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Objective

To understand the empirical basis of conflict through rigorous social science analysis and by participation in the political science discipline, and to harness that understanding by critiquing modern society in theater and verse.

Current Positions

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2010 -

Playwright, 2009 -

Previous Positions

Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Operations, Baghdad Provincial Reconstruction Team, U.S. Army, March 2007 - February 2008.

Team Sergeant, 325th Civil Affairs Brigade, U.S. Army, January 2007 - April 2008.

Airborne Infantry Team Leader, 1/501st PIR, U.S. Army, January 2003 - January 2005.

Airborne Infantry Soldier, 82nd Airborne and 1/501 PIR, U.S. Army, January 2001 - December 2002.

Education

BA with High Honors in English and Government, University of Texas at Austin, 2010.

MA in Government, University of Texas at Austin, on track for Spring 2012.

Summary of Achievements

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 2011-2014
$30,000 stipend for three years, plus up to $10,000 in tuition payments for three years.

George H. Mitchell Co-Op Award for Outstanding Achievement, 2010
$20,000 awarded to most outstanding undergraduate researcher and student at the University of Texas at Austin. Awarded for writing and producing the play "American Volunteers."

Dean's Distinguished Graduate, 2010
Among twelve students selected for recognition by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dylan Thomas Prize, long-list, 2010.
Made the long-list for one of the largest literary prizes in the world for writers under the age of thirty.

Rapoport-King Thesis Scholarship, University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2010.
$2,500.

H. M. Macdonald Memorial Scholarship, University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2010.

Roy L. Crane Literary Prize, 2009.
Awarded at the University of Texas for the unpublished novel manuscript of "American Volunteers." $2,500.

Bronze Star, 2008
Meritorious service in Iraq with the United States Army.

Combat Infantry Badge, 2004
Military badge awarded for service as a U.S. Army infantryman in combat conditions.

Ranger Tab, 2003
Military badge awarded for completing the U.S. Army Ranger School.

Professional Fields of Interest

Comparative politics, with a particular emphasis on comparative sociological studies of conflict and institution building in Mexico, Latin America, Southwestern United States, and the Middle East. Research on the structural conditions of illicit markets in Mexico and the United States.

3C Analysis, a method of measuring conflict, cooperation, and consensus across

space and time for empirical comparative purposes, drawing on insights from Hobbes, Rousseau, and modern social science theory.

Theater, especially the use of Early Modern dramatic methods to critique and reconsider 21st century political and social outcomes.

Political Publications

"Letter From Iraq." *Democratiya Book Review*, 2007.

Series of articles on the causes and features of my deployments to Iraq, *Austin-American Statesman* newspaper, 2007-2008.

Artistic Productions and Publications

"La Frontera de la Ansiedad Política." A short play written and produced for the 2011 Frontera Fest in Austin, Texas.

"Aeschylus' Agamemnon, translated by Peter Meineck." Produced for the 2011 Frontera Fest in Austin, Texas.

"American Volunteers," a play written and produced for the 2010 Frontera Fest in Austin, Texas, with an additional staged reading at the University of Texas in May 2010.

Verse published in the journals *Analecta*, *Hothouse*, and *Spire*.

Work in Progress

"Which Is More Predominant in Human Social Behavior: Conflict, Cooperation, or Consensus?" Master's thesis and 2012 MWPSA paper.

"The Priceless Slave," an antebellum drama on the commodification of women and men.

Professional Papers and Invited Lectures

"Why I Use Early Modern Techniques when Creating Modern Drama: The Necessity of a Political Theater in Capitalist America," at the Blackfriars Conference, October 18-23 2011.

“The Consequences of Federalism in Iraq, 2003-2009,” at the Western Political Science Association. Schedule for the Western Political Science Association meeting, April 21-23 2011.

"Provincial Reconstruction Teams and Civil-Military Operations in Baghdad," at the Command and General Staff College, U.S. Army, Fort Leavenworth, KS. May 2008.

Language Competence

English, native speaker.
Spanish, advanced speaking and reading proficiency.

Methods Training

UT Summer Statistics Institute, May 2011.
Spanish Classes, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, June 2011.
Statistical Methods in Political Science, Fall 2010.
Minor in Spanish, UT Austin, Spring 2010.
Research Methods in Political Science, Fall 2009.
The Nature of Scholastic Inquiry, Spring 2009.

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, 2010 -