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### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (larger portfolio located on [LinkedIn author page with over 6,150 followers & my website](#))**

- “The Roman Republic in Greece: Lessons for Modern Peace/Stability Operations”  
-chapter in the academic book *Global Leadership Initiatives for Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding* – IGI Global March 2018
- “Welcome to the Era of Rising Democratic Fascism: Trump, Putin, Europe, & the Assault on Western Democracy” – Amazon February 2017
- “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
- “Donald Trump’s Russia Ties: How Is Paul Manafort’s Work in Ukraine Connected?” – *Newsweek* November 8, 2017
- “The Urgent Lessons of World War I” – Modern War Institute at West Point (United States Military Academy) December 12, 2018  
-featured on *Real Clear Defense* December 14 and *Real Clear History* December 17
- “Ideal governance in “the rule of law, and not of men” – *The Jordan Times* June 22, 2017
- “Starting a Conversation” – *The Jerusalem Post* October 20, 2016
- “Encountering Dehumanization” – *The Jerusalem Post/LinkedIn* January 6/November 27, 2016/2015
- “Relief and Development: Ending the Zero-Sum Myth” – *Venture Magazine* August 5, 2018
- “Trumpism and Tribalism Run Amok in the Middle East” – *Small Wars Journal* November 7, 2018
- “On Arabs and Conspiracy Theories” – *Small Wars Journal* August 31, 2018
- “Immigration, Diversity, Inclusion: Strategic National Security Assets from Antiquity Through Today” – *Small Wars Journal* April 15, 2018
- “France’s 2018 World Cup Victory Proves Nationalism Can Be Inclusive – ARDD July 17, 2018
- “On World Refugee Day, We Must See Ourselves in the Faces of the Displaced” – ARDD June 20, 2018
- “Nadia Murad’s Nobel Pain Must Become Inspiration for the Middle East” – *Al Bawaba* October 9, 2018
- “America’s Downfall and Russian Resurgence” – *Al Bawaba/MSN* July 22, 2018
- “An Israeli, a Syrian, and an American Walk into Hashem’s in Downtown Amman” – *Al Bawaba* July 8, 2018
- “In Yemen, Arabs Prefer to Look Away Rather Than Take Responsibility” – *Al Bawaba* July 2, 2018
- “Following Protests, Jordanians Can Hold Heads High” – *Al Bawaba/The Muslims Times* June 20/19, 2018
- Interview on Trump, Iran/US relationship (Uncensored English/Farsi/English) – Iranian Student News Agency (ISNA) January 24, 2017*
- 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” 24k+ views – War Is Boring/LinkedIn December 16/7, 2016  
-cited by *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty* in article and briefing
- “Think You Know How Deep Trump-Russia Goes? Think Again” 113k+ views – LinkedIn/IR.net July 27, 2017
- “America’s Extraconstitutional Republic” – LinkedIn November 6, 2018
- “How Cohen’s and Manafort’s Ukraine Ties Tell the Deeper Story of Trump-Russia and the Mueller Probe” – Hill Reporter August 1, 2018
- “How Syria Fits Into the Trump-Russia Scandal” – War Is Boring March 29, 2018
- “Only Security Can Buy Time for Oil-Exporters to Evolve” – War Is Boring March 27, 2018
- “The Prostitute, the Oligarch, the Kremlin Insider, and the American Political Consultant” – LinkedIn/IR.net February 19/March 20, 2018
- “Follow the Russian Natural Gas” – War Is Boring/LinkedIn February 14/9, 2018
- “Trump’s Jerusalem Jeopardy: A Hackneyed ‘Holy’ Hot Mess” – LinkedIn December 11, 2017
- “North Korea’s Nightmare Past Key to Understanding Its Nightmare Present & Nightmare Future” – LinkedIn October 17, 2017
- “U.S. Settlement of Prevezon Case Raises More Questions on Trump/Russia Ties” (censored in Russia) – LinkedIn May 15, 2017
- “I Hate Trump, But He Was Right to Strike Assad Regime of Syria” – LinkedIn April 9, 2017
- “Trump’s Russia & Mafia Dealings Expose Him As Fool or Criminal (Traitor?) or Both” – War Is Boring/LinkedIn March 28, 2017
- “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

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| “Panama Papers: In the Middle East, Mossack Fonseca’s business is lethal” – <a href="#">Global Risk Insights</a> (cited by IAD)               | April 11, 2016                     |
| “The Word Terrorism & Its Diminishing Returns: Towards a Rational, Useful Definition & Application” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/M v. M</a>         | March 29, 2016                     |
| “Western Democracy Is on Trial, More than Any Time Since WWII” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Math v. Myth/RIAC</a>                                   | March 17, 2016                     |
| “Caesar & the Politics of the Fall of the Roman Republic: Lessons for USA Today” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>                                   | March 15, 2016                     |
| “GOP to Unify Behind Trump, Cease Circus, Game Has Changed Since Debate; Democrats Must Unify” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>                     | March 11, 2016                     |
| “Nevada, South Carolina Make Clinton vs. Trump Showdown Nearly Certain in November” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Math v. Myth</a>                   | February 22, 2016                  |
| “U.S. gears up for near-unprecedented Supreme Court fight over Scalia vacancy” – <a href="#">Global Risk Insights M v. M</a>                  | February 16, 2016                  |
| “Lincoln’s Humble, Non-Partisan Use of Religion: An Unsung Example of Our Greatest President’s Greatness” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>          | February 16, 2016                  |
| “This Map Proves Sanders’ Political Revolution a Delusional Fantasy” (35,000+ views) – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>                               | February 5, 2016                   |
| “Top 5 political risks to watch for in 2016” – <a href="#">Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn</a>  | January 7/26, 2016                 |
| “GRI’s 2015 year in risk review” – <a href="#">Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn</a>  | January 4/26, 2016                 |
| “This ONE Chart Breaks Down the Obama ISIS / Terrorism Strategy” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>   | December 19, 2015                  |
| “Claiming Obama’s Iraq Withdrawal Created ISIS Problem Is Absurd; Here Are the Top 5 Reasons Why” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>                  | December 16, 2015                  |
| “Russia Reaping What It Sows in Syria: Putin Puts Russia on Path to Peril” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/RIAC</a>                                    | November 25, 2015                  |
| “What <i>Star Wars</i> Can Teach Us About Good And Evil in the Real World” – <a href="#">Moviepilot/LinkedIn</a>                              | December 22, 2016                  |
| “What the Paris Attacks Taught Me About Israel” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>  | November 14, 2015                  |
| “Team Obama’s Low-Risk, High-reward Move in Syria” – <a href="#">Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn/Business Insider/M v. M</a>                    | November 5, 2015                   |
| “Syria, The Walking Dead, The Leftovers, & Tolkien: Musings on the Crumbling of Civilization & Morality” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>           | October 12, 2015                   |
| “The State of Illegal Immigration 2015: Reality vs. Republican Fantasy” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Math v. Myth</a>                               | August 27, 2015                    |
| “Grading Obama’s Middle East Strategy (Sensibly): Part II: Syria” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/RIAC</a>   | August 3, 2015                     |
| “Development: The Fix for Terrorism & Violent Crime” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>   | June 19, 2015                      |
| “Top Political & Foreign Policy Lessons from <i>Game of Thrones</i> ” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Moviepilot</a>                                   | June 16, 2015/April 24, 2016       |
| “There Is No Logical Argument Against the Iran Nuclear Deal” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/RIAC/Math v. Myth</a>                                     | April 4, 2015                      |
| “A Reality Check on U.S.-Russian Relations: Not Time to Relax, but Not Time to Panic, Either” – <a href="#">RIAC/LinkedIn</a>                 | February 26, 2015                  |
| “Top Five Political Lessons from <i>House of Cards</i> (WARNING: Brutal)” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Moviepilot</a>                               | February 26, 2015/March 4, 2016    |
| “Counterinsurgency (COIN) & Civilians: Israeli vs. American Approaches” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Ammon News</a>                                 | February 18, 2015                  |
| “In Time, Expect Big Changes in America’s Middle East Relationships” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/RIAC/Ammon News</a>                               | January 5, 2015                    |
| “Gun Violence in the U.S.: The Numbers Behind the Madness” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>   | December 15, 2014                  |
| “The Unreal Judge: How Chief Justice Roberts’ Mind Transcends Reality” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Math v. Myth</a>                                | November 10, 2014                  |
| “Why Isn’t Anyone Giving Obama Credit for Ousting Maliki?” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/RIAC/Ammon News/Math v. Myth</a>                            | November 2, 2014                   |
| “Terrorism, Already a Horror, Is Poisoned Further by Religion” – <a href="#">LinkedIn</a>   | October 21, 2014                   |
| “The Politics of <i>The Dark Knight Rises</i> and ISIS” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Moviepilot</a> (cited in <a href="#">book on Nolan films</a> ) | October. 7, 2014/February 13, 2016 |
| “A Point of No Return for ‘Iraq?’ ISIS march into Iraq exposes new realities” – <a href="#">LinkedIn/Ammon News</a>                           | June 27th, 2014                    |

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

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| 1-“These Maps Debunk Everything the NRA Has Told Us About Guns” (cited by <a href="#">NRA &amp; Alliance for Gun Responsibility</a> ) | November 19, 2013  |
| 2-“In Government Shutdown, Ted Cruz and Tea Party Are Lucky We’re Not Living in Ancient Rome”   | October 3, 2013    |
| 3-“The Historical Odyssey of Somalia’s al-Shabaab Terrorists”   | September 27, 2013 |
| 4-“Will the U.S. Attack Syria? It Could Save More Lives Than You Think”   | September 23, 2013 |
| 5-“Syria 2013 Isn’t Iraq 2003, and Obama Isn’t Bush”  | August 31, 2013    |
| “What Caused the 2013 Government Shutdown? Redistricting” – (cited in <a href="#">Harvard Law and Policy Review</a> )                 | October 17, 2013   |
| “Pakistan’s Frightening Crystal Ball” Parts I and II, – <a href="#">Spice Magazine Online</a>   | Winter 2007-2008   |
| “Rome and the Barbarians, America and the Terrorists” – <a href="#">Washington &amp; Lee Political Review</a>                         | Spring 2007        |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Freelance Writer/Researcher/Analyst/Editor/Consultant/Actor

March 2012-Present

- 4.93/5 [Upwork \(oDesk\)](#) rating for 5+ years; top 1% at Upwork for LinkedIn profile views of 17,000+ Upwork freelancers on LinkedIn
- Chapter in academic book: “The Roman Republic in Greece: Lessons for Modern Peace/Stability Operations,” in *Global Leadership Initiatives for Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding*; credited political consultant for NHK’s Japanese translation of George Packer’s *The Unwinding*; presented paper “The British in Mandate Palestine: Assessment of an Intervention” at academic conference: “Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding in Palestine: Reality and Change” May 2015 at Arab American University – Jenin, West Bank
- Featured in *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *The Jerusalem Post*, Modern War Institute at West Point, *The Jordan Times*, *MSN*, *Business Insider*, *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL)*, *Mic*, *Real Clear Defense*, *Real Clear History*, *Venture*, *Iranian Student News Agency (ISNA)*, *Al Bawaba*, *Small Wars Journal*, *War Is Boring*, *Global Risk Insights*, Medium; [LinkedIn Pulse](#) author with 6,150+ followers
- Analysis regularly far ahead of mainstream media during 2016 U.S. election cycle; non-fiction book reviews; international development; editing English documents for Arabs/ESL; podcasting/radio show hosting; U.S. political consulting; religious history/belief/practice; gun policy; globalization; domestic public policy research; Magna Carta; political consulting; Arab Spring; terrorism; Gaza; website editing/development; philosophy; business intelligence; admissions (essay) consultant; proofreading/editing; content writing; blogging; general historical/political/policy research; corporate work includes websites, profiles, biographies, technical manuals; film/TV projects
- Scholarly book project: *The Roman Example: Public Policy in the Roman Republic and its Lessons for Today’s American Republic*

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### **Media & Research Consultant, The Arab Renaissance for Democracy & Development (ARDD) – Amman, JO May 2018-August 2018**

- Writing/generating content (articles, blogs, posts, press releases, internal briefs, grant applications); various research projects on topics ranging from elections to preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) to preventing/countering violent extremism (P/CVE)
- Managing website and various social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) working closely under senior management
- Providing counsel/suggestions for (social) media tactics and strategy, including on content and navigating donor/political sensitivities

### **Contributor, *Al Bawaba***

**June 2018-Present**

- Contributor of pieces on Middle East topics and beyond for the English page of the news website *Al Bawaba*

### **Technical Writer Consultant, USAID Jordan Rule of Law Program implemented by Tetra Tech DPK – Amman, JO Dec. 2016-Jan. 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

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

**January 2015-July 2017**

- Invited regular contributor to the Russian non-profit academic and diplomatic think tank
- "Post of the Month" **13 times in 2 years** for earning the most like likes/traffic
- Post from July, 2017, on Prevezon/Magnitsky censored/removed on false grounds ([posted in full here](#) with full RIAC e-mail chain)

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

**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 and Interviewer, Edison Media Research – Arlington/Lexington, VA Jan. 2014/Nov. 2013/2012, Feb. 2004**

- Conducted on-location surveys of hundreds of voters each in one primary, one presidential, and one gubernatorial election
- Worked with election officials to report accurate results
- Conducted client research in Washington, DC

### **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

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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 VIP

### 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: Research on international operations in developing world/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:

1.) During the Cold War: 1945 to 1987 2.) Following the Cold War: 1988 to 1996 3.) 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
- Chorus trips to Austria/Italy spring 2001, Cuba 2003

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 & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- French, low-level conversational; Spanish, low-level conversational; Japanese, introductory
- 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
- Deep experience using social media since 2004 for a variety of purposes using a variety of platforms
- Former Varsity Cross-Country Co-Captain and Varsity wrestler (placed in six tournaments) in high school; four years for each