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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019 – Present	Instructor, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University
2021 – Present	Professor, Department of Theology and Religious History, Cherry Hill Seminary
2025 – Present	Fellow, German Wargaming Center, University of the German Federal Armed Forces Hamburg
2020 – 2026	Non-Resident Fellow, Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Creativity, Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia
2016 – 2019	Assistant and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado
2006 – 2009	Instructor and Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado

EDUCATION

2012	Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Iowa <i>Fields:</i> International Relations, Comparative Politics, Security Studies <i>Dissertation:</i> Dissent in Digital : The Internet and Dissent in Authoritarian States <i>Committee:</i> Brian H. Lai (chair), Kelly M. Kadera, William M. Reisinger, Caroline J. Tolbert, David D. Perlmutter (outside member, School of Journalism and Mass Communication)
2011	M.A., Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College
2005	M.A., National Security Studies (with Honors), American Military University
1994	B.A., History, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trust, social capital, cyber-mediated politics, security studies, ludology, emergent political behavior in games, educational and experimental wargaming, active classroom learning, qualitative methods, politics of science fiction and fantasy literature

OTHER POSITIONS

2021 – Present	Director, Professional and Educational Games Division, Mobius Worlds Publishing, Littleton, Colorado
2016 – 2019	Division Chief, International Relations, Department of Political Science, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado
2015 – 2016	Division Chief, Assessments and Lessons Learned, Headquarters 25th Air Force, JBSA-Lackland, Texas

2014 – 2015	Chief of Assessments, National Intelligence Control Cell, Headquarters 25th Air Force, JBSA-Lackland, Texas
(2013 – 2014) ¹	Senior Intelligence Officer and Air Intelligence Advisor, 438th Air Expeditionary Advisory Group, Kabul, Afghanistan
2012 – 2013	Chief of Strategic ISR Analysis, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, Lackland AFB, Texas
2009 – 2012	Air Force Institute of Technology Graduate Student, The University of Iowa Department of Political Science, Iowa City, Iowa
(2003 – 2004)	Intelligence Flight Commander, 40th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory
2003 – 2006	Chief of Intelligence Operations, 28th Operations Support Squadron, 28th Bomb Wing, Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota
(2002)	Deputy Air Desk Chief, Combined Air Operations Center, Joint Intelligence Center, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2001 - 2003	Intelligence Integration Officer to the Joint STARS Special Program Office, Office of Intelligence, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts
(2001)	Intelligence Systems Team Lead, Operation Desert Shift, Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2000 – 2001	Command & Control Intelligence Integration Officer to the C4ISR Enterprise Integration Special Program Office, Office of Intelligence, Electronic Systems Center, Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts
1996 – 1999	Electronic Warfare (EW) Specialist, 1st EW Platoon; 1st Team Leader, 1st EW Platoon; and Platoon Sergeant, 3rd EW Platoon, 502d MI Company, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Johnson, Louisiana

PROFESSIONAL AND MILITARY EDUCATION

2025	CSU TILT Introduction to the Teaching Effectiveness Framework
2023	CSU CCAF Professional Development Conference
2020	Game Design Certificate, North American Simulation and Gaming Association
2020	Business Venture Validator, Colorado State University, Colorado
2017	Cyberworx Design Thinking Course, U.S. Air Force Academy
2017	Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research, Syracuse University
2016	Air War College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2015	Wargaming and Technology Continuing Education Unit, George Mason University, Virginia
2013	Air Advisor Course, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey
2013	Intelligence Master Skills Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
2011	Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2009	Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan
2008	Summer Institute of Political Psychology, Stanford University
2006	Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2003	Information Operations Orientation Course, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
2003	U.S. Air Force Combat Targeting Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas

¹ Parenthetical assignments indicate operational deployments.

2001	Dynamics of International Terrorism Course, Hurlburt Field, Florida
2000	Middle East Orientation Course, U.S. Department of State, Virginia
2000	U.S. Air Force Intelligence Officer Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
1999	U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
1997	U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course, Fort Johnson, Louisiana
1996	Combat Electronic Warfare Operators Course, Fort Huachuca, Arizona
1995	U.S. Army Cryptologic Linguist Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
1995	Basic Persian Farsi Course, Defense Language Institute, Monterey, California
1994	U.S. Army Basic Combat Training, Fort Jackson, South Carolina

MILITARY AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards)
 Air Force Commendation Medal (3 awards)
 Army Commendation Medal
 Joint Service Achievement Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal
 Army Achievement Medal
 Army Good Conduct Medal
 National Defense Service Medal (2 awards)
 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
 Air Force Short Tour Ribbon
 Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
 Afghanistan Campaign Medal
 Air Force Longevity Service (4 awards)
 Army Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (2 awards)
 Air Force Training Ribbon
 Army Service Ribbon
 ISAF NATO Medal

HONORS

2026	Nominee, Award for Teaching Innovation, American Political Science Association (recipient TBD)
2025	Nominee, Deborah Gerner Innovative Teaching Award, International Studies Association
2024	International Partnerships Award (<i>Active Learning in Political Science</i> editorial team), American Political Science Association and Political Studies Association
2024	Distinction in Curricular Innovation Award, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University

2021	Nominee, Best Teacher Award, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University
2019	Department Nominee, U.S. Air Force Academy Innovation in Teaching Award
2019	Department Nominee, McDermott Award for Research in the Social Sciences
2018	U.S. Air Force Academy Charles R. Coble, Jr. Research Award
2015	Plans, Policy and Assessments Directorate Intelligence Professional of the Year
2008	U.S. Air Force Academy Charles R. Coble, Jr. Research Award
2008	U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Political Science Outstanding Contributor Award
2007	U.S. Air Force Academy Department of Political Science Company Grade Officer of the Year
2006	U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer School Outstanding Contributor Award
2005	28th Bomb Wing Air Force Intelligence Professional of the Year
2002	Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia Anthony P. Brown Award
1997	Distinguished Honor Graduate, U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course

PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK REVIEWS

Fielder, James D. "Worlds of the Liminal: Sovereignty, Structure, and Agency in Tabletop Roleplaying Games." In Germaine, Chloé (Ed). *Rituals of Play*. Manchester Metropolitan University and Dark Arts Research Collective (anticipated February 2026).

Fielder, James D. "The African Union." In Romaniuk, Scott N., Mary Manjikian, Dominika Dziwisz, and Zoltán Rajnai (Eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Artificial Intelligence and National Security Policy*. Routledge (anticipated Spring 2026).

Glasgow, Derek, Mark Harvey, Ryan Gibb, and James D. Fielder (Eds.). *The Power of Short Games and Active Learning in the Political Science Classroom: Beating the Clock*. Taylor & Francis (anticipated Spring 2026).

Fielder, James D. 2025. "Innovation in PME Wargaming for Innovation in Warfare." In Joanna Siekiera (Ed.). *Evolution on Demand: The Changing Roles of the U.S. Marine Corps in Twenty-first Century Conflicts and Beyond*. Marine Corps University Press.

Harvey, Mark, James D. Fielder, and Ryan Gibb. 2025. "Making Time for Games: Long Versus Short IR Activities in the Classroom." In Frueh, Jamie, Jacqui Ala, Michael Murphy, and Paul Diehl (Eds.). *The Palgrave Handbook on the Pedagogy of International Relations Theory*. Palgrave-Macmillan.

Harvey, Mark, James D. Fielder, and Ryan G (Eds.). 2022. *Simulations and Games in the Political Science Classroom: Games without Frontiers*. Taylor & Francis.

Fielder, James D. 2022. "[Ghosts of the Titanomachy](https://doi.org/10.1177/10468781221075659): Structure, Commitment, Economics, and Risk as Causal Mechanisms in an Online Battle." *Simulation & Gaming*. Vol 53, No 3: 265-284. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/10468781221075659>

- Fielder, James. D. 2021. *Current World Problems*. Kendall Hunt (2nd Edition forthcoming Fall 2026).
- Fielder, James D. 2021. "Cyber Security Policy in Kenya." In Romaniuk, Scott N., and Mary Manjikian (Eds.). *Routledge Companion to Global Cyber-Security Strategy*. Routledge.
- Fielder, James D. 2020. "[Building the Magic Circle in Online Games](#)" *Around the Table*, Q4.
- Fielder, James D. 2020. "[Start on Day 3: Liminality in High-Stress Wargames](#)." *Ludogogy* No. 8, 4.
- Fielder, James D. 2020. "The Monsters Among Us: Realism and Constructivism in 'The World of Darkness' Roleplaying Game Setting." In Picariello, Damien (Ed.). *The Politics of Horror*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Fielder, James D. 2019. "The Narrative History of the Chocolate Wars: Designing a Short and Tasty Bargaining Game." *Journal of Political Science Education*, Vol 15, No. 1: 82-93. DOI: [10.1080/15512169.2018.1446343](https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2018.1446343)
- Fielder, James D. 2018. "The Contexts we Conjure: Applying Hermeneutics to Pagan Theology and Literature." *Enheduanna: A Pagan Literary Journal*, Vol. 3: 9-13.
- Fielder, James D. 2018. Review of Karen Schrier, [Knowledge Games: How Playing Games can Solve Problems, Create Insight, and Make Change](#). Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016. Games Research Network.
- Fielder, James D. 2013. *The Internet and Dissent in Authoritarian States*. In "Conflict and Cooperation in Cyberspace: The Challenge to National Security," edited by Panayotis A. Yannakogeorgos and Adam B. Lowther, 161-194. Taylor & Francis.
- Fielder, James D. 2013. "[Bandwidth Cascades](#): Escalation and Pathogen Models for Cyber Conflict Diffusion." *Small Wars Journal* Vol. 9, No. 6.
- Fielder, James D. 2012. Review of Craig A. Snyder, ed. *Contemporary Security and Strategy: Second Edition*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008. H-War, October 2012.
- Fielder, James D. 2008. Review of David L. Adamy, *EW 103: Tactical Battlefield Communications Electronic Warfare*. Norwood, MA: Artech House, 2008. Air and Space Power Journal Vol. 28, No. 1: 93-95.

WORKING PAPERS AND BOOK PROPOSALS

- Fielder, James D. "Mask of a World Spirit: Procedural Rhetoric, Symbolic Correspondence, and (in)Sovereignty in Tabletop Roleplaying Games." (paper).

Coletta, Damon, and James D. Fielder. "Game Theory & Game Play: Solving Riddles of 21st Century Deterrence" (submitted for peer review).

Fielder, James D. "Putting ADSR on the USSR: The Political Underground of Soviet and Post-Soviet Electronic Music" (paper).

Fielder, James D. "A Case for Political Science Wargaming and Political Ludology." (paper).

Fielder, James D. *The Dungeon Master's Guide to International Politics* (book proposal).

Fielder, James D. (Ed.). *Politics in Worlds that Never Were* (book proposal).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

With Cory Williamsen and Addison Browne. "Harvest at Dusk: A Crisis Communications Exercise." Adams County, CO, 15 January 2026.

"Gaming to Lose: Learning from Failure in Professional Wargames." German Wargaming Symposium, Hamburg, Germany, 22 October 2025.

With Charity Butcher, Mark Harvey, Petra Hendrickson, and Jennifer Ostojki. "Ashes of Winter Night: An Urban Fire Crisis Response Simulation." International Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL, 2 March 2025.

(Keynote) "Before the Storm: Using Games for Local Crisis Response Preparation." Local Government Reimagined Conference, International County and City Managers Association, Denver, CO, 27 February 2025.

"A Classroom Game Design Primer." International Studies Association, Webinar, 24 February 2025.

"The Psychology of Gameplay." FoCo Comic Con, Fort Collins, CO, August 2024.

"Workshop on Wargame Design." Vosler Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson Space Force Base, CO, 16 September 2024. Also presented at the US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA, 29 October 2024.

"Worldbuilding 101." FoCo Comic Con, Fort Collins, CO, August 2024. Also presented at TsunamiCon, Wichita, KS, 21 October 2023.

"Sowing Discord: Designing and Running Large Classroom Games." Serious Play. Toronto, Canada, 13 August 2024. Also presented at the Connections Wargaming Conference, 26 June 2024.

(Keynote) "Crossing the Magic Circle: Building Teams through Games and Play." Association of periOperative Registered Nurses – Denver Annual Conference, 23 October 2023.

Guest Lecturer, *MSS 372: Wargaming Air, Space, and Cyber Power* Course, United States Air Force Academy, 14 August 2023.

[“A Military Veteran on Why you should Play Games at Work.”](#) TEDxMileHigh, Denver, Colorado, 12 November 2022.

“Board Games Other Than War: Modifying Game Mechanics for Combat and Non-Combat Operations.” Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia, 29 September 2021.

“The Crucible Effect: Applying Roleplaying Game Techniques for Effective Training Exercises.” Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia, 26 January 2021.

“Effective Facilitation Methods.” Military Operations Society Wargame Certification Course, 14 January 2021 (ongoing for future course iterations)

“The Magic Circle and Inclusion in Classroom Game Design—Online!” Professional Development Institute, Colorado State University, 11 January 2021.

Guest Lecturer, *PSAA 685: Space Governance* Course, Texas A&M University, 13 November 2020.

[“Analog Game Immersion with Online Tools.”](#) HMGS Roundtable, 12 November 2020.

“Modelling Trust in Cyber Wargame Design.” Military Operations Society Cyber Wargame Certification Course, 22 September 2020 (ongoing for future courses)

“Crisis Response Wargaming.” FoCo ThinkTank, Fort Collins, Colorado, 15 April 2020.

“The Psychology of Effective Game Design.” Military Operations Research Society, Wargaming Community of Practice, 25 March 2020. Also presented to the Georgetown University Wargaming Society, 8 June 2020.

Wargame Design for The Business Classroom.” College of Business, Colorado State University, 16 March 2020.

“The Magic Circle and Inclusion in Classroom Game Design.” Professional Development Institute, Colorado State University, 13 January 2020. Also presented at GenCon Online, 31 July 2020.

“Introduction to Wargame Design.” Air Force Space Command, Directorate of Intelligence, Peterson AFB, Colorado, 10 April 2019. Also presented at the Moorman Space Education and Training Center, Peterson AFB, Colorado, 24 April 2019.

“Understanding Symbols of Racism.” After Charlottesville: U.S. Air Force Academy Critical Conversation Series. October 2017.

“Tabletop Games in Religion, History and Culture, and Basic Game Design Practices.” Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility. Connell, Washington. 28 October 2017.

“The Meaning of ‘War’ in Cyber Conflict.” Turnage Family Faculty Innovation and Creativity Fund for the Study of Political Communication Lecture. Elon University, Elon, North Carolina. 19 October 2017.

“Crossing Divides, Building Trust.” National Anthem Protests: U.S. Air Force Academy Critical Conversation Series. October 2016.

“Trust and Influence in the Cyber Domain.” United States Space Command. December 2016.

“Theory into Practice: Applying Political Science Theory to Military Operations.” Bose Speaker Series. The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. 12 November 2015. Also, Iowa City Foreign Relations Council. 11 November 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Lessons from a Semester-Long Classroom Game.” Serious Play, Rochester, NY, 15 August 2025.

“Mask of a World Spirit: Procedural Rhetoric, Symbolic Correspondence, and (in)Sovereignty in Tabletop Roleplaying Games.” Multiplatform 2025, Manchester Games Center (virtual), 13 June 2025.

“Cold Winter: Designing and Running a Large Classroom Game.” American Political Science Association – Teaching & Learning Conference, Alexandria, VA, 8 February 2025.

“Putting ADSR on the USSR: The Political Underground of Soviet and Post-Soviet Electronic Music.” International Studies Association, 6 April 2024.

With Damon Coletta. “Game Theory & Game Play: Solving Riddles of 21st Century Deterrence.” International Studies Association – International Security Studies Section annual conference, 13 November 2021; revisions presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 9 April 2022, and the Program on Nuclear Issues Conference, 26 July 2023, and the International Studies Association, 6 April 2024.

“Wargaming the Non-Kinetic: A Political Science Perspective.” Connections Wargaming Conference, 21 June 2023.

“A Case for Political Science Wargaming and Political Ludology.” Midwest Political Science Association, 16 April 2023.

“Targeting Human Trust with Cyber Wargames.” Connections Wargaming Conference (Virtual), 21 June 2021.

With Sean Patrick Fannon and Michael Surbrook. “Roll for (Political) Initiative! Liminality, Heroic Agency, and Emergent Politics in Tabletop Role-playing Games.” Midwest Political Science Association (Virtual), 16 April 2021.

“The Ritual of Games and Gameplay.” Conference on Current Pagan Studies, Claremont Graduate School (Online), 16 January 2021.

“[The Magic Circle: The Psychology of Effective Game Design](#).” Georgetown University Wargaming Society, 8 June 2020. Also presented at the Connections Wargaming Conference, Center for Naval Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia, 11 August 2020.

With Jennifer Shinefeld. “Fearless Horizon: Triangulating Distance, Personnel, and Resources in a Crisis Response Wargame.” Wargaming the Pandemics Effects Conference, King’s College London, 1 April 2020.

With Sean Patrick Fannon, Jennifer Shinefeld, Michael Surbrook, and Cory Williamsen. “Roleplaying Game Worldbuilding Workshop.” North American Simulation and Gaming Association Annual Conference, 25 October 2020.

“Gaming to Lose: Learning from Failure in Classroom Games.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 2019

With Johanna Solomon. “War Games for Peace.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 2019

With Sean Patrick Fannon and Deron Jackson. “Social Sciences in Worlds that Never Were: Using Science Fiction and Fantasy Literature in the Classroom.” Denver Comic Con, Denver, Colorado. June 2018.

“The (Virtual) War Ledger: Political Risk, Economy, and Communication in EVE Online’s Battle of B-R5RB.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 2018.

“The Narrative History of the Chocolate Wars: Designing a Short and Tasty Bargaining Game.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 2017.

“Bandwidth Cascades: Diffusion Effects of Dyadic Cyber Conflicts.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. March 2012.

“Dissent versus the (Online) Surveillance State: Measuring Authoritarian Control of the Internet.” American Political Science Association. Seattle, Washington. September 2011.

“Speculative Sovereignty: Internet Effects on Currency Volatility.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 2011.

“Dissent in Digital: The Challenge of Contemporary Information Communication Technology to Authoritarian States.” American Political Science Association Pre-Conference on Political Communication. Washington D.C. September 2011.

“Synthetic Democracy: Associations and Social Capital in Virtual Worlds.” International Society of Political Psychology, Paris, France. July 2008.

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS AND APPEARANCES

“[As Dungeons & Dragons Turns 50, should More Political Leaders Roll the Dice?](#)” CSU’s *The Audit* Podcast, 22 November 2024.

Interview for *Around the Table* magazine. “[The Power of Board Games: On the Battlefield, Classroom, and Prison System.](#)” Winter 2024, pp. 66-67.

“[Using Games to Teach National Security, A Conversation with Dr. James Fielder.](#)” *N3SP* Podcast, 20 November 2023.

Interview for *NOCO Style* magazine. “[Online Investing Can Feel Like a Game.](#)” September 2023, p. 35.

“[Making Sure the Objectives Are Right in Gamification.](#)” *Professor Game* Podcast, 19 June 2023.

“[A Conversation with Mark Harvey, James Fielder, and Ryan Gibb.](#)” *The Teaching Curve* Podcast, 10 January 2023

“[Politics, Tyranny, and Citizenship in Video Games.](#)” *Ethics in Video Games* Podcast, 20 December 2022.

With Nick Kauza. “[Operation Doorstep: Designing and Executing an AFROTC Wing Wargame.](#)” *Georgetown University Wargaming Society* Podcast. 11 November 2022.

Fielder, James D. “Pedagogical Spotlight: Gaming in the Classroom.” [The Western: Newsletter of the Western Political Science Association](#), 12(2), 2022: 4.

“[James "Pigeon" Fielder on Teaching Political Science Through Games.](#)” *Beyond Solitaire* Podcast, 27 March 2022.

With Emma Ashford, Sebastian Bae, Damien O’Connell, and Andrew Reddie. “[Rapid Wargame Prototyping for Crises.](#)” *The BruteCast* Podcast, 10 February 2022.

Interview for *Reuters*. “[Analysis: Will the games stop? SEC mulls crackdown on trading apps.](#)” 26 January 2022.

[“The \(War\)gamer's Toolkit: Harvesting Mechanics from other Game Genres.”](#) *The BruteCast* Podcast, 16 September 2021.

Interview for *USA Today*. [“Stocks and Teens: Are there Enough Parental Controls as Teenagers Invest with Fidelity, Wells Fargo?”](#) 18 August 2021.

Interview for *USA Today*. [“Meme Mania Pushes Millennials, Gen Z into the Stock and Cryptocurrency Markets.”](#) 11 August 2021.

With Paul Vebber and Yuna Huh Wong. [“Wargaming in a Brave New World.”](#) *Visualizing War* Podcast. St. Andrews University, 5 July 2021.

Interview for *NBC News*. [“Are brokerage accounts for teens really a good idea?”](#) 9 May 2021.

Fielder, James D. “Robinhood app makes Wall Street feel like a game to win – instead of a place where you can lose your life savings in a New York minute.” *The Conversation*, 25 March 2021. DOI: [10.64628/AAI.we9k9f7he](#)

With Mark Harvey and Ryan Gibb. [“Teaching Political Science Through Games.”](#) *Games in Schools and Libraries* Podcast, 5 February 2021.

[“Wargaming Panel with Sebastian Bae, James Fielder, Damien O’Connell, and Andrew Reddie.”](#) *The BruteCast* Podcast, 6 August 2020.

Fielder, James D. [“Reflections on Teaching Wargame Design.”](#) *War on the Rocks*, 1 January 2020.

[“Classroom Games and Professional Wargame Design.”](#) *Games in Schools and Libraries* Podcast. 15 February 2019.

[“The Pigeon’s Checklist for Classroom Game Design.”](#) *Active Learning in Political Science*, 4 February 2019.

CREATIVE WORKS

Fielder, James D., performing as Pigeon. September 2025. “Astra and Lyra.” Modular Synthesizer. *Noise Floor* 32 ½. Fort Collins Welcome Center.

Fielder, James D., and Penny O. Fielder. 2025. “Funhouse Adventure 4: Something Smells Fishy In Riverside.” In Bill Keyes, ed. *Funhouse: A Darkly Comical Superhero Mini-Setting*. Harmless Forest Creature Games, pp. 28-31.

Fielder, James D., performing as Pigeon. February 2024. “Four Works for Modular Synthesizer.” *Noise Floor* 15. Art Lab Fort Collins.

COURSES TAUGHT, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

INST 301: Research Methods in International Studies
IU 173C: Environmental Politics in Worlds that Never Were
POLS 101: American Government and Politics
POLS 131: Current World Problems
POLS 347: Comparative Authoritarianism
POLS 480A4: International Relations Game Design
POLS 486B: Practicum
POLS 495: Independent Study
POLS 535: Emerging Threats in International Security

COURSES TAUGHT, CHERRY HILL SEMINARY

Insight Course: The Ritual of Play and Game Design
PCC 7301: Pagan Apologetics

COURSES TAUGHT, U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

MSS 372: Wargaming Air, Space, and Cyber Power
Pol Sci 211: Politics, American Government, and National Security
Pol Sci 390: International Relations Theory
Pol Sci 460: Comparative Security Policy and Civil-Military Relations
Pol Sci 477: Politics of the Middle East
Pol Sci 484: The American Presidency
Pol Sci 491: Capstone Seminar in Political Science, Grand Strategy, and National Security
Pol Sci 499: Independent Study, Internet-Mediated Politics
Pol Sci 499: Independent Study, Politics in Worlds that Never Were
Pol Sci 499: Independent Study: Islamic Political Thought
Soc Sci 112, 212, and 412: Geopolitics
Soc Sci 495A: Politics in Worlds that Never Were

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2025	CSU Office of Defense Engagement Director Search Committee
2025 – Present	Member, Professors Helping Raise Active Student Experiences (PHRASE)
2025 – Present	CSU College of Liberal Arts NTTF CCAF Committee
2025 – Present	CSU ROTC Advisory Board
2020 – Present	CSU Sigma Nu Fraternity Faculty Advisor, Delta Rho Chapter
Spring 2024	CSU Faculty Council (acting)
2021 – 2024	CSU Wargaming Club Faculty Advisor
Fall 2024	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member, Izzy Knaus
Spring 2023	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member, Isaac Mount
Spring 2023	DSST: Conservatory Green High School Internship Lead, Game Design

Spring 2022	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member, Jesus Oswaldo Madrigal Garcia
2019 – 2020	Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, Aubree Herrin, The University of Iowa
2017 – 2019	USAF A International Relations Division Chief
2016 – 2017	USAF A Advisor-in-Charge
2016 - 2017	USAF A Department Classroom Scheduler
2006 – 2009	USAF A Cadet Character Development Seminar Volunteer
2009	USAF A Combined Federal Campaign and Air Force Assistance Fund Lead
2008	USAF A Unit Compliance Inspection Manager
2006 – 2009	USAF A Department Information Technology Manager
2006 – 2008	USAF A Assistant Air Officer Commanding for Academics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025	International Society of Political Psychology, International Relations Section Conference Co-Chair
2024 - Present	American Political Science Association Information Technology and Politics Section At-Large Executive Committee Member
2023 – Present	Managing Editor, Active Learning in Political Science
2023 – Present	Advisory and Editorial Board, <i>MORS Journal of Wargaming</i>
2022 – Present	Associate Editor and Editorial Board, <i>Simulation & Gaming</i>
2020 – Present	Mentor, Cadet Summer Research Program, U.S. Air Force Academy
2020 – 2021	Volunteer, The Zenobia Award
2012 – 2015	Paul Lazarsfeld Best Paper Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Political Communication Section

Reviewer:

- Frontiers in Psychology
- Games & Culture
- Journal of Information Technology & Politics
- Journal of Political Science Education
- Media, War, & Conflict
- MORS Journal of Wargaming
- PS: Political Science & Politics
- Security Dialogue
- Simulation & Gaming
- Social Movement Studies

Member:

- American Political Science Association
- Digital Games Research Association
- Educational Wargaming Cooperative
- Higher Education Video Game Alliance
- International Simulation and Gaming Association

- International Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Military Operations Research Society
- North American Simulation and Gaming Association
- Pi Sigma Alpha
- Popular Culture Association

Conference Participation:

- American Political Science Association 2009, 2011, 2024
- American Political Science Association – Teaching & Learning 2025
- Cheyenne Gaming Convention 2023
- Chupacabracon 2022
- Conference on Current Pagan Studies 2021
- Connections Wargaming Conference 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024
- Denver Comic Con 2018
- FoCo Comic Con 2021, 2024
- Gen Con 2020, 2022
- GenghisCon 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- International Society of Political Psychology 2008
- International Studies Association 2023, 2024, 2025
- International Studies Association – International Security Studies Section 2016, 2020, 2021, 2025
- Midwest Political Science Association 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2025
- Multiplatform 2025
- Mystic South 2022
- Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration 2022
- North American Simulation and Gaming Association 2021
- Norwescon 2022
- Rising Phoenix Game Con 2022
- Serious Play 2024, 2025
- Soonercon 2022, 2023, 2025
- Tacticon, 2024
- TsunamiCon 2021, 2023

Current as of January 2026