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Expertise: [The Field of Security and Development](#)

I Believe:

One of the most critical challenges to development and indeed humanity is armed violence, especially in fragile states. This violence leads to death and injury, lost productivity, lowering of already inadequate health budgets, and psychological costs. In short, development cannot proceed alongside such violence. I believe that this violence can and must be prevented, reduced and eventually eliminated. I have devoted most of my professional life to this end.

What excites me:

Teaching at a professional school such as MIIS allows me as a faculty member to help students prepare for a career in security and development work. It means that I get to make a difference, not just my graduates. It also means that I will have these students as colleagues when they graduate. I continue to be involved in mutual projects with them. I can't think of anything more rewarding than this.

Expertise

Global governance, international organizations, proliferation and effects of conventional weapons and small arms, program evaluation and project management

Recent Activities

In the past several years I have:

1. Conducted a major study for the UN Development Program on how security and development are integrated in UNDP programming.
2. Worked with the Small Arms Survey in Geneva in developing and implementing a program evaluation of a weapons marking project in East Africa.
3. Served on a committee which developed a strategic plan for the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA).

4. Placed students in security and development organizations in MIIS Immersive Professional Learning programs.
5. Served as an expert consultant for the United Nations project ISACS, developing global standards for controlling the proliferation and misuse of small arms and light weapons.
6. Worked with IANSA and Small Arms Survey to develop indicators to be used to monitor national compliance with the UN Programme of Action on small arms.
7. Advised the City of Salinas, California, on gang violence reduction and prevention.

Education

PhD, International Relations, University of Pennsylvania; MA, International Relations and Public Administration, Temple University; BS, United States Military Academy

Careers in Security and Development

Students who concentrate on security and development normally take courses in conflict and conflict resolution, human security, human rights, and a full range of development courses. They also spend at least six months as a junior professional with an S and D organization while at MIIS. Graduates who entered this field have served as program managers for conflict management in South Sudan, field analysts for international governmental organizations as well as NGOs and think tanks, staff officers developing public security education and training for the UN, survey researchers in areas fraught with insecurity and conflict, and evaluators of programs designed to reduce armed violence and enable development.

Selected Publications

The UNDP Role in the Comprehensive Approach to Security in Fragile States: An Assessment Edward J. Laurance Version 5.1 10 June 2010.

"Managing the Tools of War and Violence: Global Governance or State-centric Realpolitik? In Michael Brzoska and Axel Krohn (eds.) *Overcoming Armed Violence in a Complex World: Essays in Honor of Herbert Wulf*. Budrich UniPress Ltd. November 2009.

With Hendrik Wagenmakers and Herbert Wulf. "Managing the Global Problems Created by the Conventional Arms Trade: An Assessment of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms." *Global Governance*, Vol. 2, Spring 2005.

With Rachel Stohl. ***Making Global Public Policy: The Case of Small Arms and Light Weapons***. Occasional Paper No. 7. Geneva: Small Arms Survey, December 2002.

The United Nations Conventional Arms Register (UNCAR): Present Challenges, New Directions.

"Light Weapons and Human Development: The Need for Transparency and Early Warning." In Jeffrey Boutwell and Michael T. Klare, *Light Weapons and Civil Conflict: Controlling the Tools of Violence* (Boulder: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 1999), pp. 185-196.

"Monitoring the Flow, Availability and Misuse of Light Weapons," in ***Arms Watching: Integrating Small Arms and Light Weapons Into the Early Warning of Violent Conflict.*** Edward J. Laurance (Ed.) (London: International Alert, May 1999).

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Light Weapons and Intra-State Conflict: Early Warning Factors and Preventive Action. (Washington: Carnegie Commission on Preventing Deadly Conflict, July 1998).

"Small Arms, Light Weapons, and Conflict Prevention: The New Post-Cold War Logic of Disarmament" in Barnett R. Rubin *Cases and Strategies for Preventive Action* (The Century Foundation Press, 1998), pp. 135-168.

"Moratoria on Small Arms and Light Weapons: Conceptualization and Application to Central America" in Sverre Lodgaard and Carsten F. Ronnfeldt, *A Moratorium on Light Weapons in West Africa* (Oslo: Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, 1998), pp. 69-83.

"A Conceptual Framework for Arms Trade Transparency in South-East Asia." In Bates Gill and J.N. Mak (eds.), *Arms Transparency and Security in South-East Asia*. SIPRI Research Report No. 13. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997), pp. 10-24.

With Sarah E. Meek. *The Role of Conventional Arms Buildups in the Outbreak of Conflict: Developing Early Warning and Preventive Measures*. Report submitted to the United States Institute for Peace in fulfillment of grant SG-94-113. July 1996.

With Sarah E. Meek. ***The New Field of Micro-Disarmament: Addressing the Proliferation and Buildup of Small Arms and Light Weapons.*** Brief 7. (Bonn: Bonn International Center for Conversion, September 1996).

"The Role of Arms Control in Coping With Conflict after the Cold War." in Roger Kanet and Edward Kolodziej (Eds.), *Coping With Conflict after the Cold War*. (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1996), pp. 331-362.

"Addressing the Negative Consequences of Light Weapons Trafficking: Opportunities for Transparency and Restraint." in Jeffrey Boutwell, Michael Klare and Laura Reed, Editors,

Lethal Commerce: The Global Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons. (Cambridge: American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1995), pp. 140-57.

"The UN Register of Conventional Arms: Rationales and Prospects for Compliance and Effectiveness," *The Washington Quarterly* , (Spring 1993).

"Reducing the Negative Consequences of Arms Transfers Through Unilateral Arms Control." in Bennett Ramberg (Ed.) *Arms Control Without Negotiation: From the Cold War to the New World Order.* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1993), pp. 175-198

With Siemon Wezeman and Herbert Wulf. *Arms Watch: SIPRI Report on the First Year of the UN Register of Conventional Arms.* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, November 1993).

The International Arms Trade. (New York: Lexington Books, 1992).

"The Political Implications of Illegal Arms Exports From the United States." *Political Science Quarterly*, 107, 3 (Fall 1992), 501-533.

"Events Data and Policy Analysis: Improving the Potential for Applying Academic Research to Foreign and Defense Policy Problems." *Policy Sciences* , 23,1(1990).

"The New Gunrunning." *Orbis*_(Spring 1989), 225-237.

Courses

Courses offered in the past four years.

▲ indicates offered in the current term

▸ indicates offered in the upcoming term[s]

IPMG 8526 - Implementing Humanitarianism

IPMG 8541 -

ResrchMethdsForDvlpmntPractice ▲

IPOL 8502 - Public Policy Research Methods

IPOL 8521 - Intro to Security&Development

IPOL 8541 -

ResrchMethdsForDvlpmntPractice

IPOL 8547 - Intl Orgs & Global Governance**IPOL 8582 - Evaluation Methods****IPOL 8585 - International Organizations****IPOL 8634 -****Sem:SecurityJustice&Developmnt****IPSG 8544 / IPOL 8544 - Intro to
HumanSecurity&Dvlpmnt****IPSG 8611 / IPOL 8611 -****Sem:ArmedViolence & Developmnt****IPSG 9541 -****ResrchMethdsForDvlpmntPractice ▲****MPAG 8605 - Capstone:Rsch&Writing Proj-
PA****MPAG 9541 -****ResrchMethdsForDvlpmntPractice ▲**

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