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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech, August 2021 – present

Affiliated Faculty, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, January 2020 – present

Affiliated Faculty, Alliance for Social, Political, Ethical, and Cultural Thought (ASPECT), Virginia Tech, August 2015 – present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech, August 2015 – July 2021

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, Political Science, August 2013

M.A., University of Notre Dame, Political Science, January 2010

M.A., University of Chicago, Social Sciences, June 2006

B.A., University of Iowa, with Distinction, May 2005

Majors: History with Honors, Political Science with Honors

RESEARCH

Book

Paul C. Avey, *Tempting Fate: Why Nonnuclear States Confront Nuclear Opponents* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, November 2019)

Refereed Journal Articles

Paul C. Avey, Michael C. Desch, Eric Parajon, Susan Peterson, Ryan Powers, and Michael J. Tierney, “Does Social Science Inform Foreign Policy? Evidence from a Survey of U.S. National Security, Trade, and Development Officials,” *International Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Paul C. Avey, Michael C. Desch, Ana Petrova, and Steven L. Wilson, “Narrowing the Academic-Policy Divide: Will New Media Bridge the Gap?” *Political Science Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Paul C. Avey, “MAD and Taboo: U.S. Expert Views on Nuclear Deterrence, Coercion, and Non-Use Norms,” *Foreign Policy Analysis*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (April 2021).

Paul C. Avey, Jonathan N. Markowitz, and Robert J. Reardon, “Disentangling Grand Strategy: International Relations Theory and U.S. Grand Strategy” *Texas National Security Review* Vol. 2, No. 1 (November 2018).

Paul C. Avey, “The Historical Rarity of Foreign-Deployed Nuclear Weapon Crises,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 1 (January – March 2018).

Paul C. Avey, Jonathan N. Markowitz, and Robert J. Reardon, “Do U.S. Troop Withdrawals Cause Instability? Evidence from Two Exogenous Shocks on the Korean Peninsula,” *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Vol 3, No. 1 (January 2018).

Paul C. Avey, “Who’s Afraid of the Bomb? The Role of Nuclear Non-Use Norms in Confrontations between Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Opponents,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 24, No. 4 (October – December 2015).

Paul C. Avey and Michael C. Desch, “What Do Policymakers Want from Us? Results from a Survey of Current and Former National Security Decision-makers,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (June 2014).

Paul C. Avey “Confronting Soviet Power: U.S. Policy during the Early Cold War,” *International Security*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (Spring 2012).

Book Chapters

Paul C. Avey, “U.S. Policy on the Road to Berlin: The Role of Ideology and Power” in John M. Schuessler, Adam R. Seipp, and Thomas D. Sullivan, eds., *The Berlin Airlift and the Making of the Cold War* (College Station, TX: Texas A&M University Press, forthcoming).

Paul C. Avey and Michael C. Desch, “The Bumpy Road to a ‘Science’ of Nuclear Strategy,” in Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, Ryan Powers, and Mike J. Tierney eds., *Bridging the Theory-Practice Divide in International Relations* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2020).

Works in Progress

Paul C. Avey, “Take a Bow for the New (Nuclear) Revolution – A Review Essay,” Article in progress

Paul C. Avey, "Public Opinion, Foreign Deployed Nuclear Weapons, and Alliance Cohesion." Article in progress

Paul C. Avey, "The Fragility of the Nuclear Peace," Article in progress

Paul C. Avey, "Reputation and Alliance Politics." Book project initial stages

Commentary

Paul C. Avey, "The Icebreaker Gap Doesn't Mean America is Losing in the Arctic," *War on the Rocks*, November 28, 2019

Paul C. Avey, "Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly: Then and Now," Cornell University Press News, November 13, 2019

WUSA9 OffScript (Washington, DC), U.S.-North Korean Nuclear Summit, June 11, 2018

WFIR Radio, U.S.-North Korea Nuclear Crisis, September 21, 2017

Paul C. Avey, "How We Should Deal with North Korea," *The Roanoke Times*, August 23, 2017

WDBJ7 CBS, U.S.-North Korea Nuclear Crisis, August 11, 2017

WLNI Radio, National Security Adviser Michael Flynn Resignation, February 16, 2017

Augusta Free Press, National Security Adviser Michael Flynn Resignation, February 16, 2017

Paul C. Avey, "What's New About Trump's Finger on the Nuclear Button?" *War on the Rocks*, April 4, 2016

Paul C. Avey, "Political Science and Policy: It Ain't Just Academic," *War on the Rocks*, September 29, 2014

Paul C. Avey and Michael C. Desch, "But If You Try Sometime, You (Might) Get (Some of) What You Need: A Response to Goldgeier, Weaver, and Peterson," *International Studies Quarterly* online forum, August 28, 2014

Paul C. Avey and Michael C. Desch, "Policymakers Follow Pertinent Academic Research," USApp blog, American Politics and Policy at the London School of Economics and Politics, <http://bit.ly/1nTnYI5>, March 14, 2014

Paul C. Avey, "Cold War Fear is Unfounded," *The Des Moines Register*, March 6, 2014

Paul C. Avey and Michael C. Desch, "What do Policymakers Want from Academics?" *The Monkey Cage*, September 25, 2013

Paul C. Avey, Michael C. Desch, James D. Long, Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney, "The Ivory Tower," *Foreign Policy*, No. 191 (Jan/Feb 2012)

Reviews

"*Grand Strategy from Truman to Trump*, by Benjamin Miller with Ziv Rubinovitz," H-Diplo|ISSF Review, forthcoming

"*To Kill Nations: American Strategy in the Air-Atomic Age and the Rise of Mutually Assured Destruction*, by Edward Kaplan," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 131, No. 3 (Fall 2016)

"The Korea Syndrome: An Examination of War-Weariness Theory, by Bradford Ian Stapleton," H-Diplo|ISSF Review, (April 2016)

"*No Use: Nuclear Weapons and U.S. National Security*, by Thomas M. Nichols," H-Diplo|ISSF Review (October 2014)

"Two Concepts of Liberty: U.S. Cold War Grand Strategies and the Liberal Tradition, by Brendan Rittenhouse Green," H-Diplo|ISSF Review (April 2013)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Virginia Tech, carryover grant for "Integrating Safety, Security, and Safeguards in Nuclear Science and Policy," with Patrick Roberts and Sonja D. Schmid, 2019-2020

United States Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service, July 2020

Council on Foreign Relations, International Affairs Fellowship based at the United States Department of Defense (Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy), 2018-2019

Stanton Foundation, Course Development Grant, 2016

Virginia Tech, Mentoring Project for New Faculty Members, 2016

Carnegie Corporation of New York, renewal grant for "Beyond the Cult of the Irrelevant," with Michael C. Desch and Peter Campbell, 2015-2017

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, John G. Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University, August 2014 – July 2015

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, August 2013 – June 2014

Cato Institute, Postdoctoral Fellowship in Defense and Foreign Policy Studies, 2014-2015 (declined)

Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2013-2014 (declined)

Managing the Atom/International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, 2012-2013

Recent Conference Presentations

“Fragility of the Nuclear Peace”

2020 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR

2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC

“MAD and Taboo: Elite Views of Nuclear Weapons”

2020 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR

2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA

“Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly and the Evolving Nuclear Taboo”

2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA

2017 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD

“Narrowing the Academic-Policy Gap: Evidence on the Role of Blogging” with Michael C. Desch and Steven Wilson

2017 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD

“The Strategic Costs of Foreign-Deployed Nuclear Weapons” (various titles)

2016 Annual Meeting of the ISAC-ISSS, Notre Dame, IN

2016 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA

2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR

2015 Annual Meeting of the ISAC-ISSS, Springfield, MA

“Effects of Forward Troop Deployments on Regional Stability” with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon

2016 Annual Meeting of the ISAC-ISSS, Notre Dame, IN

“Disentangling Grand Strategy” (various titles) with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon

2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA

2016 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA

2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA

“Tempting Fate: Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly”

2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA

2015 Nuclear Studies Research Initiative Conference, Warrenton, VA

Invited Presentations and Roundtables

“The Korean Peninsula,” Great Decisions Workshop sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Institute at VT and the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, March 17, 2021

“The Fragility of the Nuclear Peace,” paper presentation at the Lansing Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, University of Virginia, February 1, 2021

2020 International Affairs Fellowship Conference, Council on Foreign Relations. Presented on panel Scheduled to present on panel “The Future of U.S. Middle East Policy,” October 14, 2020

“Iran and the U.S. in the Age of Trump,” panel presentation with Merzad Boroujerdi, Bettina Koch, Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, organized by the Virginia Tech Middle East Working Group, February 5, 2020

“The Beltway and the Ivory Tower: Bridging the Gap,” panel presentation with Peter Campbell, Michael C. Desch, and Susan Peterson, New America, Washington, D.C. June 26, 2018

“U.S. Global Engagement and the Military,” Great Decisions Workshop sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Institute at VT and the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, March 7, 2018

“The Strategic Costs of Foreign-Deployed Nuclear Weapons,” North Carolina State University, Visiting Young Scholars Program, April 11-12, 2017

“Nuclear Security,” Great Decisions Workshop sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Institute at VT and the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, March 8, 2017

“Tempting Fate: Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly,” University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, May 2-3, 2016. Presented a working paper as part of workshop The Nuclear Taboo Revisited

“Iran Nuclear Deal: Physics, Politics, and Diplomacy,” with Patrick Huber, Bettina Koch, Djavad Salehi-Isfahani, organized by the Virginia Tech Middle East Working Group, September 15, 2015

“Competing Visions of Grand Strategy and the Consequences for Nuclear Proliferation,” paper presentation with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 12, 2015

“Why the Wizards of Armageddon Hit An Intellectual Dead-end,” workshop and presentation with Michael C. Desch, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, January 14-15, 2015

“Tempting Fate: Escalation, Red-Lines, and Conflict in Nuclear Primacy,” Notre Dame International Security Center, April 9, 2014

Professional Development and Engagement

Member, Mid-Career Cadre, Project on Nuclear Issues, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2020-2023

Bridging the Gap International Policy Summer Institute in Washington, D.C., June 2018

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Ithaca, NY, June 2016

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI, June-July 2011

TEACHING

Instructor

Virginia Tech

- Introduction to World Politics
- National Security (undergraduate)
- National Security (graduate)
- National Security Policies
- Nuclear Strategy and Politics
- Strategies of Modern Warfare
- Security Studies: Theory and Concepts

Southern Methodist University

- Introduction to International Relations

Workshops and Courses Taken

Inclusive Pedagogy: How Student Identities Matter, Virginia Tech Professional Development Network, Spring 2020

Making It Real: Simulations and Learning, Virginia Tech Professional Development Network, Dec. 2019

Philip Merrill Center Teachers' Workshop, Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, Basin Harbor Club, Lake Champlain, VT, June 1-5, 2015

SERVICE

Reviewer

Columbia University Press, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Security*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*,

International Studies Review, Journal of Strategic Studies, Political Research Quarterly, The RUSI Journal, and Security Studies

Virginia Tech

Department of Political Science Representative to the Faculty Senate, 2020-2023; Middle East and North Africa Faculty Position Search Committee, Member, 2019-2020; Commencement Committee, Member, 2019-2020; Awards Committee, Member, 2015-2017, 2019-2021; Security Governance Faculty Position Search Committee, Member, 2016-2017; Executive Committee, Member, 2016-2017; University Commencement Ceremony, Usher, May 2016; Curriculum Committee, Member, 2015-2017