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**Jeremy R. Backstrom**

Curriculum Vitae

**Office**

Department of Political Science and International Relations

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**Academic Appointments:**

2018-present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Widener University

2017-2018 **Adjunct Faculty**, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Widener University

2016-2019 **Adjunct Faculty**, Department of Political Science

Albright College

2015 **Adjunct Faculty**, Social Sciences Division

Montgomery County Community College

**Other Affiliations:**

2016-present **Research Affiliate**, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland

2015-2016 **Junior Researcher**, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland

**Education:**

University of North Texas, Department of Political Science, Ph.D. 2016.

Dissertation:*“Clenching the Fists of Dissent”: Political Unrest, Repression, and the Evolution to Civil War.*

Villanova University, Department of Political Science, M.A. 2004.

Texas A&M University-Commerce, Department of Political Science, B.S., 2001.

Double Major: History

Honors Thesis: *A Kurdish Nation: Myth or Reality? A Case Study in Political Mobilization.*

**Courses Taught at Widener University:**

POLS 101: American Government and Politics

POLS 102: Foreign Governments and Politics

POLS 103: Political Economy

POLS 204: Current Events in World Affairs

POLS 221: Introduction to International Relations

POLS 222: American Foreign Policy

POLS 226: The Developing World

POLS 243: Terrorism and Counterterrorism

POLS 288: Revolutions and Political Violence

POLS 288: sub-Saharan African Politics

POLS 307: Theories of International Relations

POLS 337: Politics in the Middle East

POLS 345: War and Peace

POLS 410: Senior Research

POLS 499: Political Science Research Design

**Courses Taught at Other Institutions:**

American Government and Politics

Comparative Politics

Global Responses to Terrorism

Introduction to International Relations

Introduction to Political Science

Politics in the Middle East

Revolutions and Political Violence

U.S. and Texas Government

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Tenure Track Book Reviews**

Max Abrahms. “Rules for Rebels: The Science of Victory in Militant History.” New York, NY: Oxford University Press. *Democracy and Security* 16(2): 179-184. 2020.

Alexander Thurston. “Boko Haram: The History of an African Jihadist Movement.” Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. *Democracy and Security* 15(1): 107-110. 2019

**Pre-Tenure Track Peer-Reviewed Publications and Book Reviews**

“Review Fatigue? Why Scholars Decline to Review their Peers’ Work.” Co-Authored with Marijke Breuning, Jeremy Brannon, Benjamin Isaak Gross, and Michael Widmeier. *P.S.: Political Science & Politics* 48(4): 595-600. 2015.

“Patterns of Protest in the People's Republic of China: A Provincial Level Analysis.” Co-Authored with Victor Cheung Yin Chan and T. David Mason. *Asian Affairs: An American Review* 41(3): 91-107. 2014.

“Reconciliation and Conceptual Complexity: The Case of Post Conflict Kenya.” Co-Authored with John Ishiyama. *African and Asian Studies*10(4): 366-386. 2011.

**Pre-Tenure Track Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications and Book Reviews**

“Overburdened Reviewers and the Future of Peer Review.” Co-Authored with Marijke Breuning, Jeremy Brannon, Benjamin Isaak Gross, and Michael Widmeier. *European Science Editing* 42(2): 42. 2016.

“American Foreign Policy,” in *21st Century Political Science: A Handbook*, 1st edition. 2 volumes. Edited by John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, pp. 822-830. 2010.

**Tenure Track Conference Papers and Presentations**

“Legacy of Brutality: How Low-Level Political Violence Evolves Into Civil War” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16, 2021.

“Legacy of Brutality: How Low-Level Political Violence Evolves Into Civil War” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 18, 2020. (*Cancelled)*

“Tools of the Trade: Methods of State Repression and Authoritarian Regimes.” International Studies Association Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 28, 2019. With Benjamin Isaak Gross, Steven Liebel, and Michael Marshall.

**Pre-Tenure Track Conference Papers and Presentations**

“Beasts of Burden: Refugees, Economic Grievances, and Social Conflict.” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015. With Brandon Stewart and Michael Widmeier.

“Legacy of Brutality: How Low-Level Political Violence Evolves into Civil War.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN, October 2013.

“Only the Strong Survive? Regime Survival and Political Unrest.” American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August-September 2013.

“Should I Stay or Should I Go: The Determinants of Dissident Reaction to Regime Repression and Reform during Political Unrest.” International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 2012.

“Protests and Government Repression in Africa.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2012. With Emily Stull.

“Regime Responses to Political Unrest.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA, October 2012.

“Political Institutions and Ethnic Unrest in Emerging Democracies.” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 2012. With John Ishiyama.

“Patterns of Protest in the People’s Republic of China: A Provincial Level Analysis.” International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 2012. With T. David Mason and Cheung Yin Chan

“Insurgency, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals.” Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2011. With Christopher Linebarger.

“Insurgency, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals.” International Studies Association- Midwest, St. Louis, MO, November 2011. With Christopher Linebarger.

“Reconciliation, Parliamentary Debates, and Conceptual Complexity: The Case of Post Conflict Kenya.” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2011. With John Ishiyama.

“Talking It Over: Parliamentary Debates, Conceptual Complexity and Post-Conflict Kenya.” International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2010. With Marijke Breuning and John Ishiyama.

“Talking It Over: Parliamentary Debates and Post-Conflict Kenya.” International Studies Association-Midwest, St. Louis, MO, November 2009. With Dr. John Ishiyama.

“A Kurdish Nation: Myth or Reality? A Case Study in Political Mobilization.” Association of Third World Studies Conference, Savannah, GA, October 9-13, 2001.

“The Iraqi Sanctions: Prospects for Political Change.” Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, NE, October 6-8, 2000. With JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz, Christopher Mancil, and April Pitts.

**ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP**

***University-Wide Service***

Faculty Advisor, Amnesty International- Widener University Student Chapter, 2018-present.

Faculty Council- Academic Affairs, Primary Representative, 2021-present; Alternate, 2020-2021.

Faculty Council, Member, 2021- present.

University Writing Sample Taskforce, Member, 2022-present.

***College of Arts and Sciences***

Budget, Planning, and Assessment Committee, 2019-2021; Alternate, 2019-2021.

Curriculum and Planning Committee, 2019-2020, 2021- present.

Arts and Sciences Career Connections Networking Event Working Group, Member, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.

Arts and Sciences *Experience MORE!* Selection Committee, Member, 2022-present.

***Social Science Division***

Curriculum and Planning Committee, 2018-2020; Chair, 2019-2020

Library Committee, 2019- present; Chair, 2020-2021.

Retention and Recruitment Committee, 2020-2021, 2022-2023.

**PROFESSIONALLY RELATED SERVICE**

***Widener University***

Academic Service-Learning Fellow, Academic Service-Learning Faculty Development Program, Widener University, 2019-2020.

***Academic Activities***

Presenter, “So When Do I Get to Call Someone a Terrorist? Definitional Issues in Terrorism.” H.R. McMaster Center for Security Studies, Valley Forge Military Academy, October 2020.

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, 2022.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 2020.

Manuscript Review, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2020.

Presenter, “Legacy of Brutality: How Low-Level Political Violence Evolves into Civil War.” Social Science Colloquium, April 2019.

Book Reviewer, *Democracy and Security*, 2019, 2020.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Pearson Education*, 2018.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Sage Publications*, 2018.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Rowman and Littlefield*, 2017. 2020.

Manuscript Reviewer, *International Interactions*, 2012.

**GRANTS, EDUCATIONAL AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS**

Recipient of Clarence R. Moll Professor of the Year Award, Widener University Student Leadership Award, 2020-2021

Recipient of the Widener University Faculty Development Grant, 2020-2021

Recipient of Excellence in Advising Award, Widener University Student Leadership Award, 2018-2019

Recipient of the American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2013.

University of North Texas, Graduate Assistantship Tuition Scholarship, 2012-2013.

University of North Texas, Toulouse Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2013.

University of North Texas, Student Government Association Raupe Travel Grant, 2013.

University of North Texas, Issues Correlates of War Data Project Scholarship, 2011-2012.

University of North Texas, Department of Political Science Travel Grant, 2012-2013.

University of North Texas Graduate Student Support Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, 2011-2012.

University of North Texas, Competitive Scholarship Waiver, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

Texas A&M University- Commerce, Claude and Ethel Hall Scholarship, 2001.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Peace Science Society (International)