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Employment

Stanford University, September 2020-July 2021

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)

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-Summer 2020

Lecturer of International Relations in the Department of Political Science

Chapman University, Spring 2017-Spring 2020

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 Ethics of War in the Techno-Logical Era"

Committee: Daniel R. Brunstetter (Chair), 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, International Relations, Nuclear Wargaming, Artificial Intelligence, Security Studies, Law and Society, Science and Technology Studies, Just War Tradition, Constructivism, and Italian Political Thought.

Publications

Emery, John R. (2020) "Probabilities Toward Death: Bugsplat, Algorithmic Assassinations, and Ethical Due Care." *Critical Military Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23337486.2020.1809251>.



DoCarmo, Tania E., Stephen Rea, John R. Emery, Evan P. Conaway, and Noopur Raval (2020) “Law in Computation: What Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Big Data Mean For Law and Society Scholarship.” *Law & Policy*.
Status: Forthcoming

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. <https://doi.org/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. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10402659.2015.1094319>.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

Emery, John R. (2020) “Historical and Contemporary Reflections on Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems.” *E-International Relations*. 15 April.

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.

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*.



Research In Progress

Emery, John R. “The Origins of Political-Military Wargaming: Certainty, Ethics, and Technostrategic Language in the Nuclear Era”

Status: Under Review

Emery, John R. and Hadley Biggs “Drones, Ethics, and War: The Psychology of Military Technologies”

Status: Under Review

Emery, John R. “Just War and Giambattista Vico: New Epistemologies in the Ethics of War”

Status: Draft Available

Emery, John R. “Ethics and Technology: Dilemmas of Computational Morality”

Status: Draft Available

Mendoza, Mary Anne and John R. Emery “The Philippines, the ‘Water Cure’, and the Battle of Manila: Ethics of War and the Tensions of American Empire”

Status: Draft Available

Bourgois, Pierre and John R. Emery “Soldier Enhancements: Ethical and Strategic Consequences”

Status: Draft Available

Emery John R. “Time and Temporality in Constructing International Relations”

Status: Draft Available

Emery, John R. “Vico and Constructivism: International Relations and the Linguistic Turn”

Status: Draft Available

Teaching

Graduate Courses

Issues in National Security – Chapman University

Spring 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017– Lecturer for Master of Arts in International Studies Program

Technology and the Ethics of War – Chapman University

Spring 2019 – Lecturer for Master of Arts in International Studies Program

Undergraduate Courses

Theories of International Relations – Pepperdine University

Summer 2020, Spring 2020, 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



- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Ethics in an Age of Terror and Genocide
- American Government
- Just War Revisited
- International Studies Public Forum
- U.S. War on Terrorism

Funding

- 2020-2021 (\$74,000) **Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellowship** – Stanford University’s Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)
- 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 scholarship.
- 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

The Role of Nuclear Weapons in 21st Century Deterrence Conference *Portsmouth University, UK*, August 2020 (online due to COVID-19).

Presented: Ethics, Abstraction, and Referent Objects: Changing the Deterrence Conversation

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”

Who Cares: Workshop on Economies, Technologies, and Ethics of Aid *Irvine, CA*, October 2015
Presented: “The Dilemmas of Drones for Good”

International Studies Club *University of California, Irvine*, February 2015
Presented: “Humanitarian Drones in Theory and Practice”

Loyola Marymount University *Los Angeles, CA*, November 2014
Presented: “The Legacy of Just War Theory Today”

Preventive Force: Targeted Killing and Technology Conference *Los Angeles, CA*, April 2014
Presented with Daniel Brunstetter: “The Just Use of Limited Preventive Force: Drones, Last Resort, and Restricting Escalation”

Conference Presentations

International Studies Association (ISA): 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

International Studies Association – West: 2018, 2017, 2016

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2020, 2019, 2015

National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA): 2019

International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP): 2017

Millennium Journal of International Studies Conference: 2017

European International Studies Association (EISA): 2015

Professional Service

Newsletter Editor – International History and Politics (IHAP) Section of the American Political Science Association (APSA)

Duties include website construction and maintenance, recruiting authors for newsletter special issues, editing and distributing the newsletter for IHAP section members of APSA



Advisory Board Member of the peer-reviewed book series “Peace, Conflict, and Violence” with Transnational Press (London, UK). This series is dedicated to expanding discussions of peace, conflict, and violence beyond current methodological, epistemic, geographic, and theoretical boundaries, reaching out to scholars, practitioners, and activists from the Global South both in the admission process and dissemination. To achieve this goal, the publishing house sells the books almost at cost, ensuring more equitable access to literature and knowledge. <https://www.tplondon.com/peaceconflict/>.

Assistant Book Review Editor of *Political Psychology*

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

Workshops Organized

–“Technology, Law, & Society Summer Institute” University of California, Irvine.

- Funded by the Early Concepts Grant from the National Science Foundation. 22-24 June 2018.

–“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 University)

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

Master of Arts 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–M.A. in War and Society)
- “Humanitarianism and Internally Displaced Persons in North Eastern Nigeria” By: Aitiya Simon (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “The Right Roots: White Identity and DNA Ancestry Testing” By: Callan Keeter (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “Democratic Peace Theory and American Empire: A Critical Investigation” By: Jake Ummel (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “China in Africa: International Relations and Nigerian Textile Industries” By: Afolabi Toyé (Chapman University–M.A. in International Studies)
- “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

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

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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