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## Education

State University of New York at Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy,  
Albany, NY

- **Ph.D., Political Science.** Fall 2018.  
Fields of Study: Comparative Politics, Public Policy  
Comprehensive Exams – Spring 2015  
Dissertation: *Modeling the Process of Security Sector Reform*  
Committee: Victor Asal (Chair), Eric Stern, and Brian Nussbaum

State University of New York at Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy,  
Albany, NY

- **M.A., Political Science.** Graduated May 2016.

McGill University, Montreal, QC.

- **B.A., Political Science and Philosophy.** Graduated May 2010.

## Professional Experience

### Penn State University, State College, PA

- *Director, Counterterrorism Option, M.P.S. Homeland Security:* July 2018 – Present.  
Managing and overseeing the Counterterrorism Masters option offered through Penn State World Campus via course development, student outreach and recruitment, and admissions.

### College of Emergency Preparedness Homeland Security and Cyber Security (CEHC), Albany, NY

- *Project Manager:* December 2017 – May 2018

Overseeing a grant-funded quantitative data project on divergences between terrorism and hate crime under PI Dr. Brandon Behlendorf. Responsibilities include the creation of project data collection and coding parameters, training and management of undergraduate coders, quality control of gathered data, and assisting with quantitative analysis of final scrubbed dataset.

### **College of Emergency Preparedness Homeland Security and Cyber Security (CEHC), Albany, NY**

- *Research Assistant*: May 2017 – August 2017  
Served as a research assistant for Dr. Eric Stern. Research focused on critical infrastructure, accountability and decision making, and resilience.

### **Center for Policy Research (CPR), Albany, NY**

- *Research Project Assistant*: May 2016 – August 2015  
Worked as a researcher for the “Project on Violent Conflict” at Rockefeller College’s Center for Policy Research (CPR). Duties involved the collection, coding and quality control of international terrorism related data for use in the “Big, Allied and Dangerous (BAAD)” dataset compiled and developed by CPR. (PI: Victor Asal, Project Manager: Suzanne Weedon).

### **National Center for Security and Preparedness (NCSP), Albany, NY**

- *Technical Assistant*: September 2012 - May 2016  
Worked under NCSP Director Rick Mathews and several section directors over an approximately four-year period. Primary duties were developing and managing empirical research on US domestic extremist organizations. Additional duties included: terrorism, radicalization, and CBRNE research to support the development of first responder training, simulations and tabletop exercises, real-time tracking and drafting of situation reports on active shooter and terrorism events, and working as part of a larger team of NCSP staff and consultants to draft the official after-action report for the New York State response to Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Penn State University, State College, PA**

- *Assistant Teaching Professor*: Summer 2018 – Present  
Responsible for teaching courses in political science and homeland security.

#### *In Residence Courses Taught:*

- PLSC 3: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PLSC 91: Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies
- PLSC 408: Democracy and Its Impacts
- PLSC 414: Dictators and Their Demise
- PLSC 423: Post-Soviet Politics
- PLSC 439: The Politics of Terrorism

*Online Courses Taught via Penn State World Campus:*

- PLSC 3: Introduction to Comparative Politics
- PLSC 594: Research in Political Science (Counter-Terrorism Capstone research/writing course)
- PLSC 837: Radicalization, Counter-Radicalization, and Deradicalization

**Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy/College of Emergency Preparedness  
Homeland Security and Cyber Security (CEHC), Albany, NY**

- *Lecturer:* Spring 2017 – Summer 2018  
Responsible for developing and delivering undergraduate courses both in residence and online.

*Courses Taught:*

- RPOS 364: Building Democracy
- RPOS 360: Violent Political Conflict (in residence and online)
- CEHC 343: Homeland Security (online)
- CEHC 210: Critical Inquiry and Communication

**Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, Albany, NY**

- *Teaching Assistant:* Fall 2013 – Fall 2016  
Responsible for teaching 10 to 20-person discussion sections, grading assignments, holding office hours, advising students, and other duties required by supervising professors.

*Courses Worked on:*

- RPOS 101 – Introduction to American Politics
- RPOS 102 – Introduction to International Politics
- RPOS 103 – Introduction to Political Theory
- CEHC 101 – Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

**Publications**

Nussbaum, Brian, and Andrew Vitek. *Attacking Muslims in North America – An Empirical Analysis of Terrorist Attacks and Plots from 1970-2016*. In “Islamophobia and Acts of Violence: The Targeting and Victimization of American Muslims.” Carolyn Turpin-Petrosino, Eds. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

Asal, Victor, and Andrew Vitek. "Sometimes they mean what they say: understanding violence among domestic extremists." *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* (2018): 1-15.

## Grants and Awards

Faculty Research Awards Program B Grant. 2014. *Building Domestic Extremist Behavior Project: NY* database. University at Albany: SUNY. \$4000.

Graduate Assistantship. 2013-2016. University at Albany: SUNY. Amount variable, depending on yearly tuition levels.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. 2016. University at Albany: SUNY.

## Conference Presentations

Vitek, Andrew. "Missing the Forest for the (Armed or Uniformed) Trees: Security Sector Reform and the Need to Prioritize Civilian Political Capacity." NPSA Annual Meeting, Northeast Political Science Association, 2018, Montreal, QC.

Vitek, Andrew. "Members Only: Using Social Network Metrics to Map and Analyze Security Sector Aid." ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference 2017, Washington, D.C.

Asal, Victor and Andrew Vitek. "Domestic Extremist Organizational Behavior: New York." Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference 2016, Chicago.

Asal, Victor, Andrew Vitek, and Josh Caldon. "The Running Game: Modeling Inequality in the Classroom." American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference 2015, San Francisco.

## Skills and Training

### Quantitative Analysis

- Graduate level courses in and professional use of statistics, regression analysis, and spatial and network modeling.

### Qualitative Analysis

- Developed projects using case studies, policy analysis and process tracing.

### Software Proficiency

- Microsoft Office Suite, STATA, GeoDa, UCINET

**Academic Service at SUNY Albany**

Organizing Chair, Rockefeller Institutions and Societies Conference, 2017.

Secretary, Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS), 2015 – 2016