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## Employment

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### 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-Present

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

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## Education

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### Ph.D. in Political Science, June 2019

University of California, Irvine

Dissertation: "War by Algorithm: Constructivism and 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

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## Research Interests

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

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## Publications

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Emery, John R. "Probabilities Toward Death: Bugsplat, Algorithmic Assassinations, and Ethical Due Care."

*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. (2019) "Techno-War: Ethical Assumptions of Modernity and the Rise of the Tech Bro." *Technology, Security, and Ethics Research Group (TSERG)*. 7 August.

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**

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Emery, John R., Noopur Raval, Tania Docarmo, Evan Conaway, and Stephen Rea. "Law in Computation: Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, and Algorithmic Governance"  
*Status: Under Review*

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

Emery, John R. "Nuclear Wargaming: Origins and Contestations at the RAND Corporation"  
*Status: Draft Available*



Emery John R. “Just War and Giambattista Vico: New Epistemologies in the Ethics of War”  
*Status: Draft Available*

Emery, John R. “Techno-Strategic Discourse and Quantifying Nuclear War”  
*Status: Draft Available*

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

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## Teaching

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### 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  
Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017– 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

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## Funding

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- 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

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### Honors and Awards

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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.

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### Invited Talks

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**Theory Lab at Queen Mary University London** *London, UK*, October 2019

Presented: “Nuclear Wargames: Ethics and the Quest to Quantify Conflict”

**Technology, Security, and Ethics Research Group at University of Bath** *Bath, UK*, October 2019

Presented: “Techno-War and the Perils of Predicting Futures to Come”

**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

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**American Political Science Association (APSA)** Washington DC, August 2019

Presented: “Tragedy in War and Peace: Poetic Encounters in International Relations”

**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”

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### Professional Service

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#### **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)

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### Professional Development

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**Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Summer Boot Camp** – Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation at the University of California, San Diego, 28 July- 8 August 2019.

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

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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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