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### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (larger portfolio located on [LinkedIn](#) author page w/ 4,250+ followers & my website)

- “Needless Deaths, Inexcusable Responses: Missives on Guns, Policy, and Politics in America” – [Amazon, Barnes & Noble](#) December 2015
- “The Israel-Hamas Gaza Poker Game of Death” – [Amazon, Barnes & Noble](#), [LinkedIn](#) August 2014
- “The Ancient Roman Legal and Political Legacy in the Founding of America” – [Amazon, Barnes & Noble](#) August 2012
- “Starting a Conversation” – [The Jerusalem Post](#) October 20, 2016
- “Encountering Dehumanization” – [The Jerusalem Post/LinkedIn](#) January 6/November 27, 2016/2015
- Interview on Trump, Iran/US relationship (Uncensored English/Farsi/English)* – [Iranian Student News Agency \(ISNA\)](#) January 24, 2016
- Interview on Russian intervention in Syria (Farsi/English)* – [Iranian Student News Agency \(ISNA\)](#) October 17, 2015
- both interviews were the most read pieces on ISNA the days they were published
- “The (First) Russo-American Cyberwar: How Obama Lost & Putin Won” (23,000+ views) – [War Is Boring/LinkedIn](#) December 16/7, 2016
- cited by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in [article](#) and [briefing](#)
- “The Limits of Racial Progress: Obama, Clinton, Trump, & Sanders” – [LinkedIn](#) November 16, 2016
- “EXCLUSIVE: Top Trump Aides’ Deeper & Linked Roles in Putin Agenda Revealed; Russian Mafia Nexus” – [LinkedIn](#) November 4, 2016
- “Trump, the Specter of Political Violence, & Lessons From the Roman Republic” – [LinkedIn/Math v. Myth](#) October 23, 2016
- “Republic of Georgia Shows Trump & His Fans Depressingly Normal Ethno-nationalists” – [LinkedIn/M v. M/RIAC](#) October 10, 2016
- “9/11 Marked Continuation, Not Beginning, of Politicization of Foreign Policy & National Security” – [LinkedIn/M v. M](#) September 15, 2016
- “Erdogan Leads Turkey’s Democracy on a Populist Death March After Failed Coup” – [LinkedIn/Math v. Myth](#) August 19, 2016
- “Trump, Putin, Russia, DNC/Clinton Hack, & WikiLeaks: “There’s Something Going on”: Cyberwarfare” – [LinkedIn/RIAC](#) July 31, 2016
- “Police Shootings Data: Cops Historically Safe, Systemic Racial Disparity & Overuse of Force Biggest Problems” – [LinkedIn](#) July 18, 2016
- “The Definitive Battle for the Soul of Turkey & Its Future Is Happening Right Now & It Is This Coup” – [LinkedIn](#) July 16, 2016
- “Clinton Foundation: Time for Truth About Its Work” (15,000+ views) – [LinkedIn/Math v. Myth](#) July 3, 2016
- “Brexit Heralds End of Positive Era & Possible Lurch Towards Awful One for Europe & World” – [LinkedIn](#) June 27, 2016
- “How W. Bush & Obama Paved Way for Trump: A History of Risky Precedents for Becoming President” – [LinkedIn/M v. M](#) May 13, 2016
- “Clinton vs. Sanders In-Depth: Past, Present, & Future, or, My Olive Branch to Camp Sanders” – [LinkedIn](#) April 29, 2016
- “Panama Papers: In the Middle East, Mossack Fonseca’s business is lethal” – [Global Risk Insights](#) April 11, 2016
- “The Word Terrorism & Its Diminishing Returns: Towards a Rational, Useful Definition & Application” – [LinkedIn/M v. M](#) March 29, 2016
- “Western Democracy Is on Trial, More than Any Time Since WWII” – [LinkedIn/Math v. Myth/RIAC](#) March 17, 2016
- “Caesar & the Politics of the Fall of the Roman Republic: Lessons for USA Today” – [LinkedIn](#) March 15, 2016
- “GOP to Unify Behind Trump, Cease Circus, Game Has Changed Since Debate; Democrats Must Unify” – [LinkedIn](#) March 11, 2016
- “Nevada, South Carolina Make Clinton vs. Trump Showdown Nearly Certain in November” – [LinkedIn/Math v. Myth](#) February 22, 2016
- “U.S. gears up for near-unprecedented Supreme Court fight over Scalia vacancy” – [Global Risk Insights M v. M](#) February 16, 2016
- “Lincoln’s Humble, Non-Partisan Use of Religion: An Unsung Example of Our Greatest President’s Greatness” – [LinkedIn](#) February 16, 2016
- “This Map Proves Sanders’ Political Revolution a Delusional Fantasy” (35,000+ views) – [LinkedIn](#) February 5, 2016
- “Top 5 political risks to watch for in 2016” – [Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn](#) January 7/26, 2016
- “GRI’s 2015 year in risk review” – [Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn](#) January 4/26, 2016
- “This ONE Chart Breaks Down the Obama ISIS / Terrorism Strategy” – [LinkedIn](#) December 19, 2015
- “Claiming Obama’s Iraq Withdrawal Created ISIS Problem Is Absurd; Here Are the Top 5 Reasons Why” – [LinkedIn](#) December 16, 2015
- “Russia Reaping What It Sows in Syria: Putin Puts Russia on Path to Peril” – [LinkedIn/RIAC](#) November 25, 2015
- “What *Star Wars* Can Teach Us About Good And Evil in the Real World” – [Moviepilot/LinkedIn](#) December 22, 2016
- “What the Paris Attacks Taught Me About Israel” – [LinkedIn](#) November 14, 2015
- “Team Obama’s Low-Risk, High-reward Move in Syria” – [Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn/Business Insider/M v. M](#) November 5, 2015
- “Syria, The Walking Dead, The Leftovers, & Tolkien: Musings on the Crumbling of Civilization & Morality” – [LinkedIn](#) October 12, 2015
- “The State of Illegal Immigration 2015: Reality vs. Republican Fantasy” – [LinkedIn/Math v. Myth](#) August 27, 2015
- “Grading Obama’s Middle East Strategy (Sensibly): Part II: Syria” – [LinkedIn/RIAC](#) August 3, 2015
- “Development: The Fix for Terrorism & Violent Crime” – [LinkedIn](#) June 19, 2015
- “Top Political & Foreign Policy Lessons from *Game of Thrones*” – [LinkedIn/Moviepilot](#) June 16, 2015/April 24, 2016
- “There Is No Logical Argument Against the Iran Nuclear Deal” – [LinkedIn/RIAC/Math v. Myth](#) April 4, 2015
- “A Reality Check on U.S.-Russian Relations: Not Time to Relax, but Not Time to Panic, Either” – [RIAC/LinkedIn](#) February 26, 2015
- “Top Five Political Lessons from *House of Cards* (WARNING: Brutal)” – [LinkedIn/Moviepilot](#) February 26, 2015/March 4, 2016
- “Counterinsurgency (COIN) & Civilians: Israeli vs. American Approaches” – [LinkedIn/Ammon News](#) February 18, 2015
- “In Time, Expect Big Changes in America’s Middle East Relationships” – [LinkedIn/RIAC/Ammon News](#) January 5, 2015
- “Gun Violence in the U.S.: The Numbers Behind the Madness” – [LinkedIn](#) December 15, 2014
- “The Unreal Judge: How Chief Justice Roberts’ Mind Transcends Reality” – [LinkedIn/Math v. Myth](#) November 10, 2014
- “Why Isn’t Anyone Giving Obama Credit for Ousting Maliki?” – [LinkedIn/RIAC/Ammon News/Math v. Myth](#) November 2, 2014
- “Terrorism, Already a Horror, Is Poisoned Further by Religion” – [LinkedIn](#) October 21, 2014
- “The Politics of *The Dark Knight Rises* and ISIS” – [LinkedIn/Moviepilot](#) October 7, 2014/February 13, 2016
- “A Point of No Return for ‘Iraq?’ ISIS march into Iraq exposes new realities” – [LinkedIn/Ammon News](#) June 27th, 2014

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**PolicyMic:** Just these five PolicyMic articles alone had roughly 20,000 combined unique views by early December 2013

“These Maps Debunk Everything the NRA Has Told Us About Guns”

November 19, 2013

“In Government Shutdown, Ted Cruz and Tea Party Are Lucky We're Not Living in Ancient Rome”

October 3, 2013

“The Historical Odyssey of Somalia’s al-Shabaab Terrorists”

September 27, 2013

“Will the U.S. Attack Syria? It Could Save More Lives Than You Think”

September 23, 2013

“Syria 2013 Isn’t Iraq 2003, and Obama Isn’t Bush”

August 31, 2013

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“What Caused the 2013 Government Shutdown? Redistricting” cited in *Harvard Law and Policy Review*

October 17, 2013

“Pakistan’s Frightening Crystal Ball” Parts I and II, – **Spice Magazine Online**

Winter 2007-2008

“Rome and the Barbarians, America and the Terrorists” – *Washington & Lee Political Review*

Spring 2007

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Technical Writer Consultant, USAID Jordan Rule of Law Program implemented by Tetra Tech DPK** December 2016-January 2017

- Rule of Law Program (ROLP) is a 5-year, \$46 million USAID project implemented by Tetra Tech DPK to comprehensively reform Jordan’s legal/justice system
- Chief responsibility was writing parts of, editing, and compiling ROLP’s Quarterly Report for USAID; in this I was able to integrate my advanced writing and editing skills with my academic background in both development operations and the Middle East to greatly improve on the narrative of the overall report and in integrating its various parts with one another and the ROLP project as a whole
- Also helped edit Weekly Reports and Interim Narratives and developed new procedure to improve dissemination of information

**Freelance Writer/Researcher/Analyst/Editor/Consultant**

March 2012-Present

- 4.99/5 [Upwork \(oDesk\) rating](#); in top 1% at Upwork for LinkedIn profile views out of over 17,000 Upwork contractors on LinkedIn
- Featured speaker/panelist at academic conference: “[Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding in Palestine: Reality and Change](#)” May 2015 at Arab American University – Jenin, West Bank; paper presented: “[The British in Mandate Palestine: Assessment of an Intervention](#)”
- Selected projects/topics: featured author in *The Jerusalem Post*, *Business Insider*; credited political consultant for NHK’s translation of George Packer’s *The Unwinding* into Japanese; featured [LinkedIn Pulse author](#) with 4,250+ followers & growing; analysis regularly far ahead of mainstream media during 2016 U.S. election cycle; non-fiction book reviews; editing English documents for Jordanians; podcasting/radio show hosting; U.S. politics consulting; religious history/belief/practice; gun policy; globalization; domestic public policy research; Magna Carta; political consulting; Arab Spring; terrorism; Gaza; website editing/development; philosophy; graduate school admissions essay consultant; proofreading/editing; content writing; blogging; general historical/political/policy research
- Scholarly book project: *The Roman Example: Public Policy in the Roman Republic and its Lessons for Today’s American Republic*

**Columnist, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)**

Jan. 2015-Present

- Invited regular contributor to the Russian non-profit academic and diplomatic think tank
- “Post of the Month” [13 times in 2 years](#) years for earning the most like likes/traffic

**English Language/Writing/Grammar Instructor/Tutor, Various – Amman, Jordan**

Summer 2014-Present

- Taught classes at various levels from ages six through adult; private tutoring/assistance

**Contributor, Global Risk Insights (GRI)**

October 2015-April 2016

- Contributor of highly-shared content for *The Economist/Financial Times* partner GRI (articles, GRI Weekly Risk Briefing newsletter)

**Pundit, PolicyMic (now Mic.com)**

Aug.-Dec. 2013

- Authored over two dozen articles on international affairs, the Middle East, refugees, the UN, public policy, politics, and other topics
- Obtained over 14,000 unique reads/hits/views in less than six weeks after start
- Awards/statistical leads: the peacemaker award (most allies) and held this for about a month before site redesign; led in the most commented article category of week and month and in various weekly/daily metrics multiple times

**Paid Intern, Edelman Berland – Washington, DC**

June-Sept. 2013

- World news media analysis, research, writing reports/newsletters for team members and major multinational clients (topics included vaccination in the U.S. and HIV/AIDS medication), proofreading, compiling, and editing team/client documents, project planning
- Additional projects for Edelman International Affairs and Opposition Research teams

**Election/Primary Exit Polling, Edison Media Research– Arlington/Lexington, VA**

Nov. 2013/Nov. 2012, Feb. 2004

- Conducted on-location surveys of hundreds of voters each time
- Worked with election officials to report accurate results

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### **Bookseller, Barnes & Noble – Westport, CT/Arlington, VA July-Aug. 1998, Aug. 2006-Aug. 2007 (Lead), Oct. 2010-June 2013**

- Select management responsibilities as lead, including training, returns, events, training new employees, and register reconciliation
- By June 2013 I had highest store membership conversion rate by far (10%) and one of the highest in the whole district
- Part of music department team that consistently beat sales goals

### **The Princeton Review – SAT Prep Instructor – Washington, DC area June 2012-Aug. 2012**

- Taught Reading, Math, and Writing strategies for SAT, each student with good attendance had at least a 100-point-increase in score
- Advised on college application process

### **International Trade Assistant, Tyco International – Washington, DC May 2007-Aug. 2008**

- Paralegal, research, event planning/coordination, budgets/expense reports, compliance (anti-boycott, C-TPAT, training, OFAC, ACE, government submissions), resolving/negotiating billing issues, administrative duties for Tyco's International Trade Counsel
- Classes/seminars on ACE/US FTAs, US Customs through U.S. Customs and District of Columbia Bar; board/benchmarking sessions

### **Intern, Office of Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., – Washington, DC Sept. 2006-Dec. 2006**

- Policy projects for Policy Director/Committees, including authoring a national public service proposal, research on post-Katrina disaster preparedness/response for Judiciary Committee, writing memos on Iraq, Islam, NCTC, DHS, Peace Corps, etc.
- Standard Senate administrative duties and set up meetings between foreign dignitaries that were personal contacts and Senate staffers
- Senate observer for National Defense University's Near East South Asia seminar for new embassy personnel

### **Temporary Administrative Positions/Political Campaign Work – Boston, MA area, Washington, DC Dec. 2004-July 2006, May 2007**

- Standard administrative duties, event planning
- Research, canvassing with candidates, candidate events, voter drives

### **Production Assistant, Dennis Miller Show (CNBC Cable Network) – New York, NY Aug.-Sept. 2004**

- Assistant for film crew and producers for on-location shoots for the Republican National Convention; escorted

### **Volunteer Internship, Democratic National Convention/NDI – Boston/Cambridge, MA April, June-July 2004**

- Operated video-conferencing equipment for all Florida Delegation breakfasts, conducted research, and gave media tours
- Prepared/designed various materials, including President Clinton's credentials/conference packet, and escorted/entertained diplomats/ambassadors

### **Volunteer Internship, State House Office of State Senator Robert O'Leary – Boston, MA June-Aug. 2003**

- Filtered news to staff by composing a "Press Pack" and revised its format, wrote constituent letters, various research projects

## **EDUCATION**

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### **George Mason University School of Public Policy – Arlington, VA Fall 2009-Summer 2011**

[Master of Science \(M.S.\) in Peace Operations](#)

Extensive research on current international operations in developing world and conflict zones; historical case studies

Abroad experience:

- May-June 2010 in Liberia with high level access to United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)/Liberian Government/USAID with a final paper analyzing the entire mission across a wide range of metrics and giving recommendations in each metric; meetings with senior UN and Liberian officials, including SRSG, FC, and a meeting in the field with a field commander
- January 2011 in Israel and the West Bank meeting with various Israeli and Palestinian NGOs/government officials with a final paper examining and providing solutions for the conflict over water between Israelis and Palestinians; visit to a refugee camp

Conference attended: "Evaluating Peacebuilding and Promoting Learning: Conflict Prevention and Resolution Forum Session;" elected to present my working group's findings to the larger audience

### **Peace Operations Training Institute April 2010-April 2011**

Three courses:

- The History of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations During the Cold War: 1945 to 1987

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- The History of United Nations Peacekeeping Following the Cold War: 1988 to 1996
- The History of United Nations Peacekeeping from Retrenchment to Resurgence: 1997 to 2006

### **Georgetown University Center for Continuing and Professional Education – Arlington, VA**

**Spring 2008**

Single class: “Perspectives on the Evolving al-Qaeda Threat”

### **Washington & Lee University – Lexington, VA**

**Fall 2000-Spring 2004**

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in History (concentrations in Asian and Russian history) and Politics, double major

- Extensive policy analysis of counterterrorism and postwar rebuilding, both theory and case studies, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and bioterrorism, as well as the historical case studies of Japan and Vietnam

Abroad experience:

- Rikkyo Daigakusei 立教大学 – Tokyo, Japan – Spring-Summer 2002, Freeman Scholarship recipient; independent research in Kyoto, Okinawa; classes covering Japanese history, culture, language, literature, and business management style

Activities:

- Vice-President, W&L Young Democrats; Model United Nations; Gay-Straight Alliance; *Trident* ( campus newspaper) contributor
- W&L 2004 Democratic Mock Convention: New Hampshire Delegation; Foreign Policy Head/Assistant Editor, Platform Committee

## **LANGUAGES**

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French, conversational; Spanish, conversational; Japanese, basic

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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- Proficient in many computer skills, including virus removal, troubleshooting, and Microsoft Office
- Able to research any subject with depth and objectivity but also able to engage in advocacy/persuasive writing
- Years of experience using social media, including creating/managing a website/Facebook group with over 100 members dedicated to informing people about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, advocating a two-state solution, and to an end to violence
- Former Varsity Cross-Country Co-Captain and Varsity wrestler (placed in six tournaments) in high school; four years for each
- High energy individual with naturally high stamina who can handle physically demanding environments