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Education

Ph.D. University of Virginia, 1997
M.A. University of Virginia, 1992
B.A. College of William and Mary, 1984

Books

Thomas W. Smith, *Human Rights and War Through Civilian Eyes* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017).

Thomas W. Smith, *History and International Relations* (London: Routledge, 1999).

Chapter 1 reprinted in Halvard Leira and Benjamin de Carvalho (eds.) *Historical International Relations* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2015).

Chapter 1 reprinted in Keith Jenkins and Alan Munslow (eds.) *The Nature of History Reader* (London: Routledge, 2004), pp. 89-92.

Refereed Articles/Chapters

Thomas W. Smith, "O War, Thou Son of Hell! Grasping the Carnage in Syria," *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 41 (2019), pp. 596-619.

Thomas W. Smith, "The EU and Human Rights in Turkey: Political Freedom without Social Welfare?" In Chip Carey (ed), *European Institutions, Democratization, and Human Rights Protection in the European Periphery* (Lexington Books, 2014), pp. 31-65 (with Zehra Arat).

Thomas W. Smith, "Can Human Rights Build a Better War?" *Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 9 (2010), pp. 24-44.

Awarded the Best Faculty-Practitioner Paper Award by the Human Rights Section of the International Studies Association.

- Thomas W. Smith, "Protecting Civilians . . . Or Soldiers? Humanitarian Law and the Economy of Risk in Iraq," *International Studies Perspectives*, Vol. 9 (2008), pp. 144-164.
- Thomas W. Smith, "Leveraging Norms: The ECHR and Human Rights Reform in Turkey." In Zehra Arat (ed.) *Human Rights Policies and Prospects in Turkey* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), pp. 262-274.
- Thomas W. Smith, "Civic Nationalism and Ethnocultural Justice in Turkey," *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 27 (2005), pp. 436-470.
- Thomas W. Smith, "Between Allah and Atatürk: Liberal Islam in Turkey," *International Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 9 (2005), pp. 307-325.
- Thomas W. Smith, "The Politics of Conditionality: The European Union and Human Rights in Turkey." In Paul Kubicek (ed.) *The European Union and Democratization* (London: Routledge, 2003), pp. 111-131.
- Thomas W. Smith, "The New Law of War: Legitimizing Hi-Tech and Infrastructural Violence," *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 46 (2002), pp. 355-374.
- Reprinted in Theo Farrell (ed.) *Security Studies: Critical Concepts in International Relations* (London: Routledge, 2009).
- Reprinted in Beth A. Simmons (ed.) *International Law* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2008).
- Reprinted in Matthew Evangelista (ed.) *Peace Studies: Critical Concepts in Political Science* (London: Routledge, 2005).
- Reprinted in Turkish as "Yeni Savaş Hukuku: Yüksek Teknolojiye Dayalı ve Altyapısal Şiddeti Meşrulaştırmak," *Liberal Düşünce* [*Liberal Thought*], Vol. 7 (2003), pp. 53-74.
- Thomas W. Smith, "Moral Hazard and Humanitarian Law: The International Criminal Court and the Limits of Legalism," *International Politics*, Vol. 39 (2002), pp. 175-192.
- Thomas W. Smith, "Teaching Politics Abroad: The Internationalization of a Profession," *PS: Politics and Political Science*, Vol. 33 (2000), pp. 65-73.
- Reprinted on-line in *World View: Articles from APSA Journals* (2004).
- Thomas W. Smith, "Michael Oakeshott on History, Practice and Political Theory," *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 17 (1996), pp. 591-614.

Thomas W. Smith, "Historical Learning and the Setting of Foreign Policy: The Case of George F. Kennan," *Miller Center Journal*, Vol. 3 (1997), pp. 95-105.

Thomas W. Smith, "The Uses of Tragedy: Reinhold Niebuhr's Theory of History and International Ethics," *Ethics & International Affairs*, Vol. 9 (1995), pp. 171-91.

Books Reviewed

Bruce Cronin, *Bugsplat: The Politics of Collateral Damage in Western Armed Conflicts* in *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 41 (2019).

Jessica A. Stanton, *Violence and Restraint in Civil War: Civilian Targeting in the Shadow of International Law*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 40 (2018), pp. 716-18.

Neta C. Crawford, *Accountability for Killing: Moral Responsibility for Collateral Damage in America's Post-9/11 Wars*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 36 (2014), pp. 958-61.

David Forsythe, *The Humanitarians: The International Committee of the Red Cross* in *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 30 (2008), pp. 211-215.

Tony Evans, *The Politics of Human Rights: A Global Perspective* in *The Global Review of Ethnopolitics*, Vol. 1 (2001), pp. 93 – 95.

Dietrich Jung and Wolfango Piccoli, *Turkey at the Crossroads: Ottoman Legacies and a Greater Middle East* in *The Global Review of Ethnopolitics*, Vol. 3 (2004).

Christopher Houston, *Islam, Kurds and the Turkish Nation State* in *The Global Review of Ethnopolitics*, Vol. 2 (June 2002), pp. 130-132.

Alida Brill (ed.) *A Rising Public Voice: Women in Politics Worldwide*, in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 25 (Winter 1996), pp. 738-39.

Research Interests

Human Rights, International Ethics, International Humanitarian Law, International Relations Theory, Turkish Politics.

Visiting Scholar

Stanford University (2007-2008). Research on international humanitarian law.

Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies (June – September 1999). Research on the International Criminal Court.

Administrative Positions

Associate Dean of the Judy Genshaft Honors College (2020-present); formerly Director of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Honors Program (2005-2020). Recruit and advise honors students, schedule and staff honors courses, help organize the undergraduate research symposium, fundraise, mount scholarly events, develop and assess curriculum, oversee a state budget as well as multiple foundation accounts.

Co-organizer of the St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs, 2013-present. The conference is presented each February by the USFSP Honors program in cooperation with a group of civic-minded St. Petersburg citizens. The conference is a flagship event on campus. In 2017 more than 2,000 people attended 35 panels on international affairs.

University Service, Last Five Years

1. Chair, College of Arts & Sciences Tenure & Promotion Committee, 2019-2020
2. Member, USF Consolidation Working Group - Research (2018-2019)
3. Member, USF Consolidation Working Group – Honors (2018-2019)
4. Member, USF Consolidation Curriculum Committee – Political Science (2019)
5. Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2016-2018)
6. Associate Chair, Department of History & Politics (2016-present)
7. Chair, American Politics Search Committee (2018)
8. Chair, American Politics Search Committee (2017)
9. CAS representative to the Faculty & Staff Campaign (2015-2016)
10. Co-organizer, USFSP Student Research Symposium (2011-2019)
11. Member, USFSP Tenure & Promotion Revision Committee (2015)
12. Chair, International Relations Search Committee (2015-2016)
13. Member, USFSP Strategic Planning Vision Team (2013-2014)
14. Member, Campus Tenure & Promotion Committee (2013-2014)
15. Member, CAS Academic Programs Committee (2012-2013)
16. Member, Department of History & Politics Executive Committee (2011-2017)
17. Coordinator, Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society (2014-present)
18. Member, Campus Sabbatical Committee (2011-2012)
19. Chair, Faculty Hiring Committee, Comparative Politics (2013)
20. Faculty Advisor, “The Political Question” student club (2014-2016)
21. Member, Research Month Working Group (2011-2014)
22. Member, Admissions Petitions Committee (2011-present)

Grants Received

\$3,000 – Jack Chester Foundation. (2019). The USFSP Honors Program in collaboration with the Florida Holocaust Museum will mount a lecture and a film devoted to the history and memory of the Holocaust.

\$3,000 – Jack Chester Foundation. (2018). The USFSP Honors Program in collaboration with the Florida Holocaust Museum will mount two public lectures devoted to the history and memory of the Holocaust.

\$12,500 – Institute of International Education (January – May 2016). Wrote and coordinated a successful grant to bring a Fulbright scholar from sub-Saharan Africa to teach genocide/human rights at USFSP and community partners Stetson Law School and the Florida Holocaust Museum. Dr. Phillip Kasaija from Makerere University in Uganda taught two classes for USFSP in Spring 2016.

\$3,000 – Jack Chester Foundation. (2016). The USFSP Honors Program in collaboration with the Florida Holocaust Museum will mount two public lectures devoted to the history and memory of the Holocaust.

\$3,000 – USF World (2013, 2014, 2015). Awarded to the USFSP Honors Program to support the St. Petersburg in the World Conference on International Affairs.

\$500 – USFSP 50th Anniversary Grant (2015). Awarded to the USFSP Honors Program to underwrite a panel on innovation. The September 10, 2015 panel included young innovators in technology and healthcare, among them Sean Bercuson, one of the founders of Groupon; and Julia Taxin, a venture capitalist who specializes in new technologies.

\$10,000 – USFSP Internal Research Grant (May 2014). International travel to Israel and the West Bank to conduct interviews for *Human Rights & War: Through Civilian Eyes* (a book).

\$3,000 – South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs (May 2013). Travel grant as the only US academic invited to participate in the North Korean Database Center / South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs workshop on human rights in North Korea.

\$12,000 – St. Petersburg Times/ USFSP Grant (2013) to underwrite Honors Program lectures in the field of science and human rights.

\$5,000 – Travel Grant to Israel (June 2009). Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. Meetings and lectures with Israeli legal, diplomatic, and security officials; academics and NGOs.

\$125,000 – Energy & Environment Speakers Series (2007-2008). Progress Energy 21st Century Environmental and Energy Awareness Program. Speakers series woven into the Honors Program and other campus programs. (Co-PI with Chris D’Elia, et al).

\$5,300 – New Investigator Research Grant (2003). University of South Florida Office of Sponsored Research. “The Ghosts of Guernica: Humanitarian Law and Civilian Protections in Wartime.” January 1-June 30, 2003.

\$1,500 – International Travel Grant (2002). University of South Florida Office of Sponsored Research. Central and East European International Studies Association together with the Nordic International Studies Association and the Russian International Studies Association, Moscow, June 20-22, 2002.

\$500 – Carr Center for Human Rights Policy (Harvard University) /Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Travel Grant. “Operation Iraqi Freedom: Refining Humanitarian Analysis of War,” Washington, D.C., September 4, 2003.

\$7,500 – Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies (1999). Vebhi Koç In-Residence Fellowship. “The International Criminal Court and the Limits of Legalism.” June-September 1999.

\$500 – Travel Grant (2000). Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, Ethics & International Affairs Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, June 2000.

\$16,000 – Earhart Foundation (1995-1996). “The Use and Abuse of History in International Relations.” Dissertation support.

\$8,000 – Institute for the Study of World Politics (1995). Dissertation support.

\$5,000 – Dupont Award (1995). Dissertation support.

Academic Appointments / Courses Taught

University of South Florida, Professor of Political Science (2017-present); Associate Professor of Political Science (2005-2017); Assistant Professor of Political Science (2000-2005).

- World Perspectives
- Life of the Mind: Freshman Honors Seminar
- Honors: Human Rights
- Honors: Nationalism, Religion, and Ethnic Conflict
- Honors: Social and Political Thought
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Politics and Literature
- Contemporary Political Thought

Koç University, Istanbul 1997 - 2000
Assistant Professor of International Relations

- Ethics and International Relations
- Introduction to International Relations
- Political Theory of International Relations
- History of Political Thought

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (Spring 1996)
Visiting Instructor, Department of Politics

- International Politics
- Government and Politics of Latin America

Academic Honors

2019 USF World Global Faculty Award for Outstanding Global Community Engagement.

2019 University of South Florida St. Petersburg Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Global Engagement.

2017 University of South Florida St. Petersburg Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service.

2015 Nikolai N. Khaladjan International Award for Innovation in Higher Education from the American Association of University Administrators for mounting the St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs.

2010 Best Faculty-Practitioner Paper Award for "Can Human Rights Build a Better War?" Human Rights Section of the International Studies Association.

2003 University of South Florida St. Petersburg Campus-Wide Award for Teaching Excellence.

1995 Winner, Essay Contest, Carnegie Council on Ethics & International Affairs.

1995 Winner, Graduate Student Paper Competition, International Studies Association South.

Conference Papers & Posters

"Leviathan's Architect: Neoliberal Urbicide and the Shaping of Citizens in Turkish Kurdistan."
International Studies Association – South Conference, Memphis, TN, Oct. 4-5, 2019.

“Urbicide or Urban Renewal? Refashioning Kurdish Political Space in Turkey,” International Studies Association 60th Annual Convention, Toronto, March 27-29, 2019.

“Framing Human Rights in an Age of Decline: Turkey in the Erdoğan Era,” Conference of the International Studies Association/Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Quito, Ecuador, July 25-27, 2018.

“Just War and Martyrdom in Syria,” International Studies Association 58th Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, February 21-24, 2017.

“Counting the Costs of the War in Syria.” International Studies Association 57th Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, March 15-19, 2016.

“Reversal of Fortune: Human Rights in Turkey in the Erdoğan Era.” International Studies Association – South, Tampa, Florida, October 23-25, 2015

“Human Rights and the jus in bello in Asymmetric Warfare: Lessons from the 2009 Gaza War,” International Studies Association 55th Annual Convention, Toronto, March 26-29, 2014.

“Humanity’s Law: Human Rights and the Laws of War,” International Studies Association 54th Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2-5, 2013.

“Collateral Damage: The View from Human Rights,” International Studies Association, San Diego, April 4, 2012.

“Humanitas in bello: Human Rights and the Norms of Modern War,” International Studies Association, Montréal, Québec, Canada, March 16 – 19, 2011.

“Human Rights & Humanitarian Law,” International Studies Association South, St. Pete Beach, FL, October 22, 2010.

“War, Human Rights, and the Civilian Idea,” International Studies Association South, Nashville, TN, Oct. 19, 2009.

“The Banality of Collateral Damage” International Studies Association, New York City, February 15, 2009.

“Strategy and Atrocity in Contemporary Western Warfare,” International Studies Association South Conference, Ashland Virginia, October 19, 2008.

“Can Human Rights Build a Better War?” International Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, March 26-29, 2008.

“The EU and Human Rights in Turkey: Political Freedom without Social Welfare?” (with Zehra Arat) International Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL, March 1, 2007.

“Protecting Civilians . . . or Soldiers: Humanitarian Law and the Economy of Risk in Iraq.” International Studies Association – South Conference, Birmingham, AL, October 21, 2006.

“Counter-insurgency and Collective Punishment in Iraq.” International Studies Association Conference, San Diego, March 22, 2006.

Invited Workshop Participant, “IR/IL and the enforcement of international humanitarian law: Have we experienced a reality check?” International Studies Association Conference, San Diego, March 23, 2006

“Between Allah & Ataturk: Liberal Islam in Turkey,” International Studies Association South Conference, Miami, Nov. 3-5, 2005.

“Strategy & Slaughter: The Crisis of Humanitarian Law.” International Studies Association, Honolulu, March 1, 2005.

“Implicated Victims: Civilian Protections in Contemporary Wars.” International Studies Association – South Conference, Columbia, SC, Oct. 23, 2004.

“Old Laws, New Wars: International Humanitarian Law and the Domestic Atrocities Regime,” International Studies Association. Montreal, March 17, 2004.

“Civilian Protections and the Crisis of Humanitarian Law,” Invited Speaker, University of Florida Political Science Research Colloquium,” Gainesville, FL. February 10, 2004.

“New Wars and the Erosion of Civilian Protections,” International Studies Association – South. Gainesville, FL, October 17-18, 2003.

Invited Participant – “Operation Iraqi Freedom: Refining Humanitarian Analysis of War” – Harvard University – Carr Center for Human Rights Policy/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C., September 4, 2003.

“Ethics, Rights, and Global Poverty” (Panel Chair and Discussant), International Studies Association – Portland, Oregon, February 25-March 1, 2003.

“The Politics of Conditionality: The EU and Human Rights Reform in Turkey” – International Studies Association South, Richmond, October 18, 2002

“Political Conditionality and Human Rights in Turkey,” 3rd Convention of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA) together with the Nordic International Studies Association (NISA) and the Russian International Studies Association (RISA), Moscow, June 20-22, 2002.

“Politics by Other Means: The European Union and Human Rights Reform in Turkey,” International Studies Association – New Orleans, March 24-28, 2002.

“Civic Nationalism and Civil Society in Turkey,” International Studies Association – Winston-Salem, NC, Oct. 12-14, 2001.

“Constructing a Human Rights Regime in Turkey,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 30 – September 2, 2001.

“The New Law of War: Legitimizing Hi-Tech and Infrastructural Violence,” International Studies Association, Chicago, February 20 – 24, 2001.

“The UN International Criminal Court: Law, Politics, and Conceptions of Justice,” International Studies Association, Los Angeles, March 15-18, 2000.

Invited Participant, Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs Faculty Development Seminar – “International Justice and Democratic Transitions” June 3-4, 1999, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

“The Abuse of History in the Study of International Relations: Some Remedies,” International Studies Association, Toronto, March 18-22, 1997.

“Behind the Curve: International Relations Theory After the Cold War,” Virginia Political Science Association, Richmond, Virginia, December 1, 1995

“Histories and the ‘Science’ of International Relations,” International Studies Association – South, Atlanta, October 20-22, 1995.

“Through a Glass Darkly: How Realists Read History,” (International Studies Association – South, Charleston, South Carolina, October 14-16, 1994.

Public Lectures

“Peace and Justice in the Eastern Mediterranean.” St. Petersburg College Lyceum, January 25, 2020.

“Will the Kurds Ever Catch a Break?” St. Petersburg Kiwanis, January 21, 2020.

“Understanding American Society & Culture: Who is an American?” Public lecture at Weifang University, Weifang China (December 13, 2018).

“What Just Happened: Reflections on the Mid-Term Elections,” Tampa Tiger Bay Club, November 16, 2018.

“Turkey and Global Authoritarianism,” Unitarian Universalists of St. Petersburg, October 21, 2018.

“War Through Civilian Eyes,” Florida Holocaust Museum, September 12, 2018.

“Human Rights and War Through Civilian Eyes,” Unitarian Universalists of St. Petersburg, January 21, 2018.

“Aleppo and the Plight of Civilians in War,” Shorecrest Preparatory School, November 16, 2016.

“Human Rights and War Through Civilian Eyes,” *Tampa Bay Times* Festival of Reading, November 12, 2016.

“Turkey on the Edge: The Neighborhood’s Gone to Hell and It’s No Fun at Home Either.” St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs, Feb. 19, 2016.

“Turkey and the Crisis in Syria,” Shorecrest Preparatory School, February 4, 2016.

“Human Rights and War: Through Civilian Eyes,” University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Thinking Through . . . Rights Lecture Series. October 11, 2015.

“Refugees: Across the Globe and Close to Home,” League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area, January 27, 2015.

“Censorship and Surveillance in a Changing Culture” (with Bob Dardenne), University of South Florida St. Petersburg Banned Books Week, September 19, 2013.

“Leveraging Rights: North Korea and the International Human Rights Regime.” Seoul, South Korea. Invited lecture. North Korea Database for Human Rights/South Korean Ministry for Unification Conference. May 20, 2013.

Panelist, St. Petersburg in the World Conference on International Affairs, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, March 20-21, 2013.

“Manufacturing Hate: The Propaganda of Genocide,” Florida Holocaust Museum, December 8, 2011.

“Humanitarian Intervention and the Temptations of American Power,” League of Women Voters, Feb. 7, 2009

Roundtable on Teaching in the Middle East. International Studies Association South Conference, Ashland, Virginia, October 18, 2008.

“Pacifism and the Just War” First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, FL Oct. 5, 2008.

Moderator, Journalists & War Conference, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, February 16-17, 2007.

“Turkey: Ataturk, Allah and the European Union,” St. Petersburg and North Pinellas League of Women Voters, Feb. 17, 2007.

“The Women’s Movement in Turkey.” Indonesian Women’s Delegation Campus Visit, University of South Florida, April 5, 2005. Sponsored by the American Council of Young Political Leaders and the U.S. State Department.

“The Ethics of the Bomb,” Florida Humanities Council, April 20, 2002.

“Terrorism and Political Islam,” League of Women Voters of Pinellas County, February 4, 2002.

“Central Asia at the Crossroads: Understanding the Crisis,” USF-St. Petersburg, Oct. 30, 2001

“Civil Liberties and the War on Terrorism,” Pinellas County Democratic Party – St. Petersburg, FL, Sept. 25, 2001.

“Ethics & International Relations,” Middle East Technical University, Ankara, April 12, 2000.

“The United Nations in Theory and Practice,” South-Eastern European United Nations Conference, Sofia, Bulgaria, December 10-15, 1998

“Turkey’s Pastiche Politics,” Washington & Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, January 26, 1999

“International Relations in Theory and Practice,” Miller Center of Public Affairs, The University of Virginia, July 1997.

Languages

Spanish (excellent)

French (fair)

Turkish (basic)

Professional & Community

Editorial Board, *Journal of Contemporary Korean Studies*, 2016 – present
Book Prize Reviewer, Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order.
Grant Reviewer: Guggenheim Foundation, Institute for Advanced Studies, Israel Science Foundation, Florida Humanities Council
Issue Advisory Board and Manuscript Reviewer, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*
Book Manuscript Reviewer: Oxford University Press, Cornell University Press, Routledge, Prentice-Hall, Rowman & Littlefield, Blackwell/Wiley, Springer, Lexington Books, ISA Compendium Project.
Journal Manuscript Reviewer: *Ethics & International Affairs*, *International Politics*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Review of International Studies*, *Millennium: Journal of International Affairs*, *Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Security Studies*, *International Security*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*, *The Mediterranean Quarterly*, *International Political Sociology*, *Politics & Religion*.
Secretary, International Studies Association, South, 2000-2012
Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society, 2015-present
Advisor, USFSP Debate Team, 2007-2010
Advisor, International Student Club, USF, 2005
Advisor, The Political Question, USFSP, 2014-2016
Model United Nations Advisor, Koc University, 1998-2000
Research Visit to War Crimes Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague, 1999
Numerous television appearances and media interviews
Executive Board, Pinellas County American Civil Liberties Union, 2004-2006
Officer and Member of the Board of Directors, St. Petersburg in the World, 2012-present
Member of the Board of Directors, Florida Holocaust Museum, 2020-present

References upon request