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Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Political Science and International Relations
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Education

University of Delaware

Ph.D. Political Science & International Relations

Newark, DE

Expected: April 2026

Fields: International Relations, American Politics

Specialty Interests: Foreign Policy Analysis and International Relations Theory & History

Dissertation: "Unpacking Role Change: To What Extent Are Leaders Constrained?"

Committee: Dr. Dan Green (Chair), Dr. Julio Carrion, Dr. Joanne Miller

M.A. Political Science & International Relations

May 2022

Thesis: "Perceptions as Constraints in the Foreign Policy Decision-Making Process in Crises"

Committee: Dr. Stuart Kaufman (Chair), Dr. Dan Green, Dr. Matthew Weinert

University of Mount Union

B.A. Political Science and History, *Summa Cum Laude*

Alliance, OH

May 2019

Teaching

Instructor of Record | University of Delaware

POSC/AFRA/WOMS 230 Politics & Social Justice

Fall 2023-Spring 2024

POSC 270 Introduction to Comparative Politics

Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant | University of Delaware

POSC 417 National Security Policy

Fall 2020

POSC 419 International Relations History

Spring 2021

POSC 150 Introduction to American Politics

Fall 2021-Fall 2022

POSC/AFRA/WOMS 230 Politics & Social Justice

Spring 2023

POSC 240 Introduction to Global Politics Honors

Fall 2024

POSC 475 Model UN

Spring 2024

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

Whyte, Spencer. 2022. "A Tenuous Island: The Destabilization of Britain's Role in the International System of the 21st Century" In: *National Role Conceptions in a New Millennium: Defining a Place in a Changing World* edited by Michael Grossman, Francis Schortgen, and Gordon Friedrichs. *Routledge Publishers*.

Works Currently in Progress

Whyte, Spencer. "Testing the Public Understanding of National Role Conceptions: Unpacking Key Assumptions of Role Theory."

Whyte, Spencer, and Friedrichs, Gordon. "Assessing National Role Conceptions and Social Structural Change: A Machine Learning Approach to UN General Assembly Debate."

Honors / Awards

2025 Summer Doctoral Fellowship | University of Delaware
Graduate College Summer 2025

Teaching Assistant Fellowship | University of Delaware
Department of Political Science and International Relations Fall 2020 – Present

Tuition Waiver | University of Delaware
Department of Political Science and International Relations Fall 2020 – Present

Professional Experience

Research Assistant
With Dr. Michael Grossman, University of Mount Union Summer 2018
Compiled readings and literature review for a paper presented at the 2018 International Studies Association conference.

With Dr. Kyong-Min Son, University of Delaware Summer 2021
Compiled readings and literature review for a forthcoming book project on the financialization of households through debt.

With Dr. Erin Cassese, University of Delaware Summer 2023
Cleaned and coded large amounts of ANES responses related to women's reproductive rights for further analysis.

Program Associate | Study of U.S. Institutes, Foreign Policy, U.S. Department of State
Summer 2022
Provided logistical support, academic material gathering, guest speaker outreach, and interacted with foreign policy experts for the 2022 SUSI Foreign Policy program.

Registration Official | Cuyahoga County Board of Elections October 2019 – March 2020
Provided support in registering citizens to vote and answering citizen concerns/questions.
Assisted in setting up voting calculation tablets used at voting sites on election days.

Museum Volunteer | William McKinley Presidential Library and Museum Summer 2017

Presentations / Conferences

Presenter. 2025. “Unpacking Role Change: To What Extent Are Leaders Constrained?”
International Studies Association, March 2-5.

Presenter. 2025. “Assessing National Role Conceptions and Social Structural Change: A
Machine Learning Approach to UN General Assembly Debate.” *International Studies
Association*, March 2-5.

Presenter. 2024. “Testing the Expression of National Role Conceptions Utilizing Text-as-Data
Methods.” *International Studies Association*, April 3-6.

Presenter. 2022. “The Influence of Gendered Critiques on the Process of Role Contestation:
Theresa May and the UK’s Brexit Plan.” *International Studies Association – Northeast*,
November 4-5.

Presenter. 2022. “An Overview of American Elections.” *Electoral Institute for Development
Quality*, Indonesia, Virtual, August 19.

Presenter. 2022. “The Cost of Empire: How the Devastation of World War II Helped to Bring
About the End of the Empire-System.” *International Studies Association*, March 28 – April 2.

Guest Lecturer. 2021. “International Relations in the “Roaring ‘20s”.” *POSC 419 International
Relations History*, March 31.

Service

President | Political Science Graduate Student Association Fall 2023 – Spring 2024
Department of Political Science and International Relations

Vice-President | Political Science Graduate Student Association Fall 2022 – Spring 2023
Department of Political Science and International Relations

Graduate Student Liaison | Faculty Meetings Fall 2022 – Spring 2024
Department of Political Science and International Relations

Development & Training

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR)
Syracuse University

Summer 2023

Professional Memberships

International Studies Association 2020 – Present

American Political Science Association 2025 – Present

Technical Skills

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Analytical Software: R, Stata, NVivo

Communication and Teaching: Zoom