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Employment

University of Oklahoma, August 2021-Present
Assistant Professor of International Security in the Department of International and Area Studies

Stanford University, September 2020-August 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, June 2019-July 2020
Lecturer of International Relations in the Department of Political Science

Chapman University, January 2017-May 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), Cecelia M. Lynch, and Brent J. Steele

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

International Relations, Security Studies, Nuclear Security, U.S. Foreign Policy, Ethics of War, Artificial Intelligence, Wargaming, Law and Society, Science and Technology Studies, Constructivism, and Italian Political Thought.

Publications

Emery, John R. (2021) "Moral Choices Without Moral Language: 1950s Political-Military Wargaming at the RAND Corporation." *Texas National Security Review* 4 no. 4 (Forthcoming).



Emery John, R. (2021) “AI, Algorithms, and Ethics of War.” *Peace Review* 33 no. 2 (Forthcoming).

DoCarmo, Tania E., Stephen Rea, John R. Emery, Evan P. Conaway, and Noopur Raval (2021) “Law in Computation: What Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, and Big Data Mean for Law and Society Scholarship.” *Law & Policy* 43 no. 2 (2021): 170-199. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12164>.

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>.

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* 27 no. 4: 424-431. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10402659.2015.1094319>.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

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

Emery, John R. (2020) “Pandemic Politics: SKYNET, Protests, and the Misuse of Wartime Surveillance Technologies.” *International Affairs* August 27.

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

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

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

Emery, John R. “Ethics and Technology: Security Studies and Computational Morality”
Status: Draft Available

Henderson, Peter and John R. Emery “Collateral Damage Estimation and International Humanitarian Law”
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

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 – Master of Arts in International Studies Program

U.S. Foreign Relations – University of Oklahoma

Fall 2021 – Assistant Professor of International Security in the Department of International & Area Studies

Issues in National Security – Chapman University

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

Technology and the Ethics of War – Chapman University

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



Undergraduate Courses

Global Security – University of Oklahoma

Fall 2021 – Assistant Professor of International Security in the Department of International & Area Studies

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
- 2017 (\$1000) UCI Department of Political Science Summer Research Grant
- 2017 (\$600) UCI School of Social Sciences International Conference Travel Grant
- 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

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Project on Nuclear Issues (PONI) Mid-Career Cadre for collaboration across military, technical, policy, NGOs, and universities on nuclear security issues. The award includes engagement with senior leaders internationally, international exchanges with U.S. allies, collaborative workshops, and PONI events and conference for a three-year term 2021-2024.



Janne Nolan Prize for the best article on national security/international affairs (runner-up). Presented by Johns Hopkins SAIS Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs, in cooperation with CSIS and the *Texas National Security Review*, January 2021.

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

University of Southern California *Los Angeles, CA* April 2021

Presented: “Ethics, Technology, and National Security”

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona *Pomona, CA* March 2021

Presented: “War, Security, and Automation”

The Role of Nuclear Weapons in Modern 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): 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015

International Studies Association – West: 2021, 2018, 2017, 2016

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2021, 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

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee – University of Oklahoma Department of International & Area Studies

Uphold and affirm departmental commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the School of International Studies and the University of Oklahoma. Award DEI fellowships and scholarships to promising students from underrepresented communities. Coordinate university-wide DEI initiatives and implement them in our department.

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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