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I. Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Connecticut (2015)

Graduate Certificate, Global Governance, University of Connecticut (2014)

M.A., Political Science, University of Connecticut (2007)

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, University of Maine (2004)

II. Professional Appointments

2023-present: Associate Professor of Politics and Policy, Simmons University

2013-2023: Associate Professor, Political Science and International Affairs, University of Northern Colorado

Rank history: Lecturer/Instructor, 2013-18; Assistant Professor, 2018-2021; Associate Professor (with tenure), 2021-23; Emeritus Faculty, 2023- present.

2011-2013: Assistant Professor, Political Science, Community College of Denver

III. Leadership Positions

(A) At Simmons University

Program Director, Master in Public Policy (MPP) (2024-present)

Fulbright Review Committee (2024-25 cycle)

Administrative Board (2024-present)

Honors Program Steering Committee (2024-present)

(B) In Scholarly Community and Government

Reviews Editor, *New Political Science* (2022-present)

Coordinating Council, Caucus for a Critical Political Science (2022-present)
Publications Executive Committee, Caucus for a Critical Political Science (2022-present)
Faculty Advisory Council, State of Colorado Commission on Higher Education (2019-2021)

(C) At University of Northern Colorado (varying term lengths, 2013 to 2023)

Chair, Department of Political Science and International Affairs
Chair, Policies and Procedures Committee (College of Humanities and Social Sciences)
Chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee
Faculty Senate
Pre-Law Advisor

IV. Research and Publications

Author of 1 book, 9 articles and chapters, and other essays and policy studies. Research interests:

- Intellectual traditions in international political economy (IPE)
- Global governance, especially American hegemony and world orders
- Comparative democratization, development, and social movements
- Contemporary American political thought, Cold War to present

Books

Accelerated Decline: America Since the Cold War [book length manuscript in preparation].

* Summary: U.S. actions since the end of the Cold War have only sped up the pace of America's decline on the world stage. Hegemonic powers inevitably decline, but they can choose to decline gracefully or precipitously. Washington's efforts to stave off decline reflect the economic interests of the dominant class, America's business elite, as well as cultural beliefs that became prominent in the 1990s, such as free enterprise and meritocracy.

Contesting the Global Order: The Radical Political Economy of Perry Anderson and Immanuel Wallerstein. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020. Series in New Political Science. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9781438479675>.

*American Library Association/ *Choice Magazine* Outstanding Academic Title*

Reviewed in *Choice Magazine*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *E-International Relations*, *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Journal of World-Systems Research*, *New Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Socialist History*.

Articles and Book Chapters

“A Radical Tradition for a Wider IR: The (Un)Surprising Relevance of World-Systemic Ideas” [under review].

“Utopistics in an Age of Uncertainty,” in *Capitalisme, anticapitalisme et sciences sociales engagées à l'échelle globale: autour de l'œuvre d'Immanuel Wallerstein*, Katharine Wallerstein, Maurice Aymard, Stéphane Dufoix, and David Hugot, eds. (Paris: Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, forthcoming).

[Mandarin Chinese translation also forthcoming.]

“A Critique of Deep Engagement, the Social Narrative of U.S. Foreign Policy,” *European Review of International Studies* 11, no. 2 (2024): 248-274.
<https://doi.org/10.1163/21967415-11020003>

“From Africa to the World: The Sources of Wallerstein’s *The Modern World-System*,” in *The Anthem Companion to Immanuel Wallerstein*,” Chamsy el-Ojeili and Patrick Hayden, eds. (London: Anthem Press, 2023, 15-35). ISBN: 978-1-839-98472-3.

[Revised French translation forthcoming in Katharine Wallerstein, Maurice Aymard, Stéphane Dufoix, and David Hugot, eds. *Immanuel Wallerstein: 70 ans d'histoire intellectuelle et politique*. Paris: Éditions de la Maison des Sciences de l'Homme.]

“Social history from a bird’s eye view: Perry Anderson’s theory of international relations,” *International Politics* 58, no. 2 (2021): 259-277. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-020-00239-3>

“What’s the Matter with Resentment? Richard Hofstadter’s Understanding of Political Paranoia,” *American Political Thought* 8, no. 4 (2019): 528-551.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/705603>

“Old Ideas for New Times: Radical History in International Political Economy,” *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 17, no. 4 (2018): 429-450.
<https://doi.org/10.1163/15691497-12341487>

“Will We Know It When We See It? Contemplating Emergent World-Systems,” *Journal of Globalization Studies* 9, no. 1 (2018): 14-34. <https://doi.org/10.30884/jogs/2018.01.09>

“When Opportunity Structure Knocks: Separatism in the Soviet Union and Russian Federation,” *Social Movement Studies* 9, no. 4 (2010): 443-460.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2010.522312>

Public Essays

“Perry Anderson Writes Marxist History on the Grandest Scale,” *Jacobin* ([September 22, 2025](#)).

[Spanish translation: “Perry Anderson escribe historia marxista a gran escala,” trans. Natalia López, *Jacobin Latin America*, [September 23, 2025](#).]

“Immanuel Wallerstein’s Work Can Help Us Understand the Deepening Crises of Capitalism,” *Jacobin* ([December 5, 2023](#)).

[Spanish translation: “Wallerstein nos ayuda a comprender la crisis capitalista,” trans. Florencia Oroz, *Jacobin Latin America*, [December 13, 2023](#); Portuguese translation: “O trabalho de Wallerstein ajuda a compreender as crises cada vez mais profundas do capitalismo,” trans. Rôney Rodrigues, *Jacobin Brasil*, [June 1, 2024](#).]

“The paranoid president,” *Monthly Review* ([August 11, 2020](#)).

“The brutality of capitalism,” *Monthly Review* ([July 6, 2020](#)).

Encyclopedia Entries

Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science, Clyde Barrow, ed. (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2024):

“World-systems analysis,” Ch. 23, 141-3. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800375918.ch23>

“Anderson, Perry,” Ch. 135, 491-2. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800375918.ch135>

“Wallerstein, Immanuel,” Ch. 239, 713-5. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781800375918>

Encyclopedia of Human Geography, Barney Warf, ed. (New York: Springer, 2024).

“World-Systems Analysis” https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-25900-5_42-1.

Interviews

Daniel Finn, interview with **Gregory P. Williams**, “Immanuel Wallerstein and the Life and Death of Capitalism,” *Jacobin* ([February 11, 2025](#)).

Gregory P. Williams, interview with Immanuel Wallerstein (and accompanying essay), “Retrospective on the Origins of World-Systems Analysis,” *Journal of World-Systems Research* 19, no. 2 (2013): 202-210. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jwsr.2013.491>

Review Essay

“Labor Pragmatism,” *Perspectives on Politics* 14, no. 1 (2016): 145-146.

Book Reviews

Review of *Everyday Politics in Russia: From Resentment to Resistance* by Jeremy Morris, *Mobilization* (forthcoming).

Review of *The Modern World-System IV: Centrist Liberalism Triumphant*, by Immanuel Wallerstein, *New Political Science* 34, no. 3 (2012): 428-431.

Review of *The New Old World*, by Perry Anderson, *Socialist History* 39 (2011): 100-103.

Reviews (2010-2014) in *Choice Magazine*: S. Ridgeway and P. Jacques, *The Power of the Talking Stick* (2014); A. Carter, *People Power and Political Change* (2013); I. Clark, *Hegemony in International Society* (2012); D. Drezner, *Theories of International Politics and Zombies* (2011); I. Neumann and O. J. Sending, *Governing the Global Polity* (2011); C. Hill, *Grand Strategies* (2010); and, A. Hybel, *The Power of Ideology* (2010).

Policy Studies

“Sunset Law In Connecticut” (with Carrie Vibert, lead author), Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, Connecticut General Assembly, Hartford, CT (2007): 1-61.

“Maine’s Clean Election Law and its Impact on Political Parties,” University of Maine Library theses (2004): 1-40.

V. Teaching

A) Courses Taught at Simmons University

Graduate

MPP 501 Policy Analysis and Theory
MPP 507 U.S. Public Policy in a Capitalist World

Undergraduate

CDA 201 Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Public Issues
LDR 101 When to Follow/Refuse?
POLS 101 Introduction to American Government
POLS 104 Introduction to Comparative Politics
POLS 226 State and Local Politics
POLS 229 Comparative Foreign Affairs
POLS 249/ HIST 249 U.S. Foreign Policy, 1945-present
POLS 252 Post-Communist Russian Empire (forthcoming)
POLS 315 US Public Policy in a Capitalist World
WRI 101 (Honors) Writing Boston: Athens of America

B) Courses Taught at University of Northern Colorado (all undergraduate)

Regular Rotation (every 1-3 years)

Globalization/ International Political Economy
International Law and Organizations
Post-Communist Russian Empire
Public Policy in the United States
Senior Seminar in International Relations
United States National Government

Courses Occasionally Taught (to fill in for colleagues on sabbatical or in retirement)

American Foreign Policy
Dictatorship to Democracy
Fundamentals of Politics
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Introduction to International Relations
War and Peace

C) Master in Public Policy Theses Supervised (primary advisor)

Kylie Collins, “Slowly, then all at Once: The Slippery Slope from Policy Delegation to Privatization in Social Service Provision” (2024).

Audrey Grant, “Policy Diffusion and Anti-Transgender Legislation: A Study of the Conservative Political Movement” (2024).

Maureen Grant, “From Theory to Practice: Exploring Policy Making in Professional and Non-Professional Legislatures through the Lens of High School U.S. History Curriculum in Texas and Massachusetts” (2024).

VI. Scholarly Presentations

A) Invited Talks

“Anticipating Decline at the Peak of U.S. Hegemony: Immanuel Wallerstein’s Life at Columbia,” Columbia University, Fall 2026.

“Key Concepts in World-Systems Analysis,” University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, October 22nd, 2024. [Address via Zoom].

“Utopistics in an Age of Uncertainty.” *Anglophone Marxism*. Shanxi University, Taiyuan, China, October 15th-17th 2023. [Address via Zoom].

“Utopistics in an Age of Uncertainty.” *Capitalisme, anticapitalisme et sciences sociales engagées à l’échelle globale: Autour de l’œuvre d’Immanuel Wallerstein* [Capitalism, anti-capitalism and social sciences engaged on a global scale: around the work of Immanuel Wallerstein]. Maison des sciences de l’homme, Paris, France, September 11th-12th 2023. [Address via Zoom]. Listen to the talk as a podcast here: <https://www.canal-u.tv/148610>.

“Capitalism, Socialism, and the State.” Meeting of Invisible NoCo, Wolverine Farm Letterpress and Publick House, Fort Collins (9/17/19).

Honorary Lecture, “The Lives of Social Systems,” Mortar Board Society, U. Northern Colorado (Nov. 2015).

B) Academic Conferences

“Moral Beliefs of a Declining Hegemonic Power,” American Political Science Association (Vancouver): September 11th-14th, 2025.

“The Donald Trump of Blank: Global Trumpism as Ideology and Policy,” American Political Science Association (Philadelphia): September 5th-8th, 2024; Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston): November 14th-16th, 2024; New England Political Science Association (Bretton Woods): April 25th-26th, 2025.

“World-Systems Analysis as Critical Political Science,” Western Political Science Association (Vancouver): March 28th-30th, 2024.

“A Radical Tradition for a Wider IR: The (Un)Surprising Relevance of World-Systemic Thought,” Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston): November 2nd-4th, 2023.

“A Critique of Deep Engagement, the Social Narrative of U.S. Foreign Policy.” New England Political Science Association (Mystic, CT): April 20th-22nd, 2023.

“The Literary Dimension to U.S. Foreign Policy: A Critique of Deep Engagement.” Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston): November 10th-12th, 2022. ***Winner, NPSA/ Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award*** (“for the best paper presented at the...annual meeting”)

“From Africa to the World: The Sources of Wallerstein’s *The Modern World-System*.” Special conference on *Immanuel Wallerstein: Celebrating his Life and Legacies* (Los Angeles): August 10th, 2022.

“Narratives of Hegemony in the Twilight of Pax Americana.” International Studies Association (Virtual Conference): April 6th-9th 2021; International Studies Association (Honolulu): March 25th-28th, 2020 [Conference cancelled]; and, Western Political Science Association (Los Angeles): April 9th-11th, 2020 [Conference moved online].

“Perry Anderson’s Theory of International Relations.” Western Political Science Association (San Diego): April 18th-20th, 2019. **Nominated for Best Paper Award*

“What’s the Matter with Resentment? Paranoid Politics Before Normalcy.” Western Political Science Association (San Francisco): March 29th-31st, 2018.

“They Have a World to Rethink: Interpretivist Biography and World-Historical Disappointment.” Western Political Science Association (Vancouver): April 13th-15th, 2017.

“Old Ideas for New Times: Radical History in International Political Economy.” Western

Political Science Association (San Diego): March 24th-26th, 2016.

“Natural Totalities: Perry Anderson, Immanuel Wallerstein, and World-Historical Transformation.” Western Political Science Association (Las Vegas): April 2nd-4th, 2015.
**Nominated for Best Paper Award*

“The Value of a Longer View: Immanuel Wallerstein’s Efforts to Rethink Temporal Change and the Notion of Historical Epochs.” Western Political Science Association (Seattle): April 17th-19th, 2014.

“Will We Know It When We See It? Tips For Recognizing New World-Systems.” American Sociological Association, 38th Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) Conference (Pittsburgh): April 10th-12th, 2014.

“Perry Anderson and the Theory-Practice Divide.” International Studies Association (San Diego): April 1st-4th, 2012.

“Immanuel Wallerstein’s New Pair of Glasses: The Invention of World-Systems Analysis.” International Studies Association (San Diego): April 1st-4th, 2012.

Bruscianelli, K.B., L. Lynn, K.A. Lawless, S.W. Brown, M.A. Boyer, D. O’Brien, A. Cutter, M.F. Enriquez, G. Khodos, D. Maneggia, G. Mullin, N. Powell, & **G. Williams**. “Teachers’ varied approaches to implementing a PBL simulation: The GlobalEd 2 Project.” American Educational Research Association Meeting (New Orleans): April 10th, 2011.

“International Variables and Regime Formation.” New England Political Science Association (Newport, RI): April 22nd-24th, 2010.

“Ecology and International Relations Theory.” International Studies Association (New Orleans, LA): February 17th-20th, 2010.

“The Radical Conceptualization of Politics.” International Studies Association (New Orleans): February 17th-20th, 2010.

(Coauthored) Lawless, K.A., S.W. Brown, M.A. Boyer, K. Brodowinska, D. O’Brien, G. Khodos, A. Cutter, M.F. Enriquez, G. Mullin, N. Powell, **G. Williams**. “GlobalEd 2: Learning and applying science outside of the laboratory through interdisciplinary, technology-based simulations.” Published in T. Bastiaens, et al., eds., 2010, *Proceedings*

of World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education 2010 (Chesapeake, VA, pp. 1939-1943.)

(Coauthored): Brown, S.W., K.A. Lawless, M.A. Boyer, A. Cutter, K. Brodowinska, D. O'Brien, **G. Williams**, N. Powell, M.F. Enriquez. "GlobalEd 2: Using PBL to promote learning in science and writing." Association of Psychological Science (Boston): May 2010.

(Coauthored): M. Yukhymenko, S.W. Brown, M.A. Boyer, **G. Williams**, W. Renfro, & N. Powell. "Promoting motivation and prospective engagement related to global political processes in high School students: The GlobalEd Project." American Educational Research Association Conference (Denver): May 2010.

"Has Putin Gone Green? Moscow and the Kyoto Protocol." International Studies Association (New York): February 15th-18th, 2009.

"When Opportunity Structure Knocks: Separatism in the Soviet Union and Russian Federation." Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA): November 15th-17th, 2007.

VII. Grants and Fellowships

"GeoCivics Institute: The Politics and Geographies of America's Electoral System" (William E. Hewitt Institute for History and Social Science Education, 2020-2022): \$32,000, with Co-PI Phil Klein.

Multidisciplinary Environmental Research Award (Center for Environmental Science and Engineering, U. Connecticut, 2008): \$5,000.

Maine Policy Scholar (Maine Community Foundation, 2003-2004): \$1,500.

* For the study of public policy and Maine politics. Founded by publisher Peter Cox. Produced undergraduate thesis, "Maine's Clean Election Law and Its Impact on Political Parties," advised by Dr. Amy Fried.

Tibor J. Bebek Memorial Scholarship (Dept. of Political Science, U. Maine, 2003): \$1,800

* Awarded to undergraduates with outstanding interest or ability in political philosophy.

Norman Kogan Fellowship (Dept. Political Science, U. Connecticut, 2011): \$1,000.

* For the study of West European politics

Michael J. Hogan Graduate Summer Research Award (President, U. Connecticut, 2011) \$5,000.

Dean's Dissertation Summer Fellowship (Lib. Arts and Sciences, U. Connecticut, 2011): \$1,000.

VIII. Honors and Awards

A) Awards from the Profession

Outstanding Academic Title, American Library Association/ *Choice Magazine* (2021)

Awarded for *Contesting the Global Order* (SUNY Press)

Best Paper, Northeastern Political Science Association (2022)

Awarded for "The Literary Dimension to U.S. Foreign Policy: A Critique of Deep Engagement"

B) Honor Societies at the University of Maine

Phi Beta Kappa (2004)

Phi Kappa Phi (2003)

Pi Sigma Alpha (2003)

C) Student Group Honors at the University of Northern Colorado

Delta Zeta sorority, academic reception (2015)

Women's Soccer team, "Faculty Appreciation Night" (2015)

Mortar Board Society, "Favorite Professor Award" (2015)

IX. Professional Memberships and University Committees

A) Professional Memberships

Current: American Political Science Association (and sections on American Political Thought, Critical Political Science, Politics and History, sections); Caucus for a Critical Political Science; New England Political Science Association; Northeastern Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association.

Former: American Sociological Association, 2017-2021 (Political Economy of the World-

System section); International Studies Association, 2006-2012, 2019-2024; (International Political Economy and Theory sections); Western Association of Pre-Law Advisors (2015-2017).

B) Service to the Profession

Reviews Editor, *New Political Science* (2022-present)

Member, Publications Executive Committee and Coordinating Council, Caucus for a Critical Political Science (2022-present)

Reviewer of article-length manuscripts for *Government and Opposition* (once), *Historical Materialism* (once), *International Studies Review* (thrice), *Mobilization* (once), and *Social Movement Studies* (seven times).

Reviewer of book-length manuscripts for Cambridge University Press (once), Routledge (once), and Rowman and Littlefield (once).

Reviewer of book series proposal for De Gruyter Brill (once).

Panel Discussant and/or Chair: American Political Science Association (discussant and chair, 2022); International Studies Association (discussant 2020); New England Political Science Association (discussant and chair, 2024); Northeastern Political Science Association (discussant, 2023); Western Political Science Association (discussant, 2016-2021; chair, 2016-2017, 2019-2020).

Chair, *American Political Thought* best article award committee (2024, and presenter of award at APSA meeting).

Panel organizer at the New England Political Science Association (2024, 2025).

Panel: "On Paper and In Real Life: Public Policy Theories of Stasis and Change."

External reviewer of political science department: American Military University/
American Public University System (2016).

Membership Committee, Political Economy of the World-System, American Sociological Association (2020-2021)

Textbook consultant: John T. Rourke and Mark A. Boyer, *International Politics on the World*

Stage, Brief, 8th ed. (McGraw-Hill, 2010); Mark A. Boyer, Michael Butler, and Natalie Hudson, *Global Politics: Transforming Our World* (McGraw-Hill, 2012); Karen Waples, Stephen Orvis, and Carol Ann Drogus, *Comparative Government for the AP Course: Stories of the World* (Bedford, Freeman, and Worth, 2023); Thomas E. Patterson, *We the People*, 15th ed. (McGraw-Hill, 2024).

(C) Simmons University Committees

Administrative Board (2024-)

Departmental Search Cmte., visiting faculty (2024)

Departmental Search Cmte., tenure track faculty (2024)

(D) U. Northern Colo. Committees (varying terms, 2013-2023)

Curriculum Committee; Faculty Senate; Faculty Welfare Committee; Grievance Committee; Liberal Arts Council Core Committee in Social and Behavioral Sciences; Policies and Procedures (Chair); Program Review and Assessment Committee; William E. Hewit Institute for History and Social Science Education Steering Committee

X. Media Appearances and Local Talks

Panelist, “Gerrymandering and Democracy,” Simmons University

Interview subject, “Long Reads: Immanuel Wallerstein's World-System w/ Gregory Williams” (by Daniel Finn), Jacobin Radio podcast ([5/24/24](#)).

Interview subject, “Impeachment: What is it, how did we get here and what might happen next?” (by Joe Moylan) *Greeley Tribune* ([11/23/19](#)).

Gubernatorial debate moderator (with Anne Trujillo, Denver 7 News), U. Northern Colorado (Apr. 2018). *Covered by KUNC Public Radio ([4/10/18](#)) and *Greeley Tribune* ([4/9/18](#) and [4/11/18](#)).

Interview subject, “Bear-in-Mind” Podcast, Episode 1, U. Northern Colorado ([2/14/17](#)).

Panelist, “President Trump: What to Expect?” U. Northern Colorado (Jan. 2017).

Panelist, “Post-Election Panel,” organized by the McNair Scholars Program, U. Northern

Colorado (Nov. 2016). *Covered by *Greeley Tribune* ([11/30/16](#)) .

XI. Collaborative Projects

A) University of Northern Colorado

2020-2021: GeoCivics Institute: The Politics and Geographies of America's Electoral System →
* To develop materials for high school instructors on redistricting, combining geography, civics, and mathematics. William E. Hewitt Institute grant (\$30,000). Co-PIs: Phil Klein and **Gregory P. Williams**. Institutional Partners: Rebecca Theobald, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs; and Chris Elnicki, Colorado Center for Civic Learning and Engagement.

B) University of Connecticut

2008-2012: "Global Ed II" → Research assistant on a \$1.3 million international studies simulation project. Developed and managed online diplomatic simulations for middle and high school students. Topics included: climate change and water politics. Funded by U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). Mark Boyer, Co-PI.

2008: Center for Environmental Science and Engineering (CESE) → Research fellow in political science and geography, studying Russia's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

2006-2008: "The Global Ed Project" → Research assistant on \$1 million project studying effects of gender in diplomatic negotiations. Funded by: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). Mark Boyer, Co-PI.

C) Connecticut General Assembly

2007: Program Review and Investigations Committee → Research fellow on Connecticut's sunset legislation. Recommended repeal. Legislature passed.