

ANDREW ARMSTRONG

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EDUCATION

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA 2012-present
PhD Candidate, Political Science. First field American Politics, second field International Relations.

- Finalist, George Mason Three Minute Thesis Competition. 2017
- Frances Harbour Award for Community Leadership. 2015
- Lecturer in American Politics and International Relations.
- Prior to lecturing served as both a teaching and research assistant.

University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 2008-2011

- Fully funded Masters in Political Science.
- Thesis on the impact of media coverage of international conflicts, particularly in the presence of conflicting information, on public opinion.

ICPSR, Michigan, MA Summer 2009
Awarded fellowship to attend the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research.

Haverford College, Haverford, PA 2001-2005

- Graduated with honors in Psychology. Thesis on the evaluative influence of non-verbal elements in political advertising.
- Competitively selected as the first social scientist in the national *Biography of an Experiment* project.

TEACHING

Principle Instructor

Lead courses at GMU and abroad.

- The Politics of Nuclear Weapons [Summer 2018]
- Media & Politics 2017
- International Security Summer 2017
- Introduction to International Relations 2015 & 2017
- International Relations Theory 2016
- Introduction to American Politics 2014

Program Leader, South Korea: The Politics of Nuclear Weapons [Summer 2018]
I will be leading the first GMU study abroad program in Korea this coming July. In this capacity I created the curriculum, arranged itinerary and accommodations, and coordinated with guest lecturers, and helped recruit students. I will be in-country leading the program and lecturing.

Program Leader, Switzerland: International Securities 2017
GMU has study abroad partnership with the University of Fribourg. As program leader I fulfill three responsibilities: collaborate with colleagues in and across institutions to create a unified program, recruit and prepare students, and serve as the leader and primary lecturer.

Lecturer, Spots Diplomacy Program 2016-2017
 GMU, in collaboration with the US Department of State, hosts groups of high school athletes and coaches from across the globe. I was selected to participate in the program, holding interactive seminars with the groups on the history and foundational principles of the US political system.

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

Coauthor, Nuclear Proliferation Project 2014-2017
 In collaboration with GMU colleagues Trevor Thrall and Christopher Whyte, created a coded database of news about nuclear proliferation spanning six countries and a half-century of coverage. Collaborated on data collection & coding, analysis, and writing.

Research Manager, HumanGeo & GMU Terrorism Database 2015- 2016
 Partnered with HumanGeo, a data analytics firm, to develop a hybrid automated/manual process to collect, curate, and analyze news coverage of terrorism incidents. As research manager I served as the primary contact with our industry partners, developed the content analysis codebook, and trained and oversaw a team of twenty graduate and undergraduate research assistants.

Research Assistant, MacArthur Municipal Fiscal Crisis Project 2012-2014
 This project, a collaboration with GMU's public policy team and the MacArthur Foundation, assessed the impact of the Great Recession on local governments. As a research assistant I assisted with background research, and helped write the final deliverables.

Research Assistant, Foreign Policy & Public Opinion 2013
 Collaborated with Dr. Thrall on a project to assess dominant themes in public opinion of foreign policy. This project culminated in presentations at APSA and the CATO institute.

Research Assistant, Production of Knowledge Project 2012-2013
 This project traces the development of published and think-tank scholarship on the middle east over the last half-century. As research assistant I curated entries from academic journals and helped devise system for classifying content.

WORKING PAPERS

Bear Market: the Resilience of the American Information Environment. w/Trevor Thrall
Selective Certainty: Media Coverage of Political Candidates
Doomsayers or Pollyannas? w/Trevor Thrall
The Axis of Evil, Nuclear Proliferation, and the Marketplace of Ideas w/Trevor Thrall & Christopher Whyte

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bear Market: The Resilience of the American Information Environment [Pending]
Certainly Biased? Coverage of the 2016 Election APSA 2017
Circle of Doom. APSA. w/ Trevor Thrall 2015
Give Me One Good Reason. APSA (2014) w/ Trevor Thrall 2014
Nuclear Proliferation & the Marketplace of Ideas: ISA 2014
 w/ Trevor Thrall & Christopher Whyte
Sensationalism & Uncertainty ISA South w/Christopher Whyte 2014

WORK EXPERIENCE

TNS Global, San Francisco, CA 2005-2008
Project Director (2005-7) & Senior Analyst (2007-8). Served as research lead in all aspects of a project lifespan from initial design to final presentation. In this capacity I created online and phone surveys, oversaw programming and fielding, data analysis, and created & delivered final presentations to clients.

ToDo Monthly, San Francisco, CA 2006-2008
Writer. Writer for magazine and website on Bay Area living.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Language Analytics: LIWC, VADER, Diction.

Statistics: SPSS & STATA.

Creative: Adobe Photoshop. Familiar with Dreamweaver, MovieMaker, FinalCut, & Freehand.