 chapters, overseeing broad strategy for the program and supporting a network of our 13,000 volunteers in the US. In her work, she provides training and resources to continually refine volunteer skills and capabilities that support the advocacy goals of Climate Reality.

Interested in a career that improves the lives of others?  
 Find out what NGOs do to make the world a better place!

Date: Friday, March 26th, 2021  
 Time: 2:00-3:30PM



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**LEADERSHIP**  
*Memories of*  
**SIMON SERFATY**

PROFESSOR EMERITUS AND EMINENT SCHOLAR EMERITUS  
 OCTOBER 16, 2020 | 5:00 PM EST

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PRESENTS

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

**Professional Development Workshop**  
 Writing For a Policy Audience  
 Hosted By: Dr. Matthew DiLorenzo

October 23, 2020  
 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: SAMANTHA CUSTER, AIDDATA

She leads an interdisciplinary research team at AIDData, which produces insightful international affairs analysis that is academically rigorous and policy-relevant. Her work is featured in research from state governments and civil society networks. In her role with the World Bank, she taught a class on US national security with former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, directed multi-regional education programs in Southeast Asia with UK International, and conducted performance evaluations for the State Dept. She is an active member of AIDData's research network. For more information about Sam Custer, see her profile on AIDData's website here: <https://www.aiddata.org/people/samanthacuster>

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**SHIFTING**  
 IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
**POLITICS**

HOST BY: DR. ANDREW J. NOLTE  
 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
 REGENT UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020 | 2:00 PM EST





# Annual Graduate Research Conference



THE GRADUATE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (GSIS) IN COLLABORATION WITH THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (GPIS), IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE

**20TH ANNUAL GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA



#### IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021  
ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2022  
ONLINE REGISTRATION CLOSES  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2022  
DEADLINE FOR FINAL PAPERS (UNDERGRADUATE)  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022  
DEADLINE FOR FINAL PAPERS (GRADUATES)  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2022  
COPIES OF ACCEPTED PARTICIPANTS' PRESENTATIONS DUE

SUBMIT A 250-300-WORD ABSTRACT (DOUBLE-SPACED AND TITLED) TO EDUARDO LANDAETA, GSIS-VICE PRESIDENT AT ELAND004@ODU.EDU. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE ORGANIZED INTO SMALL PANELED GROUPS WITH A TIME FRAME OF ABOUT 10 MINUTES PER PAPER. THE PRESENTER WILL RECEIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK RIGHT AFTER THEIR PRESENTATIONS. WHILE THERE IS NO UPWARD LIMIT FOR LENGTH, A THOROUGH YET CONCISE DISCUSSION OF THE TOPIC IS ENCOURAGED. WORK MAY BE CITED IN ANY RECOGNIZED FORMAT (I.E.; APA, CHICAGO, ETC.) AS LONG AS IT ADEQUATELY CREDITS SOURCES.

**CONFERENCE DAY  
FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH 2022**

REGISTER AT

[HTTPS://WWW.ODU.EDU/GPIS/GRADUATE-RESEARCH-CONFERENCE.HTML](https://www.odu.edu/gpis/graduate-research-conference.html)

# Vibrant Academic Community

**Dr. Claire Winiarek** (2021) is the Director of Healthcare Policy for Amazon, where she leads the Company's federal, state, and local policy engagement in support of Amazon Care, Amazon Diagnostics, Amazon Pharmacy, and PillPack, as well as COVID-19 vaccines.



**Dr. Joshua Hastey** (2020) presented at the Conference on Formal Models of International Relations Center for International Studies, University of Southern California in February 2018. Joshua presented his formal model paper: "Fait Accompli in the Shadow of Shifting Power."



**Dr. Nurullah Ayyilmaz's** (2018) paper, "Exploring the Motivations behind the Humanitarian Aid: Does USAID Grant the Humanitarian Aid According to Needs?" was presented at the 2016 ISA National Conference. In 2016, he was awarded a Student Collaborator Fellowship with Princeton University's Middle East Center.



**Dr. Felicia Grey** (2017) Visiting Assistant Professor at Middlebury College. She had her article "How Oil Twists the Hegemon's Arm: The Case of the United States and Saudi Arabia and their Ambivalent Partnership" in the DOMES (Digest of Middle East Studies).



**Samantha Golden** (MA, 2017), was awarded the prestigious and competitive Frasure-Kruzel-Drew Memorial Fellowship. It is a paid, fulltime, two-year career development opportunity sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement and administered by the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery. The selected fellow serves in the Washington, D.C. office.



**Dr. Khatera Alizada** (2017) awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for Mind and Culture in Boston.



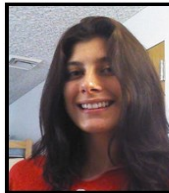
**Dr. Maurizio Geri** (2017) is a Research Analyst for Strategic Plans and Policy Division at Allied Command Transformation (ACT) where he is preparing a pilot project on strategic regional partnership for North Africa. Maurizio's dissertation is published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2018: *Ethnic Minorities in Democratizing Muslim Countries*. The cases of Turkey and Indonesia.



**Anita Ross** (MA, 2017) was selected for the highly competitive White House Internship Program. This Program is a public service leadership program that provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable professional experience and build leadership skills. Ms. Ross helped with projects including the White House Historical Association ball, the Congressional Ball and Hispanic Heritage Month.



**Jane Close** (MA, 2016) has been working for the ODU Social Science Research Center as a research assistant and she works part time as a trivia host for Team Trivia Virginia Beach. Mrs. Close is also in the process of transitioning to a full-time government analyst position.



**Dr. Hamza Demirel** (2016) was awarded a Student Collaborator Fellowship with Princeton University's Middle East Center, New Jersey, in 2014.

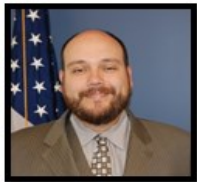


**Dr. Saltuk Karahan** (2015) is the Program Coordinator in ODU's Center for Cybersecurity Education and Research and a Lecturer in the Political Science and Geography Department. Prior to this position, he also worked as a Visiting Scholar of the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center.



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**Dr. John Callahan** (2015) is Military Program Director - International Studies and Homeland Security Programs at New England College where he manages a team of instructors focused on International Studies and Homeland Security Programs. John is also Public Affairs Exercise Specialist at Nusura in Norfolk where he provides public affairs and strategic communication subject matter expertise.



**Dr. Erika Frydenlund** (2015) is Research Assistant Professor at Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC) at Old Dominion University. Her research examines applications of modeling and simulation to address issues around refugees and forced migration. She is also collaborating with UNOCHA to model internally displaced persons in the Democratic Republic of Congo to help UN agencies better respond to forced displacement crises.



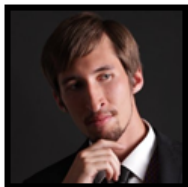
**Dr. Jan Nalaskowski** (2015) is Business Development Representative at STX Next. He spent four weeks at the Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Institute hosted at Duke University, under the supervision of Dr. Scott de Marchi and received a prestigious internship with the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC.



**Dr. Scott Duryea** (2015) is a Lecturer at North Carolina State University. Scott was awarded the Humane Studies Fellowship through the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. Scott has had articles published in *Globalizations* and *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*.



**Dr. Ivan Medynskyi** (2015) is a Research Fellow at the Institute of World Policy in Kiev. In 2014, he presented a paper entitled "Path Dependence in Intrastate Conflicts: Comparing Onset and Termination" which was accepted to the ISA National Conference. He was also awarded an Open Society Foundation Global Supplementary Grant the same year.



**Dr. Anjali Sahay** (2015) is the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs. This commission is responsible for advising the governor on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations that affect the AAPI communities. Her book "Indian Diaspora in the United States: Brain Drain or Gain?" was published in May 16, 2009 by Lexington Books.



**Dr. Sagar Rijal** (2015) is Associate Corporate Governance Advisor for ISS Corporate Solutions in Rockville, MD where he advises management-level clients on issues of corporate governance, executive compensation and shareholder activism; assisted them by producing research and modeling-based client deliverables.



**Dr. William Patterson** (2014) works for the U.S. Department of State as a Political Officer in Katmandu. Dr. Patterson is an author of the book "Democratic Counterinsurgents: How Democracies Can Prevail in Irregular Warfare (Rethinking Political Violence)" published in June, 2016, by Palgrave Macmillan. This book explores the ways in which democracies can win counterinsurgencies.



**Kimberly Ganczak** (MA, 2014) was admitted to the University of Virginia's doctoral program in International Affairs where she is a Graduate (Research) Assistant focusing on international relations, game theory, and statistics. Her recent focus has been on North Korea and interests include most destabilized and failed states such as Somalia.



**Dr. Sara Hoff** (2014) is with the U.S. Department of Energy Information Administration in the Office of Energy Statistics. In 2014, Sara was awarded a Presidential Management Fellowship.



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**Dr. Beyza Unal** (2014) has been working at Chatham House, the UK's leading research institute, in London, as a Research Fellow in Nuclear Weapons Policy since 2015. She was also cited as a nuclear weapons expert in a DW Académie March 2016 article about the Obama administration-led nuclear summit in Washington, D.C.



**Dr. Wiebke Lamer** (2014) is a Research Professional and Expert on the Global Politics of Press Freedom; EIUC - European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization.



**Dr. Tasawar Baig** (2014) is Director of the Karakoram Centre for Cultural Studies & Heritage at Karakoram International University in Pakistan. In 2013 with Mustafa Kemal Dagdelen, he published an article in the Journal of European Studies; "Re-Emergence of Othering in Europe: A Threat to European Integration".



**Dr. Melodee Baines** (2013) is Training Officer with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Melodee has worked in both the New York and Houston Asylum Offices. She has spent most of her career in asylum working with women and children at the southwest border. She was formerly appointed as Democracy and Governance Specialist Staff Associate at Tetra Tech ARD in Burlington, Vermont.



**Sydney Sheppard** (MA, 2014) is Pricing Analyst at Independent Container Line, Richmond, Virginia. She was selected by the DACOR Bacon House Foundation for a competitive fellowship that supported the second year of her MA studies in 2012.



**Dr. Stephen Magu** (2013) is Laureate (Democratic Governance Institute) at CODESRIA. He published his book "Political Economy, Social Development and Conflict in Africa: with emphasis on East Africa the Horn of Africa region" He is Assistant Professor at Hampton University in Virginia.



**Tuan Lu**(MA, 2014) Fulbright student from Vietnam is a PhD Candidate at School of Humanities and Social Sciences, UNSW Canberra, Australia.



**Dr. Renata Giannini** (2013) is an Adjunct Faculty Instructor at ODU and a Researcher with the Igarape Institute in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. While at ODU, she was involved in launching an original web-based research initiative on separatism at <http://ibsep.org/>.



**Dr. Lauren McKee** (2014) is the Assistant Professor of Political Science and Asian Studies at Berea College. A significant resource in the community, McKee is also the instructor for the Model African Union.



**Dr. Katerina Oskarsson** (2014) is Chief Strategy Officer with Rise Resilience Innovations. In the 2012-13 academic year she published three articles: "Economic Sanctions on Authoritarian States: Lessons Learned," Middle East Policy, 19, no. 4, (Winter 2012): 88-102; "Energy-Development-Security Nexus in Afghanistan," Journal of Energy Security, November 2012; "Russia and the Persian Gulf: Energy, Trade and Interdependence," Middle East Journal, with Dr. Steve A. Yetiv.



**Dr. Kim Gilligan** (2013) is currently at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, NY, where she is Task Monitor with the International Safeguards Project Office. Dr. Gilligan provides expert recommendations to the interagency Subgroup on Safeguards Technical Support (comprised of Department of Energy, Department of State, Department of Defense, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission representatives).



## Vibrant Academic Community

**Dr. Omar Hawthorne** (2012) is Lecturer with the University of the West Indies, Jamaica, Department of International Relations. She published her book "Do International Corruption Metrics Matter: the Impact of Transparency International's Corruption Perception" with Lexington Books in October 2015. She has conducted a funded research project on her second book, which examines the impact of corruption and how it affects foreign businesses, specifically, American businesses located in Jamaica.



**Rodrigu Mezu** (MA, 2012) has been assigned to the Office of Foreign Affairs as a Colombian Air Force Officer and also a student at Colombian War College. He is currently pursuing a PhD from the University of the Andes, Colombia.



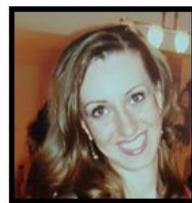
**Ruslan Ismayil-Zada** (MA, 2012) is at the Marketing Diploma Program of the York University in Canada. He began his post-GPIS career by working as an External Affairs Officer at the Ministry of Taxes of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



**Dr. Sabine Hirschauer** (2012) is Assistant Professor at New Mexico State University/Las Cruces, New Mexico. Her dissertation "The Securitization of Rape: Women, Conflict and Sexual Violence" was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2014.



**Dr. Niloufar Salimi** (2012) won the best paper prize at the Virginia Modeling and Simulation Student Capstone Conference: Niloufar's paper was titled: "Impact of Social Media on Women Movement."



**Alexandra Rice** (MA, 2012) is Development Officer at Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Virginia.



**Savannah Russo** (MA, 2012) is Senior Consultant, Partnerships and Strategic Development at Global Health Visions. She was Senior Associate of Policy and Advocacy at Women Deliver, New York. Savannah is a devoted professional with many years of international and cross-cultural experience in advocacy, program management, policy, communications and research.



**Dr. Carlos Teixeira** (2011) is Professor and Deputy Course Coordinator at PUC-SP | Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil. Carlos' dissertation "Brazil, the United States, and the South American Subsystem: Regional Politics and the Absent Empire" was published by Lexington Books in 2012. It was named as one of the best books in the field by Foreign Affairs.



**Dr. Christopher White** (2011) Assistant Professor at Livingstone College, North Carolina where he teaches courses in American Politics, International Politics, Political Theory, US Foreign Policy. He published his book: "Immigration and Regional Integration in a Globalizing World: Myths and Truths about Migration" with Lexington Books in October, 2015.



**Jeffrey Mistich** (MA, 2011) is Political Economist of Quantitative Methodology and Data Science at the Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Jeffrey specializes in evaluating the structure of historical data within the context of policy or business environments to develop predictive models that inform strategic decision-making.



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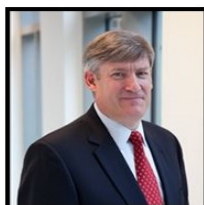
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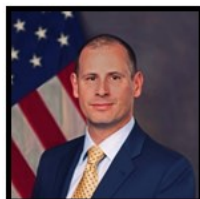
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