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### **Education:**

- Ph.D. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2006.
- B.A in International Relations (graduation with honors). The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1997.

### **Academic Positions Held:**

- Director, PhD Program (December 2014- Current).
- Associate Professor, School of International Service, American University (September 2014- Current).
- Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University (2008-2014).
- Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, (2006- 2008).
- Instructor, Tufts University (2008).
- Instructor, Boston University (2007).
- Instructor, Bentley College (2007).

### **Academic Prizes, Honors, and Fellowships:**

- Edger E. Furniss Award for the best first book in international security, Mershon Center for International Security, 2014.
- Faculty Research Award, American University, 2010.
- Kenneth N. Waltz prize for the best 2006 dissertation in the area of security studies, *American Political Science Association*

- Post-doctoral fellowship at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2006-8).
- Department Fellowship, Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1999-2004).
- Summer Research Grant (ETIA) from the Center of International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2003, 2004, 2005).
- Fellowship, Helmut Kohl Institute for European Studies (1999), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

#### **Book Publication:**

- *Good Fences, Bad Neighbors: Border Fixity and International Conflict* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012).
  - The book won the 2012 Edgar E. Furniss Award for the best first book in International Security.

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:**

- “Accepting the Unacceptable: Lessons from West Germany’s Border Politics,” *International Studies Review*, Forthcoming (With Anne Kantel).
- “Triadic Deterrence: Coercing Strength, Beaten by Weakness,” *Security Studies* 21, No. 2 (June 2012): 305-335 (with Wendy Pearlman).
- “State Weakness and Vacuum of Power’ in Lebanon,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 33, No. 8 (August 2010): 757-782.
- “When Good Fences Make Bad Neighbors: Fixed Borders, State Weakness, and International Conflict.” *International Security*, Vol. 31, No. 3 (Winter 2006-7): 139-173.

#### **Invited Articles:**

- “Border Fixity and the Transformation of International Relations,” *Harvard International Review*,” [Web Publication, September 2008].
- “The Virtues and Vices of Fixed Territorial Ownership,” *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Summer-Fall 2007): 95-108.

### Other Academic Articles:

- Roundtable on Good Fences, Bad Neighbors: Border Fixity and International Conflict, *H-Diplo/ISSF*, Vol. IV, No. 5 (2012). (with Stephen Van Evera, Arie M. Kacowicz, Hendrik Spruyt, Cameron G. Thies, and G. Dale Thomas).
- “Peace Process.” in William A. Darity (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Macmillan Reference USA, 2007).
- Book Review of Monica Tuft’s, *The Geography of Ethnic Violence*, in *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 10(3), Autumn 2004: 527-529.
- “German Security and Foreign Policy in the 1990’s: Change Within Continuity,” *Working Papers*, The Helmut Kohl Institute for European Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 2000.

### Work in Progress

- *Triadic Deterrence: Israel, Arab States, and Nonstate Actors* (Book Project, with Wendy Pearlman, Under contract with Columbia University Press).
- “For Better and Worse: Border Fixity, State Capacity, and War.” (With Joseph Young, Article project).
- *Territorial Designs* (A guest-editor of a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal, with Burak Kadercan).

### Conferences papers:

- “Accepting the Unacceptable: West Germany’s Shifting Territorial Concepts.” Annual Convention of ISA, Northeast, Baltimore, November 2014 [with Anne Kantel].
- “From Taboo to Taboo: West Germany’s Shifting Territorial Concepts,” Paper Presented at the annual convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014 [with Anne Kantel].
- “For Better and Worse: Border Fixity, State Capacity, and War,” Paper Presented at the annual convention of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2013 [with Joseph Young]

- “New States and Border Fixity,” *New States in International Politics Conference*, Columbia University, October 2012 [with Joseph Young]
- “The Normative Face of Offense-Defense Theory,” Paper presented at the annual convention of the *International Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada, March 16-19, 2011.
- “Coercing Strength, Beaten by Weakness: Explaining Deterrence Against States that Host Nonstate Challengers,” Paper presented at the annual convention of the *International Studies Association*, New Orleans, February 17-20, 2010. [with Wendy Pearlman].
- “A lasting Failure: Fixed Borders and State Weakness in Lebanon,” Presented at the annual convention of the *International Studies Association*, San Francisco, California, March 2008.
- “Weak State and Transnational Insurgency: The PLO and Hezbollah in Lebanon.” Presented at the annual convention of the *American Political Science Association*, Chicago, August-September 2007.
- “Border Fixity: When Good Fences Make Good Neighbors, and When They Make Bad Ones.” Presented at the annual convention of the *International Studies Association*, San Diego, California, March 2006.
- “Border Fixity: When Good Fences Make Good Neighbors, and When They Make Bad Ones.” Presented at the “New Faces in International Security” conference at the *Triangle Institute for Security Studies* (TISS), Duke University, North Carolina, September 2005.
- “Complex Spiral of Escalation: the Case of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” Presented at the annual convention of the *American Political Science Association*, Chicago, September 2004.
- “Good Fences can Make Bad Neighbors: State Weakness, Border Fixity and the War in Congo.” Presented at the annual convention of the *International Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada, March 2004.

#### **Invited Talks, panels, workshops, and moderation**

- Participant, ICONS simulation project for United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority (USSC), January 2015.

- Participant, “Multilevel Analysis of ISIL,” for the Joint Staff, US Department of Defense, September 2014.
- “Borders: Where is Israel?,” Routes, Washington DC, November 2014.
- Middle East Conflicts data project workshop, University of Texas, Austin, April 2013.
- Speaker, “Israel’s Culture of Triadic Deterrence,” IR Research Workshop Colloquium, American University, March 18, 2013.
- Speaker, “Syria’s Crisis and the Future of the Middle East,” Susquehanna University, February 11, 2013.
- Speaker, “Good Fences, Bad Neighbors: Border Fixity and International Conflict,” MIRTH Seminar, University of California, Berkeley, November, 26, 2012.
- Panelist, *US-South Korea Relations under the New Administration* American University, Washington, October 15, 2012.
- Speaker, “Coercing Strength, Beaten by Weakness: Israel’s Triangular Deterrence,” American University, Middle East Studies and the Center for Israel Studies March 25, 2011.
- Speaker, “The History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” at the Foreign Service Institute (Department of State), Arlington, VA, October 2011 (two talks).
- Discussant, Panel on “Decentralizing and Subcontracting State Security,” Annual convention of the *American Political Science Association*, Washington DC, September 2-5, 2010.
- Speaker, “One Voice” panel discussion, “Obama and the Middle East,” American University, DC, February 2010.
- Speaker, “One Voice” panel discussion “The Gaza Strip Crisis,” American University, DC, January 2009.
- Moderator and organizer, Panel on “The Obama Administration and the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict.” American University, January 2009.
- Discussant for presentation by Ian Lustick, “Agent-based Modeling of Collective Identity: Testing Constructivist Theories.” Paper presented at a talk in the Department of Political Science, MIT, 2000.
- Discussant for Alexander Wendt, “Social Theory as Cartesian Science: An Auto-Critique and a Quantum Proposal.” Paper presented at Work in Progress Workshop, Department of Political Science, MIT, April 2004.

## Op-Eds, Blog posts, and Media Interviews

- “For Israel, Defense May Be the Best Defense,” *The Washington Post* (In “The Monkey Cage,” Blog), September 23, 2014.
- “A Cycle of Vicious Hypocrisy,” *US News and World Report*, July 30, 2014.
- “The Annexation Vexation,” Guest post in *Political Violence @ a Glance*, March 2014.
- Interview in *Hearst TV* [local news in many localities] on President Obama’s Visit in Israel, March 20, 2013.
- Quoted in Caitlin Kennedy, “Peace in the Sudan: the US Needs it as much as the Sudanese,” *International Policy Digest*, February 27, 2013.
- Quoted in David Holzel, “End of the Peace Process?” *Washington Jewish Week*, December 5, 2012.
- “Justice as Obstruction in Israel and Gaza” November 19, 2012 in “political violence @ a glance” blog.
- “Attack Iran or more Sanctions? A third Option: Israel and Iran Forsake Nukes.” *Christian Science Monitor*, March 9, 2012
- “The 1967 Border: No Legal Basis, No Power basis, But Permanent,” *Huffington Post* (online), May 25, 2011.
- Interview, *Radio Voice of Russia*, May 2011 [on President Obama’s Middle East Policy].