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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Villanova University
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2020–present
Princeton University
Postdoctoral Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance 2019–2020
Washington University in St. Louis
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science 2018–2019

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles 2018
MSc, Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin 2012
MA, Politics, New York University 2010
BA, Political Science, DePaul University 2007
United States Military Academy, West Point, 2003-2005

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Weldzius, Ryan and Joshua Buckson. 2026. “[Beyond the Greenback: Currency Power in a Greener, More Fragmented World](#).” *PS: Political Science & Politics*: 1–7.

Peritz, Lauren, Ryan Weldzius, Ronald Rogowski, and Thomas Flaherty. 2022. “[Enduring the Great Recession: Economic Integration in the European Union](#).” *The Review of International Organizations* 17: 175–203.

Weldzius, Ryan. 2021. “[The End of Currency Manipulation? Global Production Networks and Exchange Rate Politics](#).” *Economics and Politics* 33(3): 514–32.

Ifft, Jennifer, Deepak Rajagopal, and Ryan Weldzius. 2019. “[Ethanol Plant Location and Land Use: A Case Study of the Conservation Reserve Program and Ethanol Mandate](#).” *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy* 41(1): 37-55.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Weldzius, Ryan, James Raymond Vreeland, and James H. Bisbee. 2022. “[Political Cleavages and Exposure to the Global Financial Crisis](#),” in *The Backlash Against Globalization: What’s Next?*, a Report from the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance: pp. 33-37.

Weldzius, Ryan. 2019. “[Currency Statecraft: Monetary Rivalry and Geopolitical Ambition](#). By Benjamin J. Cohen Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019. 208p. \$75.00 cloth, \$25.00 paper.” *Perspectives on Politics* 17(3): 945-946.

World Trade Organization. 2014. *Trade and Development: Recent Trends and the Role of the WTO*. [Contributor]

BOOK PROJECTS

The Exporters' Paradox: How Global Production Reshaped the Politics of Exchange Rates (under submission). Currency manipulation was a defining conflict of international economic diplomacy for two decades, and then it receded—without a treaty, a sanction, or an enforcement mechanism. I argue that the explanation lies in production structure rather than international pressure: as firms came to rely on imported intermediate inputs, undervaluation ceased to function as an export subsidy and began to function as a tax on production, dissolving the domestic coalition that had sustained it. The book tests this argument with cross-national panel data, firm-level survey and business-sentiment evidence, and case studies of Czechia, Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan built on original interviews with firms, peak business federations, and central bankers. It also specifies when the coalition re-forms: because tariffs and supply-chain disruption shorten production chains, the current turn toward protection rebuilds the constituency for undervaluation.

Reshoring Global Supply Chains: When Governments Act Under Geoeconomic Risk (under contract, **Cambridge University Press**, *Elements in Globalization and Supply Chains*; Etel Solingen, series editor; manuscript due October 15, 2026). Invited contribution explaining why some governments commit substantial public resources to reshoring strategic production while similarly exposed countries do not. I argue that reshoring requires the alignment of three conditions: dependence that is significant but not prohibitively costly to unwind, low bilateral trust toward the supplier country, and sufficient domestic capacity to expand production. The Element tests the argument with cross-national data on government reshoring commitments from 2007 to 2025 and matched case studies of the United Kingdom and Germany, India and Mexico, and the United States and Australia.

WORKING PAPERS

In final revision following conference and workshop presentation; to be submitted for review between October 2026 and January 2027.

Currency Power in Transition: Production Networks and China's Challenge to Dollar Dominance.

Redistributing Crisis: Monetary Union and Political Backlash in Europe.

Conferred, Not Seized: Economic Dependence and the Limits of Chinese Monetary Power (with James Bisbee).

Monopolies for Sale: The Anti-Competitive Effects of Trade Liberalization (with Nils Gudat).

Political Cleavages and Exposure to the Global Financial Crisis (with James Raymond Vreeland and James H. Bisbee; authors listed in reverse alphabetical order). *In revision pending data access; target submission January 2027.*

GRANTS

- [1] Villanova University, Institute for Teaching and Learning, Summer Course Improvement Grant, \$3,560, 2025; designed a [fully online data science course platform](#)
- [2] Villanova University, Grants for Research for Arts and Sciences Professors (GRASP), \$18,350, 2024-2026; Preparatory work for NSF CAREER application, Summer 2024; Research in Japan and South Korea, Spring 2026.
- [3] Villanova University, Faculty Research and Development Grant, for book workshop in April 2025, \$3,500, 2023

	[4] Villanova University, Conference Travel Grant, \$2,400, 2024; Research/invited presentation in Taiwan, May/June 2024 [5] APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant, \$1,800, 2023 [6] Villanova University, Summer Research Grant, \$12,000, 2023 [7] Villanova University, Institute for Teaching and Learning, Summer Course Improvement Grant, \$5,500, 2022; designed a ShinyApp data viz portal for students [8] Villanova University, Conference Travel Grant, \$3,450, 2022; Summer conference travel to Munich, Germany and Prague, Czech Republic [9] NSF, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, UC Berkeley, \$1,500, 2017 [10] Center for European and Russian Studies Conference Travel Grant, UCLA, \$300, 2017 [11] Conference Travel Grants, UCLA, \$300/year, 2015–2017 [12] Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, \$6,000, 2015 [13] Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, \$6,000, 2013 [14] Center for European and Eurasian Studies Summer Language Study Grant (German), UCLA, \$1,750, 2013
FELLOWSHIPS & CERTIFICATES	[1] University Graduate Fellowship, UCLA, 2012-2018 [2] Master’s Certificate in Public Policy Analysis, Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, NYU, 2010
INVITED TALKS	[1] Hertie School of Governance, April 23, 2026. Talk title: “The Exporters’ Paradox: How Global Value Chains Turned Exporters Against Currency Manipulation.” [2] University of Minnesota, International Relations Colloquium, February 9, 2026. Talk title: “Green Industrial Transformation and the Reordering of Currency Power.” [3] University of Kansas, Trade War Lab, November 19, 2025. Talk Title: “Currency Power in Transition: Commodity Trade and the Politics of Global Currency Hierarchies.” [4] Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, June 4, 2024. Talk title: “Monopolies for Sale: The Anti-Competitive Effects of Trade Liberalization.” [5] National Taiwan University, May 28, 2024. Talk title: “Currency Wars in Retreat: Global Value Chains and Exchange Rate Politics.” [6] Princeton University, Europe Center, April 17, 2024. Talk title: “The Chains That Bind: How Global Value Chain Integration in the EMU Buffers Global Shocks.” [7] University of Washington, Political Economy Speaker Series, March 2020 (cancelled). Talk title: “Central bank interdependence.” [8] Princeton University, Europe Center, April 2020 (cancelled). Talk title: “European integration in times of crisis.” [9] Princeton University, International Relations Colloquium, September 2019. Talk title: “The End of Currency Manipulation? Global Production Networks and Exchange Rate Outcomes.”
CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS	SUMMARY - American Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2026 - European Political Science Society: 2026 - International Political Economy Society: 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2025, 2026 (upcoming) - International Studies Association: 2022

- Midwest Political Science Association: 2015, 2016
- Virtual International Political Economy Society: 2026
- Conference of the DVPW Section Political Economy, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (Germany): 2025
- Global Value Chains in a Geopolitically Fragmented World: Trade, Security, and Resilience, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University: 2025
- Temple University Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (TWIIGG): 2023
- Drei-Länder International Political Economy Society (Germany): 2022
- European Political Science Association: 2022
- Firms, States, and Global Production, National University of Singapore: 2019
- Council for European Studies: 2016
- Policy Making Under Hard Times: Southern European Countries in a Comparative Perspective, UC3JM, Madrid, Spain: 2014
- Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, NYU: 2010, 2011
- Berlin Colloquium for Economic History, Humboldt-Universität: 2011

PRESENTATION DETAILS

- [1] “Reshoring Global Supply Chains: When Governments Act Under Geoeconomic Risk,” paper *to be* presented at the **International Political Economy Society**, Yale University, October 2026.
- [2] “Conferred, Not Seized: Economic Dependence and the Limits of Chinese Monetary Power,” (with James Bisbee), paper presented at the **American Political Science Association**, Boston, September 2026.
- [3] “Redistributing Crisis: Monetary Union and Political Backlash in Europe,” paper presented at the **European Political Science Society**, Belfast, Northern Ireland, June 2026.
- [4] “Currency Power in Transition: Commodity Trade and the Politics of Global Currency Hierarchies,” paper presented at the **International Political Economy Society**, University of California, Los Angeles, October 2025.
- [5] “Political Cleavages and Exposure to Global Shocks,” paper presented at the **Conference of the DVPW Section Political Economy, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz**, Mainz, Germany, September 2025.
- [6] “The Greenback in a Green World: The Green Transition and Currency Internationalization,” paper presented at the **American Political Science Association**, Philadelphia, September 2024.
- [7] “Monopolies for Sale: The Anti-Competitive Effects of Preferential Trade Agreements,” paper presented at the **Temple University Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (TWIIGG)** in Philadelphia, October 13, 2023.
- [8] “Economic Interdependence and Regional Monetary Convergence,” paper presented at the **International Political Economy Society**, University of Pittsburgh, October 2022.
- [9] “Economic Interdependence and Regional Monetary Convergence,” paper presented at the **Drei-Länder International Political Economy Society**, Technische Universität München (Germany), June 2022.
- [10] “Economic Interdependence and Regional Monetary Convergence,” paper presented by panel chair Dennis Quinn (due to COVID-19 scare) at the **European Political Science Association**, Prague (Czech Republic), June 2022.

- [11] “Economic Interdependence and Regional Monetary Convergence,” paper presented at the **International Studies Association**, Nashville, April 2022.
- [12] “The Politics of Reshoring Global Supply Chains,” (with Abigail Vaughn) paper presented at the **American Political Science Association**, Seattle (Virtual), September 2021.
- [13] “Political Cleavages and Exposure to the Global Financial Crisis,” (with James Raymond Vreeland and James H. Bisbee) paper presented at the **International Political Economy Society**, Ohio State University (Virtual), October 2020.
- [14] “The End of Currency Manipulation? Global Production Networks and Exchange Rate Outcomes,” paper presented at the **International Political Economy Society**, University California, San Diego, October 2019.
- [15] “The End of Currency Manipulation? Global Production Networks and Exchange Rate Outcomes,” paper presented at the **American Political Science Association**, Washington, D.C., September 2019.
- [16] “Central Banks in Chains? Interdependence and Monetary Outcomes,” paper presented at the Workshop for special issue of *Economics & Politics* “**Firms, States, and Global Production**,” at the National University of Singapore, March 2019.
- [17] “Globalizing the Value Chain: Firm-Level Preferences for Exchange Rate Policy,” paper presented at the **International Political Economy Society**, University of Texas, Austin, October 2017.
- [18] “Globalizing the Value Chain: Firm-Level Preferences for Exchange Rate Policy,” paper presented at the **American Political Science Association**, San Francisco, September 2017.
- [19] “European Integration in Crisis: Specialization and the Differential Impact of the Great Recession,” (with Lauren Peritz, Ronald Rogowski, and Thomas Flaherty) paper presented at the **International Political Economy Society**, Duke University, October 2016.
- [20] “The End of the Secret Tariff? Value Chain Integration and Exchange Rate Politics,” paper presented at the **American Political Science Association**, Philadelphia, September 2016.
- [21] “European Integration in Crisis: Specialization and the Differential Impact of the Great Recession,” (with Lauren Peritz, Ronald Rogowski, and Thomas Flaherty) paper presented at the **Council for European Studies**, Philadelphia, April 2016.
- [22] “The Political Economy of Market Size, Trade, and Productivity,” (with Nils Gudat) paper presented at the **Midwest Political Science Association**, Chicago, April 2016.
- [23] “Predicting Individual Trade-Policy Preferences: A Factor Content Approach,” paper presented at the **Midwest Political Science Association**, Chicago, April 2015.
- [24] “European Integration and Asymmetric Shocks,” (with Lauren Peritz, Ronald Rogowski, and Thomas Flaherty) paper presented at the Workshop *Policy Making Under Hard Times: Southern European Countries in a Comparative Perspective*, UC3JM, Madrid, Spain, November 2014.
- [25] “The Competitive Effects of Trade Liberalization in North America,” (with Nils Gudat, presenter) paper presented at the **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics**, Milan, Italy, 2013.
- [26] “Land Reform and Divergence in Economic Growth: Evidence from India,” paper presented at the **Berlin Colloquium for Economic History**, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany, June 2011.
- [27] “Land Reform and Divergence in Economic Growth: Evidence from India,” paper presented at the **Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference** at New York University, May 2011.

- [28] “Property Rights, Inequality, and Economic Growth: Why South Korea Burgeoned and the Philippines Stagnated,” paper presented at the **Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference** at New York University, May 2010.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Sept ‘26
	- Discussant and Co-organizer, “Constraining Migration: Borders, Participation, and Democratic Politics”	
	- Chair and Discussant, “Monetary Hierarchy and Sovereignty in the Digital Age”	
	- Discussant, “Monetary Fragmentation and Strategic Finance in a Multipolar Economy”	
	- Chair and Discussant, “The European Parliament — Oversight and Legislation”	
	- Chair, “Poster Session: European Politics”	
	European Political Science Society Inaugural Meeting	June ‘26
	- Discussant and Organizer, “Integration and its Discontents”	
	Kiel-Göttingen-CEPR Conference on China in the Global Economy	June ‘25
	- Discussant for “How China Collateralizes,” by Gelpern, Haddad, Horn, Kintzinger, Parks, and Trebesch.	
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	August 2023
	- Co-Discussant with Timm Betz, “Global Value Chains (GVCs) and Global Economic Orders,” International Political Economy	
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Sept 2022
	- Discussant, “Trade, Automation, and Attitudes,” International Political Economy	
	European Political Science Association Annual Meeting	June 2022
	- Chair/Discuss., “Theoretical Implications of Empirical Models,” Formal Models	
	International Studies Association Annual Meeting	Apr 2022
	- Chair/Discuss., “Taxation,” International Political Economy	
	- Discussant, “Central Banks, Debt & Monetary Policy,” International Political Economy	
	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Sept 2021
	- Discussant, “Exchange Rates & Government Credibility,” International Political Economy	
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	April 2021
	- Chair/Discuss., “Inequality, Money, and Power,” Comparative Political Economy	

GUEST LECTURES	[1] University of Florida, undergraduate course “Applied Political Behavior,” virtual lecture and discussion on the paper “Political Cleavages and Exposure to the Global Financial Crisis,” October 2022.
	[2] Denver University, undergraduate course “International Political Economy,” virtual lecture and discussion on the topic “Global supply chains and global politics,” January 2022.
	[3] University of Florida, undergraduate course “European Politics,” virtual lecture and discussion on the topic “Austerity and Populism in Europe,” November 2021.
	[4] Denver University, undergraduate course “International Political Economy,” virtual lecture and discussion on the topic “Pandemics, Global Supply Chains, and Debt,” May 2021.
	[5] University of California, Los Angeles, undergraduate course “International Political Economy,” virtual lecture and discussion on the topic “International Institutions and Trade,” April 2021.

- [6] University of Florida, undergraduate course “Applied Political Behavior,” virtual lecture and discussion on the paper “Predicting Revealed Trade Preferences: A Factor Content Approach,” March 2021.
- [7] University of Alabama, undergraduate course “Global Governance,” virtual lecture and discussion on the paper “Cooperation, Conflict, and Crisis in the Contemporary Global Economic System,” October 2020.
- [8] Columbia University, graduate course “International Political Economy,” virtual lecture and discussion on the topic “Currency Manipulation and International Trade,” August 2020.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- [1] Comparative Politics Graduate Student Conference (COMPASS), co-organizer, UCLA, 2016

TEACHING

Villanova University

PSC 2240 - International Political Economy	F20, F21, S26, F26
PSC 2380 - European Politics	S21, F21, S22, S26
PSC 4175 - Intro to Data Science	F24, Summer25, F25, S27
PSC 4275 - The Politics of Financial Crises	S21, S22, S23
PSC 4375 - Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences	S25
PSC 6503 - Internship Advisor	AY21/22, AY22/23, AY24/25, AY25/26, AY26/27
PSC 6900 - Money, Power, and Politics (senior seminar)	S23
PSC 7000 - Research Concepts & Approaches (graduate)	F24, F25
PSC 8270 - International Political Economy (graduate)	S21, Summer22, F26
PSC 8275 - The Politics of Financial Crises (graduate)	S23
PSC 8375 - Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (graduate)	S25, S27
PSC 8380 - European Politics (graduate)	F20

Washington University in St. Louis

POLSCI 3171 - Political Economy of European Populism	S19
POLSCI 565 - Political Economy of Financial Crises (graduate)	S19

University of California, Los Angeles

Instructor

IASTD 160 - The 'United States' of Europe: Understanding the Political Economy of European Integration (International Area Studies; used in application for EU Excellence grant), Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant

POLSCI 120 - US Foreign Relations, Deborah Larson F14, W15, F15, F16, F17
POLSCI 124 - Internat. Political Economy, Ron Rogowski W14, S15, W16, S17, S18
POLSCI 125 - The Nuclear Age in World Politics, Joslyn Barnhart W18
POLSCI 134 - U.S. Foreign Policy Decision Making, Arthur Stein W17
POLSCI 168 - Comparative Political Analysis, Ron Rogowski S14, S16
POLSCI 231 - International Political Economy (graduate), Ron Rogowski S16

Universidad de La Habana

Development Economics (co-instructor, graduate), Havana, Cuba Summer 2011

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Coordinator, Prague Summer Program, Villanova University 2026-present

Faculty Congress Representative, *Elected*, Villanova University 2026-present
- Academic Policy Committee, AI Subcommittee

Faculty Congress Representative, *Elected*, Villanova University 2024-2026
- Academic Policy Committee, Student Evaluations Subcommittee

Artificial Intelligence Committee, Villanova University 2025-2026
- Faculty committee member, discuss/propose/approve departmental issues related to AI in teaching and research

DEI Committee, Villanova University 2024-2025
- Faculty committee member, discuss/propose/approve departmental issues related to DEI

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Villanova University 2020-2024
- Faculty committee member, discuss/propose/approve departmental issues related to undergraduate studies

Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Villanova University 2022-2023
- Faculty co-chair/advisor, advised a student's year-long research project for the Honors program at Villanova, Title: "War, What is it Good for? The Effect of Military Conflicts on Trust in the EU."

Fulbright Campus Committee, Villanova University 2022
- Faculty committee member, assisted the Villanova Center for Research and Fellowships with Fulbright application assessments

Political Risk Apprenticeship Program, Villanova University S21, S22
- Faculty co-chair/advisor, advised 10-12 students in the Spring semester 2021 and 2022 (for internship credits) on how to conduct political risk analyses. Students worked with Villanova graduates in the field of risk analysis, producing reports on a topic related to the clients' needs.

American Politics Search Committee, Villanova University 2021
- Faculty committee member, search for new tenure-track faculty hire (successful)

Summer Undergraduate Research Program, Villanova University 2021
- Faculty co-chair/advisor, directed two undergraduate students to help with a summer research project for my book manuscript. Included training the students on how to conduct the research and guest lecturing in the larger summer research program (10 students) on how I conduct research for my projects.

	Undergraduate Honors Thesis , Villanova University 2020-2021 - Faculty chair/advisor, advised a student's year-long research project for the Honors program at Villanova, Title: "Disappearing Borders: International Protections for Climate Refugees within the United Nations."
	Undergraduate Honors Thesis , Villanova University 2020-2021 - Faculty chair/advisor, advised a student's year-long research project for the Honors program at Villanova, Title: "The (Exogenous) Responsibility Hypothesis: Economic Voting in a Post-Brexit Ireland."
	Political Science Student Advisory Council , Villanova University 2020-2021 - Faculty committee member, student group to discuss issues among political science majors regarding COVID-19 online/hybrid teaching and race relations on campus following the murder of George Floyd
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Reviewer for <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>Digest of Middle East Studies</i> , <i>International Organization</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	American Political Science Association European Political Science Association International Political Economy Society International Studies Association
RESEARCH POSITIONS	Research Assistant to Professor Deepak Rajagopal, UCLA 2015 Intern , Economic Research and Statistics Division, World Trade Organization 2013 Research Assistant to Professor Ronald Rogowski, UCLA 2013 Research Assistant to Professor Dr. Nikolaus Wolf, HU-Berlin 2011-2012 Research Assistant to Professor Dr. Bengt-Arne Wickström, HU-Berlin 2011
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Consultant , <i>5M RE, Inc.</i> , Chicago, IL 2016-2017 Social Coordinator , <i>HU-Berlin, International Office</i> , Berlin, Germany 2011-2012 Portfolio Manager , <i>Millennium Properties R/E, Inc.</i> , Chicago, IL 2006-2009
SPECIALIZED TRAINING	Computing: R, STATA, Python, ArcGIS, QGIS, L ^A T _E X. Languages: English (native), German (intermediate, B2), Italian (beginner, A1).