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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Colorado State University, Associate Professor of Political Science, 2021–present
Colorado State University, Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2015–2021
Earlham College, Visiting Lecturer in Politics, 2014–2015

Current affiliations

Defense Priorities, Non-Resident Fellow, 2021–present
19FortyFive.com, Contributing Editor, 2020–present

Past roles

Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs, Indo-Pacific Perspectives Editor, 2020–2022
International History and Politics section of APSA, Newsletter Co-Editor, 2017–2019

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. in Government, 2015
University of Texas at Austin, M.A. in Government, 2013
SOAS University of London, M.Sc. in International Politics, 2009
University of Edinburgh, Undergraduate M.A. (Hons) in Politics, 2008
University of British Columbia, International Exchange, 2006–2007

Additional training

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2012

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

US foreign policy; security studies; international relations of the Indo-Pacific; US-China relations; Taiwanese security; the politics of military bases; domestic sources and implications of foreign policy.

PUBLICATIONS († = student co-author)

Peer-reviewed articles (26)

26. Peter Harris, “The Chagos Dispute: Where Right Makes Might.” *Third World Quarterly*, forthcoming.
25. Peter Harris, “The Partial Promise of Rules-Based Order in the Indo-Pacific: A Case Study of the Chagos Archipelago.” *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*, forthcoming
24. Peter Harris and Iren Marinova†, “American Primacy and US-China Relations: The Cold War Analogy Reversed.” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, forthcoming.
23. Peter Harris, “The Geopolitics of American Exceptionalism.” *Asian Perspective* 46, no. 4 (Fall 2022): forthcoming.

22. Meriel Hahn[†] and Peter Harris, “The Hobbled Peacemaker: America’s Inability to Satisfy North Korea.” *The International Spectator: Italian Journal of International Affairs* 57, no. 2 (May 2022): 52–67.
21. Jared Morgan McKinney and Peter Harris, “Broken Nest: How China Might Still Be Deterred from Invading Taiwan.” *Parameters* 51, no. 4 (Winter 2021): 23–36.
 - Awarded the 2021 Contemporary Strategy and Landpower Essay Award (1st place) for the best article published on the strategic role of landpower in an issue of *Parameters*.
20. Peter Harris, “The Case for Decolonizing the Chagos Islands: A Response to Bashfield.” *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region* 17, no. 2 (November 2021): 224–229.
19. Peter Harris and Peter Trubowitz, “The Politics of Power Projection: The Pivot to Asia, Its Failure, and the Future of American Primacy.” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 14, no. 2 (Summer 2021): 187–217.
18. Peter Harris, “A Footprint of Unfreedom: The Future of Naval Support Facility Diego Garcia.” *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs* 3, no. 2 (Summer 2020): 78–97.
17. Peter Harris, “Entrenching Retrenchment: The Uphill Struggle to Shrink America’s World Role.” *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs* 13, no. 2 (Summer 2019): 159–171.
16. Peter Trubowitz and Peter Harris, “The End of the American Century? Slow Erosion of the Domestic Sources of Usable Power.” *International Affairs* 95, no. 3 (May 2019): 619–639.
15. Peter Harris, “Why Trump Won’t Retrench: The Militarist Redoubt in American Foreign Policy.” *Political Science Quarterly* 133, no. 4 (Winter 2018/2019): 611–640.
 - Selected for reprint in Jack Snyder, ed., *American Foreign Policy: Trump and After* (New York, NY: The Academy of Political Science, 2021).
14. Peter Harris, “China in British Politics: Western Unexceptionalism in the Shadow of China’s Rise.” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 10, no. 3 (Autumn 2017): 241–267.
 - Selected as “Editor’s Choice” for issue 10, no. 3.
13. Peter Harris, “Teaching the Territories in US Foreign Policy: Race and Empire in the American Experience.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 50, no. 2 (April 2017): 506–509.
12. Peter Harris, “The Self-Destruction of Pax Americana.” *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs* 10, no. 1 (June 2016): 47–57.
11. Peter Harris, “The Imminent US Strategic Adjustment to China.” *The Chinese Journal of International Politics* 8, no. 3 (Autumn 2015): 219–250.
 - Selected as “Editor’s Choice” for issue 8, no. 3.
 - Included in “Debating China-US Relations: A *CJIP* Reader” (2015).
 - Included in “Debating China-US Strategic Competition: A *CJIP* Reader” (2018).
10. Peter Harris, “Britannia Rules the Waves? The Law of the Sea, the British Indian Ocean Territory, and the Chagos Islanders’ Right to Return.” *Anthropology Today* 31, no. 3 (June 2015): 18–19.
9. Peter Trubowitz and Peter Harris, “When States Appease: British Appeasement in the 1930s.” *Review of International Studies* 41, no. 2 (April 2015): 289–311.
8. Peter Harris, “Militarism in Environmental Disguise: The Greenwashing of an Overseas Military Base.” *International Political Sociology* 9, no. 1 (March 2015): 19–36.

- Included in the *IPS* Virtual Issue: “Climate, Nature, and Contestation” (2017).
7. Peter Harris, “Problems with Power-Transition Theory: Beyond the Vanishing Disparities Thesis.” *Asian Security* 10, no. 3 (December 2014): 241–259.
 6. Peter Harris, “Environmental Protection as International Security: Conserving the Pentagon’s Island Bases in the Asia-Pacific.” *International Journal: Canada’s Journal of Global Policy Analysis* 69, no. 3 (September 2014): 377–393.
 - Awarded the Marvin Gelber Essay Prize for the best article by a junior scholar in an issue of *International Journal*.
 5. Peter Harris, “Fortress, Safe Haven or Home? The Chagos MPA in Political Context.” *Marine Policy* 46 (May 2014): 19–21.
 4. Peter Harris, “A Political Trilemma? International Security, Environmental Protection and Human Rights in the British Indian Ocean Territory.” *International Politics* 51, no. 1 (January 2014): 87–100.
 3. Peter Harris, “Decolonising the Special Relationship: Diego Garcia, the Chagossians and Anglo-American Relations.” *Review of International Studies* 39, no. 3 (July 2013): 707–727.
 2. Peter Harris, “Dead End or Crossroads? The Chagossians Fail in Strasbourg.” *Anthropology Today* 29, no. 3 (June 2013): 26.
 1. Peter Harris, “Not Just a Military Base: Reframing Diego Garcia and the Chagos Islands.” *African Affairs* 110, no. 440 (July 2011): 491–499.

Edited articles, chapters, and policy briefs (12)

12. Peter Harris, “The Indo-Pacific Power: The United States, the Quad, and the Making of a Megaregion.” In: Srabani Roy Choudhury, ed., *The Indo-Pacific Theatre Strategic Visions and Frameworks* (London: Routledge, 2022), forthcoming.
11. Peter Harris, “Deterring a Chinese Invasion of Taiwan: Upholding the Status Quo,” *Defense Priorities*, 16 May 2022.
10. Peter Harris and Jared Morgan McKinney, “Goliath No More: Why American Threats of War Won’t Save Taiwan (Reply to Eric Chan).” *Parameters* 52, no. 1 (Spring 2022): 175–179.
9. Peter Harris, “Encountering the Military-Environmental Complex: Ten Years Since the Creation of the Chagos Marine Protected Area.” *Critical Military Studies* 7, no. 2 (May 2021): 255–258.
8. Peter Harris, “China and the United States: The Case for Smart Appeasement.” *Australian Journal of International Affairs* 75, no. 2 (March 2021): 129–136.
7. Peter Harris, “National Parks Worldwide.” In: Robert J. Duffy and Susan M. Opp, eds., *Environmental Issues Today: Choices and Challenges, Volume 2* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2020): 655–670.
6. Peter Harris, “American Internationalisms: Versailles and the Birth of America’s World Role.” *International History and Politics Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Summer 2019): 12–14.
5. Peter Harris. “How Does China Matter? A Research Agenda for International Relations.” *Mountain West Journal of Politics and Policy* 1, no. 1 (Fall 2018): 25–28.

4. Peter Harris, "Bracing for Brexit." *The National Interest* 143 (May/June 2016): 43–52.
3. Peter Harris, "America's Other Guantánamo: British Foreign Policy and the U.S. Base on Diego Garcia." *The Political Quarterly* 86, no. 4 (October/December 2015): 507–514
2. Peter Harris, "Why Law and Politics Matter for Marine Conservation: The Case of the Chagos Marine Protected Area." *Environmental Policy and Law* 45, no. 5 (September 2015): 204–207.
1. Peter Harris, "The Transatlantic Divide in (Undergraduate) International Relations." *Journal of Transatlantic Studies* 12, no. 2 (April 2014): 229–235.

Articles in progress (3)

3. Peter Harris and Meriel Hahn[†], "The Japan-US Alliance: Its Future in the Indo-Pacific Era." Chapter accepted for inclusion in Srabani Roy Choudhury, ed., *Japan and the Indo-Pacific: Engagements and Alignments*. (100% complete)
2. Gabriella Griecius[†], Peter Harris, and Iren Marinova[†], "In the Shadow of the Indo-Pacific: America's Response to the War in Ukraine." Article-length manuscript under review. (100% complete)
1. Peter Harris, "Diego Garcia: Ways Forward for the Anglo-American Powers." Chapter accepted for inclusion in David Brewster and Rory Medcalf, eds., *Made for Multipolarity: The Indian Ocean's Strategic Future*. (100% complete)

Books in preparation (2)

2. Jared Morgan McKinney and Peter Harris, *Broken Nest: Deterring a Chinese Invasion of Taiwan Through 2049*. (~25% complete)
1. Peter Harris, *Hardwired: Why America Can't Retrench (And How It Might)*. (~75% complete).

Book reviews (* = invited review) (10)

10. Book review of Ionut Popescu, *Emergent Strategy and Grand Strategy: How American Presidents Succeed in Foreign Policy* in *Political Science Quarterly* 113, no. 4 (Winter 2018/2019): 765–766.*
9. Book review of Jeffrey W. Meiser, *Power and Restraint: The Rise of the United States, 1898-1941* in *Perspectives on Politics* 15, no. 3 (September 2017): 931–933.*
8. Book review of Christopher Hemmer, *American Pendulum: Recurring Debates in U.S. Grand Strategy* in *Political Science Quarterly* 132, no. 1 (Spring 2017): 161–162.*
7. Book review of Emanuel Buttigieg and Simon Phillips, eds., *Islands and Military Orders, c. 1291-c. 1798* in *Island Studies Journal* 10, no. 2 (November 2015): 269–271.*
6. Book review of Bartholomew H. Sparrow, *The Strategist: Brent Scowcroft and the Call of National Security* in *H-Diplo Roundtable Review* 17, no. 5 (2015): 9–14.*
5. Book review of Lyle J. Goldstein, *Meeting China Halfway: How to Defuse the Emerging U.S.-China Rivalry* in *The National Interest* [published online as "Are America and China Spiraling toward War or Peace?"], 27 May 2015.*

4. Book review of Marc Trachtenberg, *The Cold War and After: History, Theory, and the Logic of International Politics* in *Political Studies Review* 11, no. 3 (September 2013): 419–420.
3. Double book review of Sandra J.T.M. Evers and Marry Kooy, eds., *Eviction from the Chagos Islands: Displacement and Struggle for Identity Against Two World Powers* and Laura Jeffery, *Chagos Islanders in Mauritius and the UK: Forced Displacement and Onward Migration* in *African Affairs* 111, no. 444 (July 2012): 503–506.
2. Book review of Daniel Wirls, *Irrational Security: The Politics of Defense from Reagan to Obama* in *Political Studies Review* 10, no. 1 (January 2012): 159–160.
1. Book review of Charles A. Kupchan, *How Enemies Become Friends: The Sources of Stable Peace* in *Political Studies Review* 10, no. 1 (January 2012): 113–114.

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Large grants

Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2022–2023 (\$450,000)

- Co-PIs: Sam Houghteling, Youngsung Kim, Allison White.
- Multiyear, interdisciplinary project to track the ways that foreign and national security policies affect local communities across the United States, producing a map of the distributive implications of US foreign policy and allowing communities to better understand their relationship to America’s role in the world.

Charles Koch Foundation, 2021–2022 (\$55,200)

- Funding to support the writing of a book manuscript, *Hardwired: Why America Can’t Retrench (And How It Might)*.

Awards, honors, and scholarships

Contemporary Strategy and Landpower Essay Award. Parameters, 2021.

Nominee for Outstanding Honors Academic Adviser Award. CSU Honors Program, 2019

Nominee for Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year Award. CSU Careers Center, 2019

Excellence in Teaching Award. CSU College of Liberal Arts, 2019

Nominee for Best Teacher Award. CSU Alumni Association, 2018, 2019, 2020

Nominee for the Excellence in Teaching Award. CSU College of Liberal Arts, 2017

Professional Development Program Award. CSU College of Liberal Arts, 2017, 2018, 2021

Faculty Development Fund Award for Outstanding Research and Creativity. CSU College of Liberal Arts, 2016

Dahrendorf Visiting Fellowship. London School of Economics and Political Science, 2016 (declined)

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship. Smith Richardson Foundation, 2014–2015

Macdonald Tuition Award. University of Texas, Department of Government, 2014–2015

Travel Grant Award. International Studies Association, 2014, 2016 (declined)

Joe R. Long Dissertation Fellowship. University of Texas, Department of Government, 2014

Marvin Gelber Essay Prize. International Journal, 2014

Graduate Fellowship. University of Texas, Clements Center for National Security, 2013–2015

Macdonald Summer Fellowship. University of Texas, Department of Government, 2013

Ward Endowed Fellowship. University of Texas, College of Liberal Arts, 2013

Professional Development Award. University of Texas, Office of Graduate Studies, 2012, 2013, 2014

Macdonald Fellowship. University of Texas, Department of Government, 2010–2011

United Kingdom Chapter Scholarship. University of Texas, Texas Exes, 2010

DP Heatley Prize in Politics. University of Edinburgh, 2008

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses taught (* = graduate)

America as a Global Power
 American Political Thought
 American Presidency
 Capstone Seminar: Hatred at Home and Abroad
 Capstone Seminar: Stateswomen and American Foreign Policy
 Great Power Transitions
 International Law and Human Rights
 International Relations*
 International Security
 International Security Studies*
 Introduction to International Relations
 Issues and Policies in American Government
 Political Parties and Elections
 Qualitative Methods in Political Science*
 United States Foreign Policy

Advising (* = supervisor)

PhD committees:

- Walter Oglesby (ongoing)
- Gabriella Gricius (ongoing – coursework stage)*
- Julia Munsaka (ongoing – advanced to candidacy in June 2022)
- Iren Marinova (ongoing – advanced to candidacy in November 2021)*
- Di Lan (ongoing – Department of Journalism and Media Communication)
- Lauren Jane Hartig (ongoing – Program in Organizational Learning, Performance, and Change)
- Julie Liebenguth, PhD 2022 (Assistant Professor, Elon University)
- Hyeyoon Park, PhD 2021 (Postdoctoral Researcher, Lund University)

MA committees:

- David Dapaah (ongoing)*
- Laz Sye, MS (School of Education) 2022
- Bridgett Neff-Hickman, MA 2021
- Danny Harmon, MA 2021*
- Marisa Molnar, MA 2020*
- Katie Wilson, MA (Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources) 2018
- Erin Statz, MA 2018*
- Julie Liebenguth, MA 2017
- Elliott Schwebach, MA 2017*
- Lake Davidson, MA (Department of Philosophy) 2016

Undergraduate Honors:

- Samuel Stoltz (ongoing)
- Peyton Dailey (ongoing)*
- Meriel Hahn (2021)
- Madison Taylor (2019)
- Bridgett Neff (2019)
- Hannah Cowie (2019)*
- Taylor Bailey (2019)*
- Cassie Gardner (2019)*

- Mackenzie Bigler (2019)
- Eric Lanza (2016)*
- Claire Clemens (2015)

Internships:

- Kyle Kumjian – U.S. Marshals Service (Summer 2020–Spring 2021)
- Stephanie Talone – National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (Summer–Fall 2019)
- Danny Harmon – AK&P, LLP (Summer–Fall 2019)
- Jacob Czarnecki – Gulf State Analytics (Spring 2019)
- Saul Alvarez – Gulf State Analytics (Spring 2019)
- Samuel Gilman – AK&P, LLP (Spring 2019)
- Corrina Farho – AK&P, LLP (Spring 2019)
- Lizandro Pieper – AK&P, LLP (Spring 2019)
- Jordan Gerardy – AK&P, LLP (Fall 2018)
- Alan Linenberger – Gulf State Analytics (Summer 2018)
- Mariah Wang – Gulf State Analytics (Summer 2018)
- Iren Marinova – AK&P, LLP (Summer 2018)
- Madison Taylor – AK&P, LLP (Summer 2018)
- Madison Taylor – Gulf State Analytics (Spring 2018)
- Josh Wolberg – Peace and Neutrality Alliance (Summer 2017)
- Erin Statz – National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (Summer 2017)

SERVICE, MEDIA, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

External engagement

- Non-Resident Fellow at Defense Priorities, 2021–present.
- Contributing Editor and columnist at 19FortyFive.com, 2020–present.
- Contributor to RealClearPublicAffairs, 2019–2020 (nine articles).
- Contributor to *The National Interest*, 2014–2021 (132 articles).
- Analyst at Gulf State Analytics, 2015–2020.
- Additional (60+) articles, blogs, features, and op-eds for outlets such as ChinaFile (Asia Society), The Conversation, *Daily Camera*, *The Diplomat*, Gulf State Analytics, *The Hill*, *New Statesman*, *Newsweek*, openDemocracy, *Taiwan News*, *USA Today*, and *World Politics Review*. Letters to the editor published in *The Guardian*, *Financial Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *South China Morning Post*.
- Interviewed by international news media such as Al Jazeera (USA), BBC (UK), China Central Television, *Crusoé* (Brazil), Denver7, Fox News (USA), *Globe and Mail* (Canada), KKTV (Colorado Springs), Mehr News Agency (Iran), *New Internationalist* (UK), *Nikkei Asia* (Japan), *South China Morning Post* (Hong Kong), *The Times* (UK), TRT World (Turkey), *VnExpress* (Vietnam), VOA Indonesia, and Xinhua News Agency (China).

Service to the discipline

- Mentor, APSA Mentoring Program, 2021–present.
- Editor of “Indo-Pacific Perspectives” series, *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs*, 2020–2022.
- Newsletter Editor for International History and Politics section of APSA, 2017–2019.
- Reviewer for *Asian Security*, Bloomsbury Publishing, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, *China: An International Journal*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Coastal Management*, *CSU Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Edinburgh University Press, *Energy and Policy Research*, *Environmental Politics*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Interdisciplinary Political Studies*, *International Affairs*, *International Relations*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of World History*, *Marine Policy*, Palgrave Macmillan,

Political Science Quarterly, Political Studies, PS: Political Science & Politics, Review of International Studies, Red Globe Press (Macmillan Education), Routledge, SAGE Open, and Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers.

Departmental and university service

- College Curriculum Committee, CSU College of Liberal Arts, 2022–present.
- Peace Corps Memorial Planning Committee, CSU Office of International Programs, 2022.
- Search Chair (International Relations), CSU Department of Political Science, Fall 2021.
- Facilitator, New Faculty Training (Online), CSU’s The Institute for Learning and Teaching, 2020.
- Departmental representative, CSU Faculty Council, 2018–2021.
- Executive Committee, CSU Department of Political Science, 2018–2019.
- Search Committee (American Politics), CSU Department of Political Science, Fall 2018.
- Graduate Committee, CSU Department of Political Science, 2015–2016, 2017–2018, 2020–2021.
- Online Teaching Committee, CSU Department of Political Science, 2016–2017.
- Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship program, UT-Austin, 2011–2012.

Trainings and professional development

- Participant, Government Relations Faculty Ambassadors Initiative, CSU Office of the Vice President for Research, 2022–2024.
- Participant, Leadership Development Symposium, CSU College of Liberal Arts, June 2022.
- Participant, TILT Online Teaching Trainings (Designing Your Online Course, Student Motivation, Create Assignments, Teaching Online: Facilitation and Engagement), CSU’s The Institute for Learning and Learning, 2020.
- Participant, First Four Weeks training, CSU’s The Institute for Learning and Learning, May 2018.
- Presenter, TILT Summer Conference, CSU’s The Institute for Learning and Learning, May 2017.

References available upon request.