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## **EDUCATION**

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### **Doctorate in International Relations**

Dissertation Title: Parties in Conflict: Domestic Politics, Dispute Settlement and International Trade

*Department of Political Science*

*Columbia University in the City of New York*

*Expected 2007*

### **Master's of Philosophy in Political Science**

*Columbia University*

*Awarded May 2002*

### **Master of Arts in Political Science**

*Columbia University*

*Awarded May 2000*

### **Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, International Politics**

*Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Awarded, Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude, May 1997*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Research Analyst and Speechwriter**

*Indonesian Mission to the United Nations, New York*

*July 2007-*

Responsibilities include providing analyses, preparing remarks and speeches, and developing studies on relevant subjects to international peace and security for the Republic of Indonesia for its membership on the United Nations Security Council.

### **Communications Consultant**

*United Nations Development Programme, South-South Cooperation Unit, New York*

*Spring 2007*

Responsibilities include managing website development, editing, and coordinating communications on project related to global asset and technology exchange among developing countries designed to enhance economic development and poverty reduction.

### **Instructor, Graduate Course: Conceptual Foundations of International Politics**

*Columbia University, New York*

*Fall 2005-2007*

Responsibilities included overseeing a rotating lecture series, teaching and grading sixty students over the course of the semester, holding weekly discussion sections and office hours for the core theory course in international relations for MA students in the School of International and Public Affairs.

**Teaching Assistant, Graduate Course: State and Society in the Developing World**  
*Columbia University, New York* *Spring 2005*  
Responsibilities included grading exams and papers, holding office hours and fielding questions from graduate students of the School of International and Public Affairs.

**Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Course: American Politics**  
*Columbia University, New York* *Spring 2004*  
Responsibilities included weekly discussion leading for two sections of thirty students, holding weekly office hours and grading exams and papers

**Seventh Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy**  
*Columbia University, New York Arnold Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies* *Summer 2003*

**Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) Representative**  
*Columbia University, New York, Political Science Department* *2002-2003*

**Advisor, Senior Honors Seminar in Political Science**  
*Columbia University, New York* *2001-2002*  
Responsibilities included reading drafts, coaching, and advising honors undergraduate political science students writing senior theses in international relations and American foreign policy.

**Workshop on Research and Research Methods in the Developing World**  
*Ford Foundation, New York, New York* *1998-1999*

**Policy Analyst, Government Relations**  
*Los Alamos National Laboratory, District of Columbia office, Washington, D.C* *1997-1998*  
Monitored congressional hearings and foreign policy conferences; researched, analyzed, and tracked lab-relevant policy studies on energy, environment, and science and technology developments.

**Co-President, Phi Alpha Theta, National Honor Society in History, Beta Pi Chapter**  
*Georgetown University, Washington, D.C* *1996-1997*  
Organized meetings, events, seminars, and annual banquet and induction ceremony  
Received National award for *Best Chapter*, Division IV- 10,000-15,000 students.  
Received National award for *Highest Recruitment* of new members.

**Political Campaigner and Legislative Intern**  
Coordinated events, assisted with fundraising efforts, and engaged in door-to-door campaigns; legislative research  
*New York, 1999-2000*  
*Washington, D.C., 1995*  
*Minneapolis, MN 1992-1993*

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## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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<b>Andrew Wellington Cordier Fellow, Columbia University</b>	<i>2005-2007</i>
<b>Schiff Fellowship Fund Fellow, Columbia University</b>	<i>2004-2005</i>
<b>Associate Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, New York</b>	<i>2004-2005</i>
<b>\$10,000 Grant for Sponsored Research at the WTO, Columbia University</b>	<i>2004</i>
<b>Jacob K. Javits National Fellow in the Humanities</b>	<i>1999-2003</i>
<b>Presidential Fellow, Columbia University</b>	<i>1999-2003</i>
<b>Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy Graduate Fellow</b>	<i>2002-2004</i>
<b>Brookings Foreign Policy Fellowship Nomination, Columbia University</b>	<i>2002</i>
<b>Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution Summer Fellowship</b>	<i>Summer 2002</i>
<b>Center for International Business Education Summer Fellowship</b>	<i>Summer 2002</i>
<b>American Political Science Association Travel Grant</b>	<i>2004</i>
<b>Lynn Weiss Memorial Travel Grant</b>	<i>2002 and 2004</i>
<b>Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship</b>	<i>Summer 2001 and 2002</i>
<b>Harvard University Dispute Resolution Forum</b>	<i>Spring 2002</i>
<b>Phi Beta Kappa, National Academic Honor Society</b>	<i>Inducted May 1997</i>
<b>Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society</b>	<i>Inducted April 1997</i>
<b>Phi Sigma Alpha, Honor Society in Political Science</b>	<i>Inducted May 1997</i>
<b>Phi Alpha Theta, National Honor Society in History</b>	<i>Inducted May 1996</i>
<b>Semi-Finalist, Truman Fellowship in Public Affairs, Georgetown University</b>	<i>1995</i>
<b>National Merit Scholar</b>	<i>1993</i>

## UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

<b>PhD Admissions Subcommittee on International Relations</b> Department of Political Science, Columbia University	2004-2006
<b>College Admissions Interviewer</b> <i>Georgetown University Alumni Interviewing Program, New York</i>	2003-present
<b>Steering Committee Member</b> <i>Cathedral Parkway Tenants' Association, New York, New York</i>	2003-2004
<b>Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) Representative</b> <i>Columbia University Department of Political Science, New York, New York</i>	2003-2004
<b>Certificate in Conflict Resolution</b> International Center for Cooperation and Conflict Resolution (ICCCR) <i>Teacher's College, Columbia University</i>	May 2003
<b>Certificate in Mediation Training</b> <i>Institute for Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Bronx County, New York</i>	Awarded August 2002
<b>Peer Counselor Advocate</b> <i>Columbia-Barnard Rape Crisis Anti-Violence Support Center</i>	2001
<b>Coordinator, Working Group on Terrorism</b> <i>Columbia University, New York</i>	2001-2003
<b>Facilitator, Community Mediation/Dialogue</b> <i>Columbia University Teacher's College and the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, New York</i>	Fall 2002
<b>Rapporteur, Roundtables on International Organizations and Terrorism</b> <i>Columbia Center on International Organization and the United Nations, New York</i>	2001- 2002
<b>Campaigner and Legislative Intern</b> <i>New York, Democratic National Committee</i> <i>Washington, D.C., Office of Senator Paul Wellstone</i> <i>Minneapolis, Office of State Senator Ted Mondale</i>	1999-2000 1995 1992-1993

## WORKING PAPERS AND PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCES

### Working Papers

*Partisan Plaintiffs: Partisan Politics and International Trade Dispute Initiation in Twenty-Five Countries*

*Dealing with Conflict: Electoral Incentives and the Escalation of International Trade Disputes*

*Bargaining Credibly: The Impact of Parties and Institutions on Compliance with International Trade Dispute Settlement*

*American Exceptionalism? Partisan Politics and Patterns in U.S. Trade Dispute Initiation*

*Transatlantic Trade Wars: Legislative-Executive Relations in US-EU Trade Conflicts Trade Wars over Products and Principles: U.S. and EU Disputes over Agriculture*

## **Conference Appearances**

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “E.U. Governance in the 21st Century: Negotiating the Middle Ground between Internal and External Rules,” American Political Science Association, Wash. D.C., (Sept. 1-4, 2005)

*Transatlantic Trade Wars: Legislative-Executive Relations in U.S.-EU Trade Conflicts*, International Studies Association Meeting, Honolulu, HI (Mar 1-5, 2005); “New Research on Trade Conflicts and Trade Wars,” Panel Organizer

*Transatlantic Tensions: Partisan Politics and U.S.-European Trade Clashes in the Post-World War II Period*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Sept. 2-5, 2004)

*Trade Wars over Products and Principles: U.S. and EU Disputes over Agriculture*, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece (May 27-29, 2004)

*Partisan Politics and International Trade Dispute Resolution*, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, (Apr. 15-18, 2004)

*Testing a Factorial Model of Party Politics and International Trade Dispute Initiation*, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada (Mar. 17-20, 2004)

Invited: “Colloquium on “Strategic Choice, Policy Substitutability and Trade,” Economic Policy Research Institute, University of Western Ontario, Ontario, Canada (October 3-4, 2003)

*Partisan-Pairings: Domestic-International Interactions and the Politics of International Trade Dispute Resolution*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA, (Aug. 2003)

*Explaining the Intensity of Bargaining over International Trade Disputes*, International Studies Association Convention in Portland, OR, (Feb. 25- Mar. 1, 2003)

## **RESEARCH SKILLS**

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Statistics: STATA, SPSS and Excel  
Microsoft Office and PowerPoint

Written and Basic Spoken French and German