SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (larger portfolio located on my news website Real Context News https://realcontextnews.com/)

“The Roman Republic in Greece: Lessons for Modern Peace/Stability Operations”
-seventh 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


“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

“Trump and Netanyahu: Tainted Love Fursthers Self-Destructive Tribalism” – London School of Economics & Politics – February 22, 2019

“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” – 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 Era” – The Jerusalem Post – 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 2019


“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


“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 vs. Sanders In-Depth: Past, Present, & Future, or, My Olive Branch to Camp Sanders” – LinkedIn April 29, 2016

“Panama Papers: In the Middle East, Mossack Fonseca’s business is lethal” – Global Risk Insights (cited by IAI) April 11, 2016


“Western Democracy Is on Trial, More than Any Time Since WWII” – LinkedIn/Math v. Myth/RIAC March 17, 2016

“Caesar & the Politics of the Fall of the Roman Republic: Lessons for USA Today” – LinkedIn March 15, 2016

“Nevada, South Carolina Make Clinton vs. Trump Showdown Nearly Certain in November” – LinkedIn/Math v. Myth February 22, 2016

“U.S. gears up for near-unprecedented Supreme Court fight over Scalia vacancy” – Global Risk Insights M v. M February 16, 2016

“Lincoln’s Humble, Non-Partisan Use of Religion: An Unsung Example of Our Greatest President’s Greatness” – LinkedIn February 16, 2016

“This Map Proves Sanders’ Political Revolution a Delusional Fantasy” (35,000+ views) – LinkedIn February 5, 2016

“Top 5 political risks to watch for in 2016” – Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn January 7/26, 2016


“This ONE Chart Breaks Down the Obama ISIS / Terrorism Strategy” – LinkedIn December 19, 2015

“Claiming Obama’s Iraq Withdrawal Created ISIS Problem Is Absurd; Here Are the Top 5 Reasons Why” – LinkedIn December 16, 2015

“Russia Reaping What It Sows in Syria: Putin Puts Russia on Path to Peril” – LinkedIn/RIAC November 25, 2015

“What Star Wars Can Teach Us About Good And Evil in the Real World” – Moviepilot/LinkedIn December 22, 2015

“What the Paris Attacks Taught Me About Israel” – LinkedIn November 14, 2015

“Team Obama’s Low-Risk, High-reward Move in Syria” – Global Risk Insights/LinkedIn/Business Insider/M v. M November 5, 2015


“Grading Obama’s Middle East Strategy (Sensibly): Part II: Syria” – LinkedIn/RIAC August 3, 2015

“Development: The Fix for Terrorism & Violent Crime” – LinkedIn June 19, 2015

“Top Political & Foreign Policy Lessons from Game of Thrones” – LinkedIn/Moviepilot June 16, 2015/April 24, 2016

“There Is No Logical Argument Against the Iran Nuclear Deal” – LinkedIn/RIAC/Math v. Myth April 4, 2015

“A Reality Check on U.S.-Russian Relations: Not Time to Relax, but Not Time to Panic, Either” – RIAC/LinkedIn February 26, 2015

“Top Five Political Lessons from House of Cards (WARNING: Brutal)” – LinkedIn/Moviepilot February 26, 2015/March 4, 2016

“Counternursery (CION) & Civilians: Israelis vs. American Approaches” – LinkedIn/Ammon News February 18, 2015

“In Time, Expect Big Changes in America’s Middle East Relationships” – LinkedIn/RIAC/Ammon News January 5, 2015

“Gun Violence in the U.S.: The Numbers Behind the Madness” – LinkedIn December 15, 2014


“Why Isn’t Anyone Giving Obama Credit for Ousting Maliki?” – LinkedIn/RIAC/Ammon News/Math v. Myth November 2, 2014

“Terrorism, Already a Horror, Is Poisoned Further by Religion” – LinkedIn October 21, 2014


“A Point of No Return for ‘Iraq’? ISIS march into Iraq exposes new realities” – LinkedIn/Ammon News June 27th, 2014

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

1:“These Maps Debunk Everything the NRA Has Told Us About Guns” (cited by NRA & Alliance for Gun Responsibility) 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


5:“Syria 2013 Isn’t Iraq 2003, and Obama Isn’t Bush” August 31, 2013


“Pakistan’s Frightening Crystal Ball” Parts I and II, – Spice Magazine Online Winter 2007-2008


PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer/Researcher/Analyst/Editor/Consultant/Actor March 2012-Present

- 4.935 Upwork (oDesk) rating for 5+ years; top 1% at Upwork for LinkedIn profile views of 17,000+ Upwork freelancers on LinkedIn


- 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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Founder, Executive Editor, Chief Correspondent, and Webmaster, Real Context News – December 2018-Present
• Creating/designing through WordPress, and generating all content for, my own in-depth news/analysis website listed in Google News

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, workplans); research projects on topics ranging from elections to preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) to preventing/countering violent extremism (PCVE)
• 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

• 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 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)

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

• 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

- 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

- Filtered news to staff by composing a “Press Pack” and revised its format, wrote constituent letters, various research projects

EDUCATION
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 Daigaku/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
- 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