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### EDUCATION

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Ed.D. Higher Education, University of Pennsylvania, 2023 (ABD) (Expected completion, May 2023)

- University of Pennsylvania Center for Teaching and Learning: Teaching Certificate

MSc.R. American History, University of Edinburgh, 2010

M.A. Intelligence and International Security, War Studies, King's College London, 2008

B.A. (Honors) Political Science, University of Connecticut, Storrs, 2007

### ADMINISTRATION

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*Program Coordinator* (June 2015 to Present), *Interim Assistant Director* (September 2014 to June 2015),  
*Undergraduate Advisor / Activities Coordinator* (September 2013 to 2014), International Relations Program,  
University of Pennsylvania

- Present prospective and active international relations majors (approx. 180 students per annum) with bespoke strategies for achieving academic, postgraduate, and personal goals
- Also advise incoming first year students and first-generation low-income students
- Assist students with selecting courses that will enhance their intellectual interest(s) within the parameters of major and university curricular requirements
- Certify said students for major and minor graduation
- Communicate to students and staff academic policies of the major and university
- Draft and edit major marketing materials—from event flyers to policy and advice handouts
- Consult prospective Penn undergraduates and their parents
- Mentor extracurricular groups that form the international relations intellectual community—International Relations Undergraduate Student Association and the Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Iota Rho, Honor Society for International Studies
- Contribute to the design and implementation of Program events, 10 to 20 annually
- Program business and academic administration: certified university requisitioner; liaison with university business administration organs; maintain student and alumni records; ensure compliance with University of Pennsylvania fiscal policies
- Oversaw the re-design of two websites ([www.sas.upenn.edu/irp](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/irp) and [www.sigmaidotrho.org](http://www.sigmaidotrho.org))
- Between 2012 and 2020, served as National Liaison Officer for Sigma Iota Rho, National Honor Society for International Relations. In which capacity, I:
  - Served as principal liaison for approx. 150 chapters throughout the U.S.
  - Processed induction applications and graduation regalia shipments
  - Fielded all incoming correspondence from chapters and student inductees
  - Organized and participated in all development activities (e.g. trips to prospective and active chapters; exhibitor presence in annual International Studies Association conferences)
  - Represent the Society to faculty, international relations organizations, and students.

### RESEARCH

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“‘On the Slain Collegians’: Higher Education and the American Civil War”; Ed.D. Dissertation, University of

Pennsylvania; May 2023

“Apostasy in American Intelligence and the Transmission of Political Discontent to Britain”; MSc.R. Dissertation, University of Edinburgh; September 2010

“The U.S. Policymaker Epistemology of Foreign Intelligence”; M.A. Dissertation, King’s College London; September 2008

## COURSE INSTRUCTION

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*Lecturer B*, International Relations Program, University of Pennsylvania

- Secret Intelligence in American Democracy, 1776 to Present: Fall & Spring 2016, Summer 2015
- Introductory Theory and Practice of Counterintelligence (Co-Instructor): Spring 2013, 2014, 2015
- Global Think Tanks, NGOs, Policy Networks and Governance (Co-Instructor): Summer 2012

*Course Assistant*, Ibid.

Introductory Theory and Practice of Counterintelligence: Spring 2012

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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“The Rebellion Tree: Harvard Students and the American Civil War”; American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, April 2023 (Anticipated)

“Lost in the Campus Funhouse: The Imaginary Worlds of Antebellum College Students”; History of Education Society Annual Meeting, November 2022

“Lost in the Campus Funhouse: Collegiate Archetypes, Student Ideologies, and the Coming of the Civil War”; University of California, Berkeley, National Graduate Student Conference (Annual), March 2022

Keynote Address, South Jersey Model United Nations Conference (approx. 300 students), October 2016

## DISTINCTIONS

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Awards

- University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences Bronze Award, Staff Incentive Award for Performance, 2014
- University of Connecticut Political Science Department Award for excellence in Political Science, 2007
- University of Connecticut Honors Scholar, 2007
- League of United Latin American Citizens Scholarship, 2004

Affiliations

- Sigma Iota Rho, National Honor Society for International Studies
- Pi Sigma Alpha, National Honor Society for Political Science

## MISCELLANEOUS

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*Intern*, United States Congress, House of Representatives

Allyson Schwartz (D), Pennsylvania 13th District, 2011

Chris Shays (R), Connecticut 4th District, 2004

*Assistant Director of After School Programs* (2007-2008), *Lacrosse Coach* (1998 to 2008), Ages 6 to 18, Gilman Lacrosse, Wilton, Connecticut

*English and Math Tutor*, Mansfield Middle School Tutor Program, Mansfield, Connecticut, 2005

Yale University Summer Study Program, 2005

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Spanish Language Program, 2005