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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019 – Present Adjunct Professor and Research Associate, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University
- 2016 – 2019 Assistant and Associate Professor, U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado
- 2006 – 2009 Instructor and Assistant Professor, U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Iowa
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Security Studies
Dissertation: [Dissent in Digital](#): The Internet and Dissent in Authoritarian States
Committee: Brian H. Lai (Chair), Kelly M. Kadera, David D. Perlmutter, William M. Reisinger, Caroline J. Tolbert
- 2011 M.A., Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College
- 2005 M.A., National Security Studies (with Honors), American Military University
- 1994 B.A., History, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trust, social capital, internet/cyber-mediated politics, emergent political processes, ludology, social movements, politics and media (speculative fiction and gamer culture), professional wargaming, active classroom learning

OTHER POSITIONS

- 2015 – 2016 Division Chief, Assessments and Lessons Learned, Headquarters 25th Air Force, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
- 2014 – 2015 Chief of Assessments, National Intelligence Control Cell, Headquarters 25th Air Force, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
- (2013 – 2014)¹ Senior Intelligence Officer and Air Intelligence Advisor, 438th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Kabul, Afghanistan
- 2012 – 2013 Chief of Strategic ISR Analysis, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas

¹ Parenthetical assignments indicate operational deployments.

2009 – 2012 Air Force Institute of Technology Graduate Student, The University of Iowa Department of Political Science, Iowa City, Iowa
 (2003 – 2004) Intelligence Flight Commander, 40th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory
 2003 – 2006 Chief of Intelligence Operations, 28th Operations Support Squadron, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
 (2002) Deputy Air Desk Chief, Combined Air Operations Center, Joint Intelligence Center, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 2001 - 2003 Intelligence Integration Officer to the Joint STARS Special Program Office, Office of Intelligence, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts
 (2001) Intelligence Systems Team Lead, Operation Desert Shift, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 2000 – 2001 Command & Control Intelligence Integration Officer to the C4ISR Enterprise Integration Special Program Office, Office of Intelligence, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts
 1996 – 1999 Electronic Warfare (EW) Specialist, 1st EW Platoon; 1st Team Leader, 1st EW Platoon; and Platoon Sergeant, 3rd EW Platoon, 502d MI Company, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, Louisiana

PROFESSIONAL AND MILITARY EDUCATION

2019 Board Game Designer Course, Udemy
 2017 Cyberworx Design Thinking Course, U.S. Air Force Academy
 2017 Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research, Syracuse University
 2016 Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Alabama
 2015 Wargaming and Technology Continuing Education Unit, George Mason University, Virginia
 2013 Air Advisor Course, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
 2013 Intelligence Master Skills Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
 2011 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
 2009 Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan
 2008 Summer Institute of Political Psychology, Stanford University
 2006 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
 2003 Information Operations Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
 2003 U.S. Air Force Combat Targeting Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
 2001 Dynamics of International Terrorism Course, Hurlburt Field, Florida
 2000 Middle East Orientation Course, U.S. Department of State, Virginia
 2000 U.S. Air Force Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
 1999 U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
 1997 U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course, Fort Polk, Louisiana
 1996 Combat Electronic Warfare Operators Course, Fort Huachuca, Arizona
 1995 U.S. Army Cryptologic Linguist Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
 1995 Basic Persian Farsi Course, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California
 1994 U.S. Army Basic Combat Training, Fort Jackson, South Carolina

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards)
Air Force Commendation Medal (3 awards)
Army Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Army Good Conduct Medal
National Defense Service Medal (2 awards)
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
Air Force Short Tour Ribbon
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
Afghanistan Campaign Medal
Air Force Longevity Service (4 awards)
Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (2 awards)
Air Force Training Ribbon
Army Service Ribbon
ISAF NATO Medal

HONORS

2019 Department Nominee, USAFA Innovation in Teaching Award
2019 Department Nominee, McDermott Award for Research in the Social Sciences
2018 U.S. Air Force Academy Charles R. Coble, Jr. Research Award
2015 Plans, Policy and Assessments Directorate Intelligence Professional of the Year
2008 U.S. Air Force Academy Charles R. Coble, Jr. Research Award
2008 U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Political Science Outstanding Contributor Award
2007 U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Political Science Company Grade Officer of the Year
2006 U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer School Outstanding Contributor Award
2005 28th Bomb Wing Air Force Intelligence Professional of the Year
2002 Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia Anthony P. Brown Award
1997 Distinguished Graduate, U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Lieutenant Colonel, 1 November 2014
Major, 1 May 2009
Captain, 2 July 2003
First Lieutenant, 2 July 2001
Second Lieutenant, 2 July 1999
Sergeant, 6 February 1998
Specialist, 22 July 1994

PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Fielder, James D. "The Monsters Among Us: Realism and Constructivism in 'The World of Darkness' Roleplaying Game Setting." In Picariello, Damien (Ed.). *The Politics of Horror* (Forthcoming).

Fielder, James D. "Cyber Security Policy in Kenya." *Palgrave Handbook on Global Cyber Security* (forthcoming).

["The Pigeon's Checklist for Classroom Game Design."](#) *Active Learning in Political Science*, 4 February 2019.

Fielder, James D. Review of Karen Schrier, [Knowledge Games: How Playing Games can Solve Problems, Create Insight, and Make Change](#). Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016. Games Research Network, December 2018.

Fielder, James D. 2019. "The Narrative History of the Chocolate Wars: Designing a Short and Tasty Bargaining Game." *Journal of Political Science Education*, Vol 15, No 1 (2019): 82-93, DOI: [10.1080/15512169.2018.1446343](https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2018.1446343)

Fielder, James D. *The Internet and Dissent in Authoritarian States*. In "Conflict and Cooperation in Cyberspace: The Challenge to National Security," edited by Panayotis A. Yannakogeorgos and Adam B. Lowther, 161-194. New York: Taylor & Francis, 2013.

Fielder, James D. "[Bandwidth Cascades: Escalation and Pathogen Models for Cyber Conflict Diffusion](#)." *Small Wars Journal* 9(6): 2013.

Fielder, James D. Review of David L. Adamy, *EW 103: Tactical Battlefield Communications Electronic Warfare*. Norwood, MA: Artech House, 2008. *Air and Space Power Journal* 28, no. 1 (2014): 93-95.

Fielder, James D. Review of Craig A. Snyder, ed. *Contemporary Security and Strategy: Second Edition*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. H-War, October 2012.

WORKING PAPERS AND BOOK PROPOSALS

Gibb, Ryan, Mark Harvey, and James D. Fielder (Eds.). “Designing Games and Simulations for the Political Science Classroom.” Routledge (proposal est. June 2019).

Fielder, James D., Deron Jackson, and Andrew L. Lotz (Eds.). “Politics in Worlds that Never Were: Fantasy and Science Fiction in Political Science.” (call for chapters est. October 2019).

Fielder, James D. “The (Virtual) War Ledger: Political Risk, Economy, and Communication in EVE Online’s Battle of B-R5RB.”

Fielder, James D. “Gaming to Lose: Lessons from Failing in Classroom Games.”

Solomon, Johanna, and James D. Fielder. “War Gaming for Peace.”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“[Classroom Games and Professional Wargame Design](#).” *Games in Schools and Libraries* Podcast. 15 February 2019.

“Understanding Symbols of Racism.” After Charlottesville: U.S. Air Force Academy Critical Conversation Series. October 2017.

“Workshop on Tabletop Games in Religion, History and Culture, and Basic Game Design Practices.” Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility. Connell WA. 28-30 October 2017.

“The Meaning of ‘War’ in Cyber Conflict.” Turnage Family Faculty Innovation and Creativity Fund for the Study of Political Communication Lecture. Elon University, Elon, NC. 19 October 2017.

“Crossing Divides, Building Trust.” National Anthem Protests: U.S. Air Force Academy Critical Conversation Series. October 2016.

“Trust and Influence in the Cyber Domain.” United States Space Command. December 2016.

“Theory into Practice: Applying Political Science Theory to Military Operations.” Bose Speaker Series. The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA. 12 November 2015. Also, Iowa City Foreign Relations Council. Iowa City, IA. 11 November 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Gaming to Lose: Learning from Failure in Classroom Games.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2019
- “War Games for Peace.” Coauthored and Presented with Johanna Solomon (School of Peace & Conflict Studies, Kent State University). Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2019
- “Social Sciences in Worlds that Never Were: Using Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature in the Classroom.” Denver Comic Con, Denver CO. June 2018.
- “The (Virtual) War Ledger: Political Risk, Economy, and Communication in EVE Online’s Battle of B-R5RB.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2018.
- “The Narrative History of the Chocolate Wars: Designing a Short and Tasty Opportunity Costs Game.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 2017.
- “Bandwidth Cascades: Diffusion Effects of Dyadic Cyber Conflicts.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. March 2012.
- “Dissent versus the (Online) Surveillance State: Measuring Authoritarian Control of the | Internet.” American Political Science Association. Seattle WA. September 2011.
- “Speculative Sovereignty: Internet Effects on Currency Volatility.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2011.
- “Dissent in Digital: The Challenge of Contemporary Information Communication Technology to Authoritarian States.” American Political Science Association Pre-Conference on Political Communication. Washington D.C. September 2011.
- “Synthetic Democracy: Associations and Social Capital in Virtual Worlds.” International Society of Political Psychology, Paris, France. July 2008.

COURSES TAUGHT, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

POLS 347: Comparative Authoritarianism

COURSES TAUGHT, U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

MSS 372: Wargaming Air, Space, and Cyber Power
Pol Sci 211: Politics, American Government, and National Security
Pol Sci 390: International Relations Theory
Pol Sci 460: Comparative Security Policy and Civil-Military Relations
Pol Sci 477: Politics of the Middle East
Pol Sci 484: The American Presidency

Pol Sci 491: Capstone Seminar in Political Science, Grand Strategy, and National Security
Pol Sci 499: Independent Study, Internet-Mediated Politics
Pol Sci 499: Independent Study, Politics in Worlds that Never Were
Pol Sci 499: Independent Study: Islamic Political Thought
Soc Sci 112, 212, and 412: Geopolitics
Soc Sci 495A: Politics in Worlds that Never Were

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

PhD Dissertation Committee, Aubree Herrin, The University of Iowa
International Relations Division Chief, 2017 – 2019
Advisor-in-Charge, 2016 – 2017
Department Classroom Scheduler, 2016 - 2017
Air Force Academy Cadet Character Development Seminar Volunteer 2006 – 2009
Combined Federal Campaign and Air Force Assistance Fund Lead, 2009
Unit Compliance Inspection Manager, 2008
Department Information Technology Manager, 2006 – 2009
Assistant Air Officer Commanding for Academics, 2006 – 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, Journal of Information Technology and Politics; Journal of Political Science Education; Media, War, and Conflict; Social Movement Studies; Simulation & Gaming

Member, American Political Science Association (Political Communication Section; Information Technology & Politics Section; Ideas, Knowledge, and Politics Section; Politics, Literature, & Film Section), [Manchester Games Studies Network](#), Midwest Political Science Association, Military Operations Research Society ([MORS Wargaming Community of Practice](#)), Pi Sigma Alpha

Roundtable Panelist. Teaching: Using Games and Simulations in the Classroom 2. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2019.

Discussant. Junior Scholar Symposium Session: Censorship and Media Control in China. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2019.

Chair. Teaching with Simulations in American Government and Public Policy. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2019.

Discussant. If I Ruled the World: The Effects of Information Inequalities on our Politics Panel. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2018.

Roundtable Panelist. Teaching: Using Simulations and Games Panel, Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2018.

Discussant. Using Simulations to Teach Political Science. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2018.

Discussant. Cybersecurity and Counterterrorism Panel. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2017.

Roundtable Panelist. Simulations and Games in the Classroom. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2017.

Discussant, Advancing Methods and Analytics in Security Studies Panel. ISSS-ISAC. University of Notre Dame, IN. November 2016.

Roundtable Panelist. Simulations and Role-Play in the Classroom. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2015.

Chair. Politics of Media Control Panel. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2015.

Chair and Discussant. Militaries In and Out of Middle East Politics Panel. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. April 2015.

Chair. War and Public Opinion Panel. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. March 2012.

Chair and Discussant. Political Communication Research: Theory and Practice Panel. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago IL. March 2012.

Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award Committee. American Political Science Association. Political Communication Section. 2012 – 2015.

July 2008. Discussant. Radicalization and the Terrorist Panel. International Society of Political Psychology. Paris, France.

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