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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Louisiana State University, 2005
Major field: International Relations
Second field: American Politics
- M.A. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel, 2001
Israeli Politics and Society
- B.A. Tulane University, 1998
Political Science and Jewish Studies

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, California State University, Bakersfield, 2006-
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2005-2006
Graduate Assistant, Louisiana State University, 2001-2004

AWARDS

University Research Council Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, California State University, 2008 – 2009.
Professional Development Grant, Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, California State University, 2008 – 2009
Academic Fellowship, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies 2008 – 2009
Professional Development Grant, Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, California State University, 2006 – 2007
Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship, Louisiana State University, 2004 – 2005
Department Enhancement, Louisiana State University, 2001 – 2004
Rothberg Family Scholarship, Hebrew University, 1999 – 2000
Founders Scholarship, Tulane University, 1994 – 1998

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses at California State University, Bakersfield:
American Foreign Policy

American Defense Policy
American Government
Global Security Issues
Government and Politics: Middle East
Intelligence Careers
Political Inquiry
Political Science Laboratory
Politics of International Terrorism
“South Park” and American Politics

Undergraduate Courses at University of Missouri-Columbia:

American Foreign Policy
International Organization
Introduction to International Relations
Politics and War

Undergraduate Courses at Louisiana State University:

American Government
Introduction to International Relations

RESEARCH

Publications

Bzostek, Rachel (Forthcoming). “Force and Legitimacy and World Politics,” book review for *Journal of Strategic Studies*.

Bzostek, Rachel (2008). “Arafat, Yasir;” “Knesset;” “Preemptive Strike;” and “Suez Crisis” entries in the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, Second Edition, William A. Darity, Editor in Chief. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.

Bzostek, Rachel (2008). *Why Not Preempt? Security, Law, Norms and Anticipatory Military Activities*. London: Ashgate Publishing.

Bzostek, Rachel and Samuel B. Robison (2008) “Psychological, Domestic and Structural Influences on U.S. Policy toward Iraq, Israel and Saudi Arabia.” *International Studies Perspectives*. 9(4): 359-376.

Conference Papers

“Leaving a Legacy” with Rebekah Rogers. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, New York, February 2009.

“When Did U.S. Foreign Policy Become So ‘Offensive’?” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California, March 2008.

“From SIOP to the Bush Doctrine: The Role of Preemption in US Policy.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February – March 2007.

“Psychological, Domestic and Structural Influences on U.S. Policy toward Iraq, Israel and Saudi Arabia” with Sam B. Robison. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, California, March 2006.

“When Do States Preempt? The Impact of Security, Law and Norms on the Use of Anticipatory Military Activities.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, California, March 2006.

“To Preempt or Not to Preempt: The Impact of Security, Law, and Norms on the Use of Anticipatory Military Activities.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2005.

“Why Not Preempt? An Analysis of the Impact of Legal and Normative Constraints on the Use of Anticipatory Military Activities.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2005.

“Why Not Preempt? An Analysis of the Impact of Legal and Normative Constraints.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2004.

“The Bush Doctrine: An Application of Crabb’s Criteria and Illustration of Resulting Changes in American Foreign Policy” with Kathryn McCall. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2004.

“State Building in the Middle East and North Africa: An Empirical Assessment of the Predatory Theory of the State” with Cameron Thies. Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Portland, Oregon, February 2003.

“Understanding the Impact of Confidence Building Measures on the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process.” Prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia, November 2002.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Participant: Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence Summer Seminar, held at the University of Maryland, July 2007.

Participant: “Summer Workshop on Teaching About Terrorism,” held at the University of Oklahoma, July 2007.

“The Role of Public Opinion in International Affairs.” Panel Chair and Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February – March 2007.

“Variation in International Intervention: Peacekeeping, Democracy, and Intervention.” Panel Chair at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February – March 2007.

Faculty Participant: “We the People” high school Constitution program, Kern County, California. (2006 –)

“International Terrorism: Sources and Prevention” Panel Chair at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia 2002

Peer Reviewer:

Foreign Policy Analysis

International Studies Review

Lynne Rienner Publishers

Pearson Education

State University of New York Press

CSUB UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Bakersfield Program Manager: CSU Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence (CSU-ACE), (May 2008 –).

Faculty Adviser: Model United Nations and Global Affairs Club, California State University, Bakersfield (2006-2007; 2008 –).

Interim Chair: Women and Gender Studies Program (Winter 2008).

Faculty Representative: Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee (2008-2010)

Panel Participant: “Seeing Out of Bounds” panel discussion on the “Under the Veil” Exhibition, February 7, 2007.

Member: Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Work Group I (2006 –)

Member: Women and Gender Studies Program Committee (2006 –).

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa

International Studies Association

International Studies Association, Foreign Policy Analysis Section
MESHNet: Middle East Strategy at Harvard “off the record” forum
Women in Conflict Studies