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Professional Positions

- 2009- Professor of Political Science and International Affairs
 Department of Political Science, The George Washington University
- 1988-2009 Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs (GWU)
- 1982-1988 Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs (GWU)
- 1981-1982 Visiting Assistant Professor of Government
 New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

Education:

- 1975-1981 University of Southern California, School of International Relations
 Ph.D. Degree, International Relations
- 1973-1975 University of Southern California, School of International Relations
 M.A. Degree, International Relations
- 1969-1973 California State University, Long Beach, Department of Political Science
 B.A. Degree, Political Science

Publications:

Books:

- James Lebovic, Forthcoming. *The False Promise of Nuclear Superiority: The United States and Nuclear Deterrence, after the Cold War*. NY: Oxford University Press.
- James Lebovic, 2019. *Planning to Fail: The US Wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan*. Bridging the Gap Series. NY: Oxford University Press.
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- James Lebovic, 2010. *The Limits of US Military Capability: Lessons from Vietnam and Iraq*. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press.
- James Lebovic, 2007. *Deterring International Terrorism and Rogue States: US National Security Policy after 9/11*. London, New York: Routledge Press. (Hardback/Paperback)
- James Lebovic, 1996. *Foregone Conclusions: U.S. Weapons Acquisition in the Post-Cold War Transition*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press (Harper Collins).
- James Lebovic, 1990. *Deadly Dilemmas: Deterrence in US Nuclear Strategy*. New York: Columbia University Press.

Articles, Book Chapters, and Review Essays:

- James Lebovic, Forthcoming. The Selling of a Precedent: The Past as Constraint on Congressional War Powers? *The Journal of National Security Law and Policy*.
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- James Lebovic, 2019. Superficial Wounds: Deterrence Lives. *The Nonproliferation Review* (26, 3-4): 202-205.
- Faradj Koliev and James Lebovic, 2018. Selecting for Shame: The Monitoring of Workers' Rights by the International Labour Organization, 1989 to 2011. *International Studies Quarterly* (62, 2): 437-452.
- James Lebovic, 2018. Security First? The Traveling U.S. Secretary of State in a Second Presidential Term. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (48, 2): 292-317.
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- Kerry Crawford, Eric Lawrence, and James Lebovic, 2017. Aversion, Acceptance, or Apprehension? The Effects of Gender on US Public Opinion Concerning US-Inflicted Civilian Casualties. *Journal of Global Security Studies* (2, 2): 150-169.
- James Lebovic and Elizabeth Saunders, 2016. The Diplomatic Core: The Determinants of High-Level U.S. Diplomatic Visits, 1946-2010. *International Studies Quarterly* (60, 1): 107-123.
- James Lebovic, 2016. Red Lines and Green Lights: Iran, Nuclear Arms Control, and

- Non-Proliferation. *Strategic Studies Quarterly* (10, 1): 10-42.
- Kerry Crawford, James Lebovic, and Julia Macdonald, 2015. Explaining the Variation in Gender Composition of Personnel Contributions to UN Peacekeeping Operations. *Armed Forces and Society* (41, 2): 257-281.
- James Lebovic, 2014. The Millennium Challenge Corporation: Organizational Constraints on US Foreign Aid, 2004-2011. *World Development* 58 (June): 116-129.
- Forrest Maltzman, James Lebovic, Elizabeth Saunders, and Emma Furth, 2012. Unleashing Presidential Power: The Politics of Pets in the White House. *PS: Political Science and Politics* (45, 3): 1-6.
- James Lebovic, 2011. Cooperation in International Security: A Review Essay. *International Studies Review* (13, 3): 1-7.
- James Lebovic, 2010. Book Dialogue (on lessons in international politics) with Robert Jervis. *Perspectives on Politics* (8, 4): 1167-1173.
- James Lebovic, 2009. Perception and Politics in Intelligence Assessment: U.S. Estimates of the Soviet and "Rogue-State" Nuclear Threats. *International Studies Perspectives* (10): 395-413.
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- James Lebovic and Erik Voeten, 2006. "The Politics of Shame: The Condemnation of Country Human Rights Practices in the UNCHR," *International Studies Quarterly* (50): 861-888.
- James Lebovic and William R. Thompson, 2006. "An Illusionary or Elusive Relationship? The Arab-Israel Conflict and Repression in the Middle East," *Journal of Politics* (68): 502-518.
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- Cynthia McClintock and James Lebovic, 2006. "Correlates of Levels of Democracy in Latin America during the 1990s," *Latin American Politics and Society* (48): 29-59.
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- James Lebovic 2005. "Donor Positioning: Development Assistance from the US, Japan, France, Germany, and Britain," *Political Research Quarterly* (58): 119-126.
- James Lebovic 2004. "Uniting for Peace? Democracies and United Nations Peace Operations after the Cold War," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (48): 910-936. Republished in *International Law (Sage Library of International Relations)*, Beth A. Simmons (ed.), 2008. London: Sage.
- James Lebovic 2004. "Unity in Action: Explaining Alignment Behavior in the Middle East," *Journal of Peace Research* (41): 167-189.

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- James Lebovic 2002. "The Law of Small Numbers: Deterrence and National Missile Defense," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (46): 455-483.
- Deborah Avant and James Lebovic 2002. "US Military Responses to post-Cold War Missions" in Theo Farrell and Terry Terriff, eds., *The Sources of Military Change: Military Organisations and their Changing Environments in the Modern Era*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner.
- James Lebovic 2001. "Spending Priorities and Democratic Rule in Latin America," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (45): 427-452.
- James Lebovic and Lee Sigelman 2001. "The Forecasting Accuracy and Determinants of Football Rankings," *International Journal of Forecasting* (17): 105-120.
- Deborah Avant and James Lebovic 2000. "US Military Attitudes toward Post-Cold War Missions," *Armed Forces and Society* (27): 37-56.
- James Lebovic 1999. "Using Military Spending Data: The Complexity of Simple Inference," *Journal of Peace Research* (36): 681-697.
- James Lebovic 1998. "Consider the Source: Organizational Bias in Estimates of Foreign Military Spending," *International Studies Quarterly* (42): 161-174.
- James Lebovic 1995. "How Organizations Learn: US Government Estimates of Foreign Military Spending," *American Journal of Political Science* (39): 835-863.
- James Lebovic 1994. "Riding Waves or Making Waves? The Services and the US Defense Budget, 1981-93." *American Political Science Review* (88): 839-852.
- James Lebovic 1994. "Before the Storm: Momentum in the Onset of the Gulf War," *International Studies Quarterly* (38): 447-474.
- Lee Sigelman, James Lebovic, Clyde Wilcox, and Dee Allsop 1993. "As Time Goes By: Daily Opinion Change During the Persian Gulf Crisis," *Political Communication* (10): 353-367.
- James Lebovic 1988. "National Interests and United States Foreign Aid: The Carter and Reagan Years," *Journal of Peace Research* (25): 115-135.
- James Lebovic and Kingsley Hill 1988. "OPEC: A Study of Trade Partner Diversification," *International Interactions* (14): 343-372.
- James Lebovic and Ashfaq Ishaq 1987. "Military Burden, Security Needs and Economic Growth in the Middle East," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (31): 106-138.
- James Lebovic 1986. "The Middle East: The Region as a System," *International Interactions* (12): 267-289.
- James Lebovic 1985. "Capabilities in Context: National Attributes and Foreign Policy in the Middle East," *Journal of Peace Research* (22): 47-67.
- James Lebovic 1982-83. "The Middle East: Perspectives on Continuity and Change," *Jerusalem Journal of International Relations* (6): 47-64.

Other Publications:

- James Lebovic and Elizabeth Saunders, 2019. Trump Doesn't Like Traveling: That's Bad for Diplomacy. *Foreign Affairs* (January 20). Inaugural Anniversary Essays.
<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2019-01-20/trump-doesnt-traveling-thats-bad-diplomacy>
- James Lebovic, 2007. "Balancing National Security and Civil Liberties," the American Bar Association, Division for Public Education, *Focus on Law Studies* 22(2); available at:

<http://www.abanet.org/publiced/focus/home.html>

Reviews:

- James Lebovic, 2020. Author response to roundtable discussion of James Lebovic, *Planning to Fail: The US Wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan*. Contributions by Jonathan Caverley, Keith Shimko, and James Wirtz. Diplomatic History and International History Discussion Network. <https://issforum.org/roundtables/12-3-fail>
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- Obama, Barack. 2020. *A Promised Land*. <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXIII-33.pdf>
- Sayle, Timothy Andrews, Jeffrey A. Engel, Hal Brands, and William Inboden (eds.). 2019. *The Last Card: Inside George W. Bush's Decision to Surge in Iraq*. <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXII-7.pdf>
- Burns, William J. 2019. *The Back Channel: A Memoir of American Diplomacy*. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <https://issforum.org/roundtables/11-8-back-channel>
- Chamberlin, Paul Thomas. 2018. *The Cold War's Killing Fields: Rethinking the Long Peace*. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XXI-8.pdf>
- Vaïsse, Justin. 2018. *Zbigniew Brzezinski, America's Grand Strategist*. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XX-28.pdf>
- Hendrickson, David C. 2018. *Republic in Peril: American Empire and the Liberal Tradition*. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XX-15.pdf>
- Abrams, Elliott. 2018. *Realism and Democracy: American Foreign Policy after the Arab Spring*. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <https://issforum.org/essays/PDF/E159.pdf>
- Abrams, Elliott. Trump the Traditionalist: A Surprisingly Standard Foreign Policy. *Foreign Affairs* (July/August 2017). Diplomatic History and International History Discussion Network <https://issforum.org/roundtables/policy/1-5AW-Lebovic>
- Foreign Affairs*. 2016. Obama's World: Judging His Foreign Policy Record. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <https://issforum.org/forums/obamas-world>
- Thompson, J.A. 2015. *A Sense of Power: The Roots of America's Global Role*. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <https://issforum.org/roundtables/8-15-sense-of-power>
- Boyle, M.J. 2014. *Violence after War: Explaining Instability in Post-Conflict States*. *Parameters* (Summer 2015).
- Pillar, P.R. 2014. *Intelligence and U.S. Foreign Policy: Iraq, 9/11, and Misguided Reform Perspectives on Politics* (March 2015).
- Gati, C., ed., 2013. *Zbig: The Strategy and Statecraft of Zbigniew Brzezinski*. H-Diplo/ISSF Forum <http://issforum.org/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-Roundtable-7-4.pdf>

- Yetiv, S.A., 2013. *National Security Through a Cockeyed Lens: How Cognitive Bias Impacts U.S. Foreign Policy* in *Political Science Quarterly* (Fall 2014).
- Lundestad, G. 2012. *The Rise and Decline of the American "Empire": Power and its Limits in Comparative Perspective*. NY: Oxford University Press. Roundtable participant, <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-Roundtable-6-5.pdf>
- Lieberman, E. 2012. *Reconceptualizing Deterrence: Nudging toward Rationality in Middle East Rivalries* in *Political Science Quarterly* (Fall 2013).
- Knopf, J.W., editor. 2012. *Security Assurances and Nuclear Nonproliferation in Perspectives of Politics* in *Perspectives on Politics* (June 2013).
- Brzezinski, Z. 2012. *Strategic Vision: America and the Crisis of Global Power*. <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/essays>
- Tierney, Dominic, 2011. Introduction to roundtable discussion of Dominic Tierney, *How We Fight: Crusades, Quagmires, and the American Way of War*. Diplomatic History and International History Discussion Network <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/>
- Dower, J. 2010 *Cultures of War: Pearl Harbor, Hiroshima, 9-11, Iraq*. Roundtable participant, <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables>
- Kilcullen, D. 2010. *Counterinsurgency* in *Review of Politics*, 73(3).
- Ender, M.G. 2009. *American Soldiers in Iraq: McSoldiers or Innovative Professionals* in *Political Science Quarterly* (Fall 2010).
- Solingen, E. 2008. *Nuclear Logics: Contrasting Paths in East Asia & the Middle East* in *Political Science Quarterly* (Winter 2008-09).
- Broad, W.J. 1992. *Teller's War: The Top Secret Story behind the Star Wars Deception* in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (November 1993).
- Meyer, D.S. 1990. *A Winter of Discontent: The Nuclear Freeze and American Politics* in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (January 1992).
- Malcolmson, R.W. 1990. *Beyond Nuclear Thinking* in *Political Science Quarterly* (Summer 1991).
- Cimbala, S.J. 1988. *Nuclear Strategizing: Deterrence and Reality* in the *American Political Science Review* (September 1989).
- Osgood, R.E. 1988. *The Nuclear Dilemma in American Strategic Thought* in the *American Political Science Review* (September 1989).

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate:

International Security Politics
 Scope and Methods of Political Science
 The United States at War: From World War II to Afghanistan (Dean's Seminar)
 International Politics
 Theories of International Conflict
 Comparative and International Politics
 Comparative Foreign Policy
 American Political Issues
 Comparative and International Politics of the Middle East

Graduate:

US National Security Policy Making
 Theories of International Security
 International Security Politics
 Theories of International Politics
 Quantitative International Politics
 Theories of International Conflict
 The Political Economy of Energy Resources
 Comparative and International Politics of the Middle East

Professional Participation:

Non-University Service:

Editorial Board: *Journal of Global Security Studies* (International Studies Association), 2017-
International Studies Perspectives (International Studies Association), 2005-14.
International Studies Quarterly (International Studies Association), 2008-2013.

International Studies Association (ISA)

Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on Fundraising and Strategic Priorities, Chair 2021-
 Finance Committee, Member 2021-
 Karl Deutsch Award Committee, Chair 2021-2022; Member 2020-2021.
 Publications Committee, 2016-2019.
 Governing Council, 2015-2017
 Best Graduate Paper Award Committee, Member, 2012-2014.
 Best Book Award Committee, Member, 2005.

International Security Studies Section, ISA

Chair, 2015-2017
 Vice-Chair, 2012-2015
 Diversity Task Force, 2019-2020
 Section liaison to the International Security Studies Forum (and h-diplo), 2015-2017
 Governing Council, 2011-2014 (elected term), 2018-19 (ex officio member)
 Conference Director (ISSS-ISAC joint conference), Washington, D.C., October 2013.
 Program Chair, Annual ISA meeting, San Francisco, April 2013.
 Chair, Election Committee, 2013-2015.
 Chair, Best Security Book Award Committee, 2011.
 Chair, Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, 2009.

US Department of State, Member Foreign Service Selection Panel. Promotion recommendations for political and public diplomacy officers into the senior service (promotion from FS-1 to

Consular rank), June-July 2016.

US Institute of Peace: Review Panel, Doctoral Fellowships, April 2005.

United States Information Service, traveled to Guyana, Trinidad, Barbados, and St. Lucia to interview applicants for Fulbright Faculty Development Grants, November 1990.