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**Education**

Ph.D. (Political Science), The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, 1997  
M.A. (Foreign Affairs), University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1991  
J.D., University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1988  
B.A., College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1985

**Publications**

**Book:**

*The Ethics of Destruction: Norms and Force in International Relations* (Ithaca, New York: Cornell Studies in Security Affairs, Cornell University Press, 2001)

**Scholarly articles and book chapters:**

“Unjust War and the Catholic Soldier,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*, Vol. 35, No. 3 (Summer 2007), forthcoming.

“ROTC and the Catholic Campus,” *Armed Forces & Society*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (Winter 2007), pp. 224-237.

“Victory by Duress: Civilian Infrastructure as a Target in Air Campaigns,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (April-May 2006).

“Quelle Place pour L'éthique dans les Relations Internationales?” [in translation] *Sciences Humaines* (France), (March-May 2006).

“La Legitimite Dans Les Relations Internationales: Dix Propositions,” [in translation] in Gilles Andreani and Pierre Hassner, ed., *Justifier la Guerre?: De l'humanitaire au Contre-terrorisme* (Paris: Sciences Po, 2005)

“The New Age of Assassination,” *SAIS Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 25, No. 1 (Winter/Spring 2005), pp. 27-39.

“Norms and Security: The Case of International Assassination,” *International Security*, Vol. 25, No. 1 (Summer 2000), pp. 105-133.

**Other articles and book chapters:**

“The Meaning of September 11,” (essay) *Holy Cross Magazine* (Winter 2002)

“The Assassination Conundrum,” (long opinion essay) *The Boston Globe*, Focus section (October 28, 2001), p. D1. (Published under editor’s title: “Another Tool Against Terror: Revisiting the Ban on Assassination.”) Anthologized in James D. Torr, ed., *Is Military Action Justified Against Nations That Support Terrorism?* (San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2003)

### **Scholarly Presentations**

“Nonstate Actor Violence and Normative Change,” presented at the University of Washington International Security Colloquium, Seattle, Washington, March 2007.

“Nonstate Actor Violence and Normative Change,” presented at the Research in International Politics Speaker Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 2007.

“Nonstate Actor Violence and Normative Change,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2006.

“The Role of Norms in Foreign Policy: The U.S. Experience,” presented as an invited guest at a conference on “Foreign Policy: Between Profits and Principles,” sponsored by the Institute of International Relations and the Foreign Ministry of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic, November 2005.

“The Law of Armed Conflict and Roman Catholic Teaching,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 2005.

“Argument and Change in World Politics,” Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 2004.

“International Legitimacy: Ten Propositions” presented as an invited guest at a conference on “The Moral Dimensions of Military Intervention,” sponsored by the Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches Internationales, Sciences-Po, Paris, France, January 2004.

“Victory by Duress: the Law, Politics, and Morality of Bombing Civilian Infrastructure,” presented at the Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES), University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, October 2002.

“Going Downtown: Civilian Infrastructure as a Target in Air Campaigns,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2002.

“U.S. Foreign Policy in the Aftermath of September 11,” Roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, Maine, May 2002.

“The Ethics of Destruction,” presented at the Seminar Series of the Security Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 2001.

“Ethical Stigma and Compliance with Arms Control Agreements,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September 2001.

“Stigma and Arms Control Compliance: A Theoretical Survey,” presented at the Young Scholars’ Weekend of the Program on Ethics and Public Life, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, April 2001.

“Aerial Bombing Since 1945: A Norm Revived,” presented at the Young Scholars’ Weekend of the Program on Ethics and Public Life, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, April 2001.

“Norms and Arms Control: the Future of the Ottawa Landmines Regime” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, September 1999.

“The 1907 Hague Conference and the Laws of Aerial Warfare,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Washington, D.C., February 1999.

“Norms and Security: The Case of International Assassination,” presented at the National Security Group Seminar of the John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 1998.

“Embedded Ethics in International Relations: Norms as Constraints on the Use of Force,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, August 1996.

### **Other Colloquia and Workshops**

Invited participant, “Colloquium: Ethics of War after 9/11 and Iraq,” sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., November 2005.

Invited participant, “Emerging Military Capabilities: Normative and Legal Challenges,” Carr Center for Human Rights Policy Workshop Series, sponsored by the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Washington, D.C., April 2004.

Invited participant, “Operation Iraqi Freedom: Refining Humanitarian Analysis of War,” Carr Center for Human Rights Policy Workshop Series, sponsored by the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Washington, D.C., September 2003.

Invited participant, “Democracies and Dirty Wars: Hard Cases in Military Ethics,” Cantigny Conference Series, McCormick Tribune Foundation, Wheaton, Illinois, March 2003.

Invited participant, Center for Strategic Education Teachers’ Workshop (week-long workshop for teachers of security studies), Basin Harbor, Vermont, June 2001.

### **College and Community Panels**

“Empire and American Foreign Policy,” panelist at event sponsored by the Holy Cross program on Peace and Conflict Studies, November 2004.

“America’s Response to Saddam Hussein,” panelist at event sponsored by the Holy Cross Political Science Department, November 2002.

“The Catholic Community Forms Its Conscience on War and Terrorism,” panelist at forum sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Worcester and the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, December 2001.

Holden Interfaith Clergy Association, speaker at interdenominational clergy group forum on the events of September 11, 2001, Holden, Massachusetts, October 2001.

“Responding to the Terrorist Attack on America,” panelist at special Holy Cross forum on the events of September 11, 2001, Worcester, Massachusetts, September 2001.

“The Ethics of Destruction,” book talk sponsored by the Holy Cross program on Peace and Conflict Studies, September 2001.

“The Role of the Military in the Post-Cold War World,” panelist at the 1998 Holy Cross Spring Forum on War and Peace, Worcester, Massachusetts, February 1998.

### **Other Media**

WGMC Television, interviewed as an expert analyst regarding the effects of the execution of Saddam Hussein, December 2006.

WTAG Radio, interviewed as an expert analyst regarding prospects of war between United States and Iraq, February 2003.

WTAG Radio, “The Hank Stolz Show,” expert guest on talk radio call-in show, September 2001.

### **Peer Reviewer Services**

*American Political Science Review*

*International Security*

*International Studies Quarterly*

*Review of International Studies*

*Security Studies*

Ashgate Publishing Ltd.

Cornell University Press

The Smith Richardson Foundation

Bryant University (tenure review referee)

### **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships**

Arthur J. O’Leary Faculty Recognition Award, College of the Holy Cross, 2006-2008

Charles & Rosanna Batchelor (Ford) Foundation Grant, College of the Holy Cross, Summer 2005

Young Scholar, Program on Ethics and Public Life, Cornell University, 2000-2001

Olin Associate, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University, 2000-present

Charles & Rosanna Batchelor (Ford) Foundation Grant, College of the Holy Cross, Summer 2000

Postdoctoral Fellow, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University, 1998-1999

Mellon Educational Technology Grant, College of the Holy Cross, 1998

Dissertation Fellow, Institute for the Study of World Politics, 1997  
Dean's Teaching Fellow, The Johns Hopkins University, 1996  
B.A./M.A. Teaching Fellow, The Johns Hopkins University, 1995  
Phi Beta Kappa, College of William and Mary, 1985  
Zollinger Award, College of William and Mary, 1984

### **Teaching Positions**

2004 – present, Associate Professor, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts.  
1997 – 2004, Assistant Professor, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts.  
1996, Dean's Teaching Fellow, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.  
(Ethics, Norms, and the Use of Force in International Relations)  
1995, B.A./M.A. Teaching Fellow, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.  
(International Studies B.A./M.A. Seminar in IR Theory)  
1994, Head Teaching Assistant, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.  
(Contemporary International Politics)  
1993, Teaching Assistant, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.  
(Contemporary International Politics)

### **Teaching and Research Interests**

International Politics, International Security and Strategic Studies, Ethics and International Relations, International Relations Theory, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Institutions, International Law, Nonstate Actors in the International System, the Just War Tradition, War in Human Experience.

### **College Committee Service**

Curriculum Committee, Committee on Faculty Affairs/Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty, Committee on Academic Standing (Chair), Student Life Council, Faculty Moderator of the Hanify-Howland Lecture Committee, Athletic Council (Chair), Peace and Conflict Studies Committee, First Year Experience Coordinating Committee, College Counsel Search Committee, Subcommittee on Compliance for NCAA Reaccreditation, Ad Hoc Committee on Intramural Athletics.

### **Previous Professional Employment**

Attorney at Law, William K. Dove & Associates, P.C., Fairfax, Virginia, 1990-1993  
Attorney at Law, Bankert & Bethel, P.C., Fairfax, Virginia, 1989-1990