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EDUCATION

- 2009 – Present PhD Candidate
Department of Political Science
George Washington University
Dissertation: *The Strategic Determinants of Oil Stockpiling Behavior*
- 2005 Master of International Affairs
George Bush School of Government and Public Service
Texas A&M University
- 2002 Bachelor of Arts
Department of Government and Foreign Affairs
University of Virginia
- 2001 SUNY Brockport Study Abroad
University of Ghana
- 2000 University of Virginia Study Abroad
Oxford University

EMPLOYMENT

- 2012-Present *Economist*
Office of Petroleum Reserves
United States Department of Energy
- 2008-2012 *Industry Economist*
Energy Information Administration
United States Department of Energy
- 2007-2008 *Assistant Director*
Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs
Texas A&M University
- 2005-2007 Research Associate
Institute for Science, Technology and Public Policy
Texas A&M University

PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIPS

2005	Strategic Forecasting (STRATFOR)
2002	International Republican Institute (IRI)
2001	U.S. House of Representatives International Relations Committee

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016	Special Act or Service Award U.S. Department of Energy – Office of Petroleum Reserves
2013-2014	George Washington University Tuition Scholarship
2013	Elliot School Tuition Scholarship
2012	Monetary Award for Special Service U.S. Department of Energy – Office of Fossil Energy
2012	Monetary Award for Special Service U.S. Energy Information Administration
2011	Certificate of Excellence United States Southern Command Partnering Directorate
2005	Bush School Student Graduation Speaker (elected by peers)
2003-2004	George Bush Fellowship
2000-2001	Dean's List, University of Virginia (3 successive semesters)

PUBLICATIONS

- (2016) "The Economic Costs of Persian Gulf Oil Supply Disruptions," in Charles Glaser and Rosemary Kelanic (Eds.) *Crude Strategy: Re-Thinking The U.S. Military Commitment to Defend Persian Gulf Oil*. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, pp. 79-112.
- (2010) "Understanding Local Policy Making: Policy Elites' Perceptions of Local Agenda Setting and Alternative Policy Selection." *Policy Studies* 38 (1): 69-91. (with Xinsheng Liu, Eric Lindquist, and Arnold Vedlitz).
- (2007) "Undoing Oil's Curse?: An Examination of the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project," in Alusine Jalloh and Toyin Falola (Eds.) *United States and West Africa: Interactions and Relations*, Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, pp. 423-442.
- (2002) "African Populism: Observations from Rawlings' Ghana and Sankara's Burkina Faso – Journeys through Authoritarian Neo-Liberalism and Democratization," in Seth N. Asumah, Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, and John K. Marah (Eds.) *The African Human Condition and Global Dimensions*, Binghamton, NY: Global Academic Publishing at Binghamton University, pp. 27-59.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Persian Gulf Supply Disruptions: An Assessment of American Vulnerability in a Changing Global Market,” presented at the *31st USAEE/IAEE North American Conference* hosted by the U.S. Association of Energy Economics, Austin, TX (November 2012).
- “The Political Economy of American Climate Change Policy: A Case Study of H.R. 2454,” presented at the *Government Department Graduate Student Conference* hosted by the Department of Government at Georgetown University, Washington, DC (February 2011).
- “Modeling Global Industrial Energy Demand,” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the American Statistical Association Committee on Energy Statistics* hosted by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Washington, DC (October 2010).
- “An American Perspective on Chinese Energy Trends,” presented at the *Symposium on International Energy Security and Cooperation* hosted by The National Institute for South China Sea Studies and the Shanghai Institute for International Studies, Haikou, China (June 2006).
- “Undoing Oil’s Curse?: An Examination of the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline Project,” presented at the *International Conference on the United States and West Africa* hosted by the University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX (May 2005).
- “Risk Analysis and Terrorism,” presented at the *Graduate Student Conference on Security* hosted by the Center for Peace and Security Studies at Georgetown University, Washington, DC (March 2005).
- “J.J. Rawlings and the IMF: Ghana’s Journey through African Populism, Authoritarian neo-Liberalism, and Democratization,” presented the *25th Annual Meeting of the New York Association of African Studies* hosted by SUNY Brockport, Rochester, NY (April 2001).

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Use of Science in Gulf of Mexico Decision Making Involving Climate Change, Environmental Protection Agency, Research Associate (2005-2007), Grant amount: \$1,500,000.

Utilization of Science-Based Information on Climate Change in Decision Making and the Public Policy Process, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Research Associate (2007), Grant amount: \$940,000.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish: American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages examination score: Intermediate-high