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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Ohio State University, 2002

Fields: International Politics, Foreign Policy, International Security, and Political Psychology

Dissertation: Leadership Style, Domestic Political Constraints, and Foreign Policy Crisis Decision-Making

M.A., Political Science, Ohio State University, 2000

B.S., Political Science and History (Russian Minor), With Highest Distinction, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 1996

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & TRAINING

Professor of Political Science, James Madison University (August 2016-present)

Chair, Political Science Department, James Madison University (2016-2022)

Associate Professor of Political Science, James Madison University (August 2010-August 2016)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, James Madison University (August 2005-August 2010)

Tower Teaching Fellow, Southern Methodist University (August 2003-August 2005)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations, Wheaton College (August 2002-August 2003)

Facilitator, Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Ohio State University (June-July 2002)

Instructor, Ohio State University (Autumn 1999 - Spring 2002)

Graduate Research Associate, The Mershon Center (Winter 2000 - Spring 2000)

Graduate Research Associate, Ohio State University (Autumn 1997 - Summer 1999)

Participant, Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Ohio State University (June-July 1997)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

Jonathan Keller, Yi Edward Yang, and Patrick James. "Decision-Making in U.S. Foreign Policy Crises: Presidential Leadership and Outcomes." *Political Research Quarterly* 75(3), 562-575. (2022).

Dennis Foster and Jonathan Keller. "Single-Party Government, Prime Minister Psychology, and the Diversionary Use of Force: Theory and Evidence from the British Case." *International Interactions* 46, 2 (2020).

Jonathan Keller, Keith Grant, and Dennis Foster. "Presidential Risk Propensity and Intervention in Interstate Conflicts." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 16, 3 (July 2020).

Jonathan Keller, "Leadership Styles of Political Executives," Chapter 19 in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Executives*. Oxford University Press. 2020.

Edward Yang, Jonathan Keller, and Joseph Molnar. "An Operational Code Analysis of China's National Defense White Papers: 1998-2015." *Journal of Chinese Political Science* 23, 4 (November 2017).

Jonathan Keller, Bernd Kaussler, and Edward Yang, "American Power and Security During the Bosnian War (1993-1995): National Identity, Credibility, and the 'Stalemate Machine'." *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies* 19, 4 (2017).

Jonathan Keller and Dennis Foster, "Don't Tread on Me: Constraint-Challenging Presidents and Strategic Conflict Avoidance." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 46, 4. (December 2016).

Jonathan Keller and Edward Yang, "Problem Representation, Option Generation, and Poliheuristic Theory: An Experimental Analysis." *Political Psychology* 37, 5: 739-752 (October, 2016).

Dennis Foster and Jonathan Keller, "Leaders' Cognitive Complexity, Distrust, and the Diversionary Use of Force." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 10, 3: 205-233 (July, 2014).

Jonathan Keller and Dennis Foster, "Presidential Leadership Style and the Political Use of Force." *Political Psychology* 33, 5: 581-598 (October, 2012).

Edward Yang and Jonathan Keller, "Option Generation and Selection in Foreign Policy Decision-making: a Synthesized Approach." *Journal of World Economy and Politics* (Published by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences). Issue 10 (2010): 73-87.

Dennis Foster and Jonathan Keller, "Rallies and the 'First Image': Leadership Psychology, Scapegoating Proclivity, and the Diversionary Use of Force." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 27: 417-441 (November 2010)

Jonathan Keller, "Explaining Rigidity and Pragmatism in Political Leaders: A General Theory and a Plausibility Test from the Reagan Presidency." *Political Psychology* 30, 3: 465-

468 (2009).

Jonathan Keller and Edward Yang, "Empathy and Strategic Interaction in Crises: A Poliheuristic Perspective." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 5, 2: 169-189 (2009).

Melinda Adams and Jonathan Keller, "Rhetoric vs. Reality: U.S. Foreign Assistance to Africa under Bush 41 and Bush 43." *White House Studies* 8, 2 (2008).

Jonathan Keller and Edward Yang, "Leadership Style, Decision Context, and the Poliheuristic Theory of Decision-Making: An Experimental Analysis." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52, 5: 687-712 (October, 2008).

Vaughn P. Shannon and Jonathan W. Keller, "Leadership Style and International Norm Violation: the Case of the Iraq War." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 3, 1: 79-104 (January, 2007).

Jonathan Keller, "Constraint Respecters, Constraint Challengers, and Crisis Decision Making in Democracies: A Case Study Analysis of Kennedy vs. Reagan." *Political Psychology* 26,6: 835-867 (December, 2005).

Jonathan Keller, "Leadership Style, Regime Type, and Foreign Policy Crisis Behavior: A Contingent Monadic Peace?" *International Studies Quarterly* 49, 2 (June, 2005).

Richard Herrmann and Jonathan Keller. "Beliefs, Values and Strategic Choice: U.S. Leaders' Decisions to Engage, Contain and Use Force in an Era of Globalization." *Journal of Politics* 66, 2 (May, 2004).

Donald Sylvan, Jonathan Keller, and Ze'ev Yoram Haftel, "Forecasting Israeli-Palestinian Relations." *Journal of Peace Research* 41, 4 (July, 2004).

Mary Spear and Jonathan Keller, "Conflict Resolution in Africa: Insights from UN Representatives and U.S. Government Officials." *Africa Today* 43, 2 (April-June 1996).

Invited Articles, Book Chapters, & Book Reviews:

Jonathan Keller, "Misusing Virtual Worlds Can Be Dangerous: A Response to Carvalho." *International Studies Perspectives* 15, 4: 558-563 (November, 2014)

Jonathan Keller, Bernie Kaussler, and Yi Edward Yang, "Explaining U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Bosnia, 1993-95: National Identity, Credibility, and the 'Stalemate Machine'." Chapter 6 in Timothy R. Walton, ed., *The Role of Intelligence in Ending the War in Bosnia in 1995*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books. (2014).

Joshua Strozkeski, Jonathan Keller, and Melinda Adams, "From Benign Neglect to Strategic Interest: The Role of Africa in the Foreign Policies of Bush 41 and 43." *White House Studies* 7, 1 (2007).

U.S. Foreign Policy and International Politics: George W. Bush, 9/11, and the Global-Terrorist Hydra by M. Kent Bolton. *White House Studies* 6, 3 (2006).

Predictable Surprises: The Disasters You Should Have Seen Coming, and How to Prevent Them by Max Bazerman and Michael Watkins. *Political Science Quarterly*, Summer 2005.

SELECTED CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Jonathan Keller and Edward Yang, “Images of China Among American Elites: Sources and Change 1979-2022.” *To be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL April 13-16 2023.*

Edward Yang, Jonathan Keller, Rachel Hulvey, and Dennis Foster, “Interactive Leadership Traits and U.S.-China Bilateral Relations.” *Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies in Harrisonburg, VA, October 2018.*

Jonathan Keller, Keith Grant, and Dennis Foster, “Presidential Risk Propensity and Intervention in Interstate Conflicts.” *Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017.*

Yi Edward Yang, Jonathan Keller, and Joseph Molnar, “An Operational Code Analysis of China’s National Defense White Papers: 1998-2015.” *Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017.*

Jonathan Keller and Yi Edward Yang, “Bringing the Leader Back in: Leadership Style and Chinese Foreign Policy.” *Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL April 7-10 2016.*

Jonathan Keller, Edward Yang, and Patrick James, “Decision-Making in Crises: The Structure and Dynamics of Foreign Policy Groups.” *Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA February 18-21 2015.*

Jonathan Keller and Dennis Foster, “Don’t Tread on Me: Constraint-Challenging Presidents and Strategic Conflict Avoidance.” *Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA February 18-21 2015.*

Jonathan Keller, Bernd Kaussler, and Edward Yang, “Explaining U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Bosnia, 1993-95: New Evidence from Declassified Documents”. *Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL April 3-6 2014.*

SELECTED AWARDS

Margaret Hermann Award for Best Paper Presented at the ISA 2017 Conference Using Text Analysis for Leadership Studies (with Dennis Foster)

Madison Scholar Award, JMU College of Arts and Letters, 2012-2013

Byrd Professorship, JMU Department of Political Science, Spring 2011 (\$3000)

Provost Award for Excellence in Academic Advising, James Madison University, 2009

James Madison University College of Arts and Letters Enhancement Initiative Grant, Awarded 2006 (\$1900)

James Madison University Summer Teaching Grant, Awarded 2005 for Summer, 2006 (\$4000)

First Prize, Alexander George Award for Best Paper Presented by a Graduate Student at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (Foreign Policy Section), 2002

Henry R. Spencer Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Student, 2000-2001
(Awarded by the Ohio State University Department of Political Science)

COURSES TAUGHT AT JMU

- POSC 230 (International Relations)
- POSC/INTA 295 (Research Methods)
- POSC 300 (Politics and Film)
- POSC 370 (U.S. Foreign Policy)
- POSC 371 (Topics in Comparative Politics: China in the 21st Century – Study Abroad)
- POSC 458 (International Political Analysis)
- POSC 492/INTA 489 (Senior Seminar)

SELECTED DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE

Department Chair, Political Science (*2016 to 2022*)

Assistant Department Chair, Political Science (*2014-2016*)

Honors Thesis Coordinator and Honors Program Liaison, Department of Political Science
(*2006-2016*)

International Affairs Major Coordinator (*2009-2012; Spring 2014; Spring 2015*)

Chair, International Relations Search Committee (*Fall 2012*)

Tenure PAC, Department of Political Science (*2010-present*)

Merit PAC, Department of Political Science (*2011-2012; Chair in Fall 2012*)

Political Science Department Representative, College of Arts and Letters Curriculum and Instruction Committee (*2006-2009*)