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Employment

University of California Irvine, July 2019-July 2020

Tobis Fellow at the Interdisciplinary Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics and Morality

Pepperdine University, Summer 2019

Lecturer of International Relations in the Department of Political Science

Chapman University, Spring 2017-Present

Lecturer in the Master of Arts in International Studies Program

Lecturer in the Department of Peace Studies

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, June 2019

University of California, Irvine

Dissertation: “War by Algorithm: Giambattista Vico and the Ethics of War in the Techno-Logical Era”

Committee: Daniel R. Brunstetter, Brent J. Steele, and Cecelia M. Lynch

Master of Arts in Political Science, March 2016

University of California, Irvine

Bachelor of Arts in European Studies, Minor in Italian Studies, May 2012

Gonzaga University & Gonzaga University in Florence

Research Interests

Ethics of War and Peace, Artificial Intelligence, Critical Security Studies, International Relations, Science and Technology Studies, Political Theory, Constructivism, and Italian Political Thought.

Publications

Emery, John R. “Probabilities Toward Death: Algorithmic Warfare, Machine-Learning Assassinations, and Techno-Ethics”

Status: Revise & Resubmit

Emery, John R. (2017) “Balancing Security, Risk, and Uncertainty in an Era of Contested and Fragmented Sovereignty.” In Daniel Brunstetter and Jean-Vincent Holeindre (Eds.), *The Ethics of War and Peace Revisited: Moral Challenges in an Era of Contested and Fragmented Sovereignty*. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press.



Emery, John R. (2016) "The Promises and Pitfalls of Humanitarian Drones." *Ethics & International Affairs* 30 no. 2: 153-165. DOI: 10.1017/S0892679415000556.

Emery, John R. & Brunstetter, D. (2016) "Restricting the Preventive Use of Force: Drones, the Struggle Against Non-State Actors and *Jus ad Vim*." In Kerstin Fisk and Jennifer Ramos (Eds.), *Preventive Force: Drones Targeted Killing and the Transformation of Contemporary Warfare*. New York: New York University Press.

Emery, John R. & Brunstetter, D. (2015) "Drones as Aerial Occupation." *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice* 27 no. 4: 424-431. DOI: 10.1080/10402659.2015.1094319.

Book Reviews

Emery, John R. (2017) Book review of: *Just War: Authority, Tradition, and Practice*, by Anthony F. Lang Jr., Cian O'Driscoll, and John Williams (Eds.). *European Review of International Studies* 3 no. 2: 143-147.

Emery, John R. (2016) Book review of: *Friended at the Front: Social Media and the American War Zone*. By Lisa Ellen Silvestri. *H-War: Humanities and Social Science Online*.

Academic Blogs

Emery, John R. (2018) "Killer Robots: Algorithmic Warfare and Techno-Ethics." *Platypus: Committee on the Anthropology of Science Technology and Computing* (CASTAC). 6 March.

Emery, John R. (2017) "'Victory' in Mosul: Fighting Well and the Horrors of 'Winning.'" *Ethics & International Affairs*. 2 August.

Emery, John R. (2017) "Tomahawk Foreign Policy: Trump and the Use of Force Short of War." *Ethics & International Affairs*. 11 April.

Emery, John R. (2017) "The Yemen Raid and the Grievability of Lives Lost." *Ethics & International Affairs*. 6 March.

Research In Progress

Emery, John R. "The Poetic Wisdom of Giambattista Vico: Ethics in the Technological Era"
Status: Under Review

Emery, John R. "Giambattista Vico and Constructivism: IR and the Linguistic Turn"
Status: Draft Available

Emery, John R. "Cold War Gaming: Techno-Strategic Discourse and Quantifying Nuclear War"
Status: Draft Available

Emery John R. "Constructivism and Giambattista Vico: Language, History, and Critical IR Today"
Status: Draft Available



Teaching

Graduate Courses

Technology and the Ethics of War – Chapman University
Spring 2019 – Lecturer for Master of Arts in International Studies Program

Issues in National Security – Chapman University
Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018 – Lecturer for Master of Arts in International Studies Program

Undergraduate Courses

Theories of International Relations – Pepperdine University
Summer 2019 – Lecturer for the Department of Political Science

Vietnam: War, Peace, and Legacy – Chapman University
Spring 2018 – Lecturer for the Department of Peace Studies

Graduate Teaching Assistant

School of Social Sciences, Fall 2013-Winter 2019 – University of California, Irvine
Political Science Department

- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Ethics in an Age of Terror and Genocide
- American Government

International Studies Department

- Just War Revisited
- International Studies Public Forum

Sociology Department

- U.S. War on Terrorism

Funding

- 2017-2018 (\$32,000) **Technology, Law, and Society Fellowship** – funded by a \$300,000 National Science Foundation grant awarded to the UC Irvine Center for Law, Society, and Culture. Selected as one of five interdisciplinary PhD candidates to explore the impact of AI, big data, and blockchain on law & society.
- 2018 (\$1000) UCI Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant
- 2017 (\$600) UCI School of Social Sciences International Conference Travel Grant
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- 2016 (\$1000) UCI Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant
- 2016 (\$400) UCI School of Social Sciences Conference Travel Grant
- 2015 (\$400) UCI Associated Graduate Students Conference Travel Grant
- 2015 (\$400) UCI School of Social Sciences Conference Travel Grant
- 2015 (\$500) Frances V. Harbor Essay Prize – International Studies Association, best graduate student paper presented by the International Ethics Section



Honors and Awards

UCI Department of Political Science recognition of outstanding graduate teaching award, Winter 2016.

Frances V. Harbor Essay Prize for the best graduate student conference paper, presented by the *International Ethics Section* of the International Studies Association, 2015.

UCI Department of Political Science recognition of outstanding graduate teaching award, Fall 2014.

Invited Talks

Pepperdine University Malibu, CA, April 2019

Presented: “Killer Robots: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of War”

Morality During War University of California, Irvine, October 2018

Presented: “Ethical Disobedience and Unethical Slaughter: My Lai and the Vietnam War”

L.A. Louver Art Gallery Venice Beach, CA, August 2017

Presented with Rory Cox: “What is at Stake? The Ethics of War” in collaboration with artist Ben Jackel’s “Reign of Fire” Exhibition

Digital War Symposium: Documenting War University of California, Irvine, March 2017

Presented with Daniel Brunstetter: “Distant Intimacy? Drones and the Politics of Sight”

International Studies Club University of California, Irvine, February 2015

Presented: “Humanitarian Drones in Theory and Practice”

Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, November 2014

Presented: “The Legacy of Just War Theory Today”

Conference Presentations

International Studies Association (ISA) Toronto, March 2019

Presented: “Hindsight and the ‘Unchanging Nature’ of Warfare: Ethics in the Technological Era”

International Studies Association (ISA) – West Pasadena, CA, September 2018

Presented: “AI and Poetic Wisdom: Ethics of War in the Techno-Logical Era”

International Studies Association (ISA) San Francisco, April 2018

Presented: “When Did War Ethics Lose its Humanistic Imagination?”

Millennium Conference – The Politics of Time in International Relations London, October 2017

Presented: “Accelerated Techno-Warfare and its Impact on the Ethics of War”

International Studies Association (ISA) – West Pasadena, CA, September 2017

Presented: “Tactical and Strategic Constructivism (and Beyond)”



International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) *Edinburgh, July 2017*

Presented: “Soldier Narratives From the Streets of Iraq to the Drones Above”

International Studies Association (ISA) *Baltimore, MD, February 2017*

Presented: “A Neo-Clausewitzian Trinitarian Model for Counter-Terrorism: Security, Risk, and Uncertainty”

International Studies Association (ISA) – West Pasadena, CA, September 2016

Presented: “Time in International Relations: The Problem of Change and Open Temporality”

International Studies Association (ISA) *Atlanta, GA, March 2016*

Presented: “Probabilities Toward Death: Tech-Centric Preventive Military Action and the Erosion of the Subject”

Who Cares: Workshop on Economies, Technologies, and Ethics of Aid *Irvine, CA October 2015*

Presented: “The Dilemmas of Drones for Good”

European International Studies Association (EISA) *Giardini Naxos, Italy, September 2015*

Presented: “Toward a Legal-Ethical Hybrid Model for Evaluating Targeted Killings.”

American Political Science Association (APSA) *San Francisco, September 2015*

Presented: “Drones, Last Resort and Restricting Escalation”

International Studies Association (ISA) *New Orleans, LA, February 2015*

Presented: “The ‘Humanitarian Drone:’ Proliferation, Perception, and Legitimacy”

Preventive Force: Targeted Killing and Technology Conference *Los Angeles, April 2014*

Presented with Daniel Brunstetter: “The Just Use of Limited Preventive Force: Drones, Last Resort, and Restricting Escalation”

Professional Service

Assistant Book Review Editor of *Political Psychology*

Published on behalf of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), 2015-2018

Workshops Organized

–“Violence and War: Ethical Reflections” University of St. Andrews–Scotland.

- Participants: Dr. Rory Cox (St. Andrews), John R. Emery (UC Irvine), Dr. Anthony F. Lang Jr. (St. Andrews), Dr. Nicholas Rengger (St. Andrews), Dr. Brent J. Steele (University of Utah), 26 June 2017.

–“Dilemmas, Security, and Ethics” Featuring Dr. Maja Zehfuss (Manchester)

- International Relations Working Group, University of California, Irvine. 2-5 May 2017.

Master’s Thesis Committees

- “Volunteer Women: Militarized Femininity in the 1916 Easter Rising” By: Sasha Conaway (Chapman University–M.A. in War and Society)



- “In the Shadow of Shuri Castle: The Battle of Okinawa in Memory” By: Blake Altenberg (Chapman University)
- “The Frame of Inclusivity: The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities” By: Wilson Parnell (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “Deepening the Wounds in Protracted Conflict: An Examination of Collective Memory and Conflict Transformation Within American-Jewish and American-Palestinian Diaspora Communities” By: Taylor Onderko (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “Kurdistan: The Makings of a Nation-State” By: Walker Banks (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “The Saliency of Religion in Refugee Integration: The 2015 European Refugee Crisis” By: Cameron Claire Gardner (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “Unconditional Cash Transfers and the Refugee Crisis” By: Morgan Coulson (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)

Professional Development

Pedagogical Certificate in Advanced Course Design: a month long optional professional development course offered at the University of California, Irvine, May 2015.

Language Skills: Italian (B2), French (A1)

Professional Affiliations

Law and Society Association 2018-Present
 International Society of Political Psychology, 2016-Present
 European International Studies Association, 2015-2017
 International Studies Association, 2013-Present
 American Political Science Association, 2011-Present
 American Association for Italian Studies, 2010-Present

References

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