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POSITIONS HELD

College of William & Mary (Williamsburg, VA), Department of Government.

Associate Professor, 2014-

Assistant Professor, 2010-2014

Director, STAIR lab

(Systematic Text Analysis for International Relations)

Program Chair, International Relations, 2018-2020

W. Taylor Reveley, III Interdisciplinary Faculty Fellow, 2016-2019

University of Georgia (Athens, GA), Department of International Affairs.

Assistant Professor, 2003-2010

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA), Department of Political Science.

Visiting Lecturer, 2002-2003

Christopher H. Browne Center Post-doctoral Fellow, 2000-2002

ARENA Research Center on European integration (Oslo, Norway).

Visiting Researcher, Summer 2001 & Summer 2004

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

International political economy, European integration & comparative European politics, Computational Social Science, Natural Language Processing, Constructivist international relations theory, Human rights and humanitarianism, Agent-based computational modeling, Rhetoric and rationality in decision-making

EDUCATION

Harvard University. Ph. D. in Government (Political Science). June 2000.

Dissertation: Ideas and Interests in Foreign Policy:

The Politics of Official Development Assistance.

Santa Fe Institute. Complex Systems Summer School. Summer 1999.

Stanford University. M.S. in Computer Science. June 1992.

Dartmouth College. B.A. *summa cum laude*. June 1989. Salutatorian, ΦBK.

United World College of the Adriatic. International Baccalaureate. 1985.

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

(* = undergraduate student co-authors)

Books

2022. *Covering Muslims: American newspapers in comparative perspective*. With Erik Bleich. New York, NY. Oxford University Press.
2011. *Ideas, Interests, and Foreign Aid*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- Britain and EU membership in context: Imagined European communities since 1950*.
(in process)

Peer reviewed journal articles

2021. Bleich, Erik, Jeffrey Carpenter, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Assessing the effect of media tone on attitudes toward Muslims: Evidence from an online experiment.” *Politics and Religion*, forthcoming.
2021. van der Veen, A. Maurits and Erik Bleich. “Atheism in US and UK newspapers: Negativity about non-belief and non-believers.” *Religions*, 12(5): 291 (doi: 10.3390/rel12050291).
- 2021 (published online 2018). Bleich, Erik, James Callison*, Georgia Grace Edwards*, Mia Fichman*, Erin Hoynes*, Razan Jabari*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “The good, the bad, and the ugly: A corpus linguistics analysis of U.S. newspaper coverage of Latinx, 1996-2016”, *Journalism*, 22(6): 1522-1539 (doi: 10.1177/1464884918818252).
- Write-up in the *Washington Post*'s Monkey Cage, Jan 23, 2019: “Sure, a lot of newspaper coverage of Latinos is negative — but not when it comes to cultural achievements.” (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2019/01/23/sure-a-lot-of-newspaper-coverage-of-latinos-is-negative-but-not-when-it-comes-to-cultural-achievements/>)
- 2021 (published online 2018). Bleich, Erik, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Media portrayals of Muslims: A comparative sentiment analysis of American newspapers, 1996-2015.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 9(1): 20-39 (doi: 10.1080/21565503.2018.1531770; published online 2018-11-08).
- Write-up in the *Washington Post*'s Monkey Cage, Dec. 20, 2018: “Newspaper coverage of Muslims is negative. And it’s not because of terrorism.” (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/12/20/newspaper-coverage-of-muslims-is-negative-and-its-not-because-of-terrorism>)
2020. Bleich, Erik, Mira Chug*, Adrienne Goldstein*, Amelia Pollard*, Varsha Vijayakumar*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Afro-pessimist or Africa rising? US newspaper coverage of Africa, 1994-2018”, *Journalism Studies*, 21(13): 1775-1794 (doi: 10.1080/1461670X.2020.1790027).
2018. Bleich, Erik, Julien Souffrant*, Emily Stabler*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Media coverage of Muslim devotion: A four-country analysis of newspaper articles, 1996-2016.” *Religions*, 9(8): 247 (doi: 10.3390/rel9080247).
- Write-up in the *Washington Post*'s Monkey Cage, Oct. 17, 2018: “Most news coverage of Muslims is negative. But not when it’s about devotion.” (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/10/17/most-news-coverage-of-muslims-is-negative-but-not-when-its-about-devotion/>)

2016. Fifty years of public (dis-)satisfaction with European governance: issue-specific preferences, Europeanization, and support for the EU. *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, 12(1): 566-590
2014. “Enlargement and the anticipatory deepening of European integration.” *Journal of European Public Policy*, 21(5): 761-775 (doi: 10.3390/rel9080247).
2005. Rousseau, David L., and Maurits van der Veen. “The Emergence of a Shared Identity: An Agent-Based Computer Simulation of Idea Diffusion.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 49(5): 686-712, October.
2001. van der Veen, A. Maurits, Ian S. Lustick, and Dan Miodownik. “Studying Performance and Learning with ABIR: The Effects of Knowledge, Mobilizing Agents, and Predictability.” *Social Science Computing Review*, 19(3): 263-279, Fall 2001.

Under review

- Jun, Sora, Rosalind M. Chow, A. Maurits van der Veen, and Erik Bleich. “Chronic frames of social inequality: How mainstream media frame race, gender, and wealth inequality.” (revise & resubmit, *PNAS*)
- Bleich, Erik, Amelia Pollard*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Looking in the Mirror: US and French Coverage of Black Lives Matter in France.” (revise & resubmit, *International Journal of Press/Politics*)
- Phillips, Blake*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Ghostwriters on the Supreme Court: Identifying the authors of Supreme Court decisions.” (under review, *American Journal of Political Science*).
- van der Veen, A. Maurits, and Erik Bleich. “Automated sentiment analysis for the social sciences: A domain-independent, lexicon-based approach.” (under review, *PLOS One*).

Book chapters

2014. “The power of terrorism frames: Responses to non-Islamist lone-wolf terrorism in Europe,” pp. 74-91 in Daniela Pisoiu, ed. *Arguing counterterrorism: New perspectives*. New York: Routledge.
2012. van der Veen, A. Maurits, and David Laitin. “Modeling the Evolution of Ethnic Demography.” pp. 277-311 in Kanchan Chandra, ed. *Constructivist theories of ethnic politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2012. Laitin, David, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Ethnicity and Pork: A Virtual Test of Causal Mechanisms.” pp. 341-358 in Kanchan Chandra, ed. *Constructivist theories of ethnic politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2012. van der Veen, A. Maurits and Christopher S. Allen. “European Integration, Social Protection, and the Lisbon Agenda.” pp. 53-73 in Mitchell P. Smith, ed. *Europe and National Economic Transformation: The EU after the Lisbon Decade*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
2005. “The Purpose of the European Union: Framing European Integration,” pp. 88-107 in Erik Jones and Amy Verdun, eds. *The Political Economy of European Integration: Theory and Analysis*. New York: Routledge.

Other publications

2022. van der Veen, A. Maurits and Erik Bleich. “What Did 9/11 Mean for U.S. Media Coverage of Muslims and Islam?” *Brown Journal of World Affairs* 28(1).

2021. Bleich, Erik, Emma Brown*, Abigail Chang*, Lukas Kauth*, Kai Milici*, Nicolas Pantelick*, Emily Wander*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Report on Media Portrayals: 2020 Newspaper Coverage of African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, Jews, and Muslims.” Middlebury, VT: Middlebury College (Media Portrayals of Minorities Project).
2020. Bleich, Erik, Mira Chugh*, Adrienne Goldstein*, Lukas Kauth*, Kai Milici*, Amelia Pollard*, Varsha Vijayakumar*, Emily Wander*, and Maurits van der Veen. “Report on Media Portrayals: 2019 Newspaper Coverage of African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, Jews, and Muslims.” Middlebury, VT: Middlebury College (Media Portrayals of Minorities Project).
- Write-up in the *Washington Post*’s Monkey Cage, Oct 2, 2020: “How do newspapers cover racial and religious minorities? Here’s the data.” (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/10/02/how-do-newspapers-cover-racial-religious-minorities-heres-data/>)
2019. Bleich, Erik, Mira Chugh*, Adrienne Goldstein*, Yiyi Jin*, Julien Souffrant*, Emily Stabler*, Maurits van der Veen, and Varsha Vijayakumar*. “Report on Media Portrayals: 2018 Newspaper Coverage of African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, Jews, and Muslims.” Middlebury, VT: Middlebury College (Media Portrayals of Minorities Project).
- Write-up in *Newsweek*, Sep. 5, 2019: “Media coverage of Muslims more negative than other minority groups, study finds.” (<https://www.newsweek.com/muslims-negative-news-coverage-1457942>)
 - Write-up in *Religion News*, Sep. 4, 2019: “Report: News coverage of Muslims is more negative than of other minority groups.” (<https://religionnews.com/2019/09/04/report-news-coverage-of-muslims-is-more-negative-than-of-other-minority-groups/>)
2014. Bleich, Erik and A. Maurits van der Veen. “Taking stock of Muslim immigration successes in Europe.” (<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/10/03/taking-stock-of-muslim-integration-successes-in-europe/>)
2012. “The European Union as a comparative politics ‘case’.” Contribution to a forum on “Teaching the EU as part of broader courses.” *EUSA Review*, 25(3):5-6.
2012. Review of *Evolution, Creationism, and the Battle to Control America’s Classrooms* by Michael Berkman and Eric Plutzer (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010). *Perspectives on Politics* 10(1):155-156.
2011. “European Publics and the Lisbon Agenda.” *EUSA Review*, 24(1):19-24. Winter.
2010. “Ireland Votes ‘No’, then ‘Yes’, Once More: The Lisbon Treaty Referenda.” *EUSA Review*, 23(1):15-18. Winter.
2009. “The European Parliament Elections of 2009: A First Assessment.” *EUSA Review* 22(3): 18-22. Summer.
2007. “If at First You Don’t Succeed, Try, Try Again? Prospects for Referenda on the EU Constitution in France and the Netherlands.” *EUSA Review* 20(2):21-25. Spring.
2007. “Framing Anti-Terrorism Policies: Debates in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands” *Occasional Papers* #2, Dept. of International Affairs, University of Georgia.

2007. Response to a *New York Times* column by John Tierney, “Where Cronies Dwell.” Published in the *New York Times*, Oct. 12, 2005. Republished in Lunsford, Andrea A., John J. Ruszkiewicz, and Keith Walters. *Everything’s an Argument, with Readings*. Boston: Bedford / St. Martin’s, p. 973.
2002. Review of *The Dynamics and Evolution of Social Systems: New Foundations of a Mathematical Sociology* by Jürgen Klüver (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2000). *Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation*, 5(4), Fall.
2000. Lustick, Ian S., Dan Miodownik, and Maurits van der Veen. “Studying Performance and Learning with ABIR: A Research Note.” Published in *Proceedings of Agent 2000 — The Simulation of Social Agents: Architectures and Institutions*, Chicago, October.
1995. Erik Bleich and Maurits van der Veen. “Maastricht and the Social Protocol: The perspective of the European citizen.” Working paper WP61, Center for European Studies, Harvard University.

Invited & conference presentations, 2010-

- “Beholding the backsliders: European media coverage of Hungary and Poland”
Presented at the Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, October 2021.
- “Measuring emotions in texts: A new approach to lexicon generation.” Presented at the Politics and Computational Social Science Conference, August 2021.
- Bleich, Erik J., Jeffrey Carpenter, and A. Maurits van der Veen. “The effects of media tone on attitudes toward Muslims: An online experiment.” Presented at the Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, September 2020.
- “Translation for the rest of us: Usable word-level translation for automated text analysis.” Presented at the Politics and Computational Social Science Conference, August 2020.
- Foster, Margaret, Tana Johnson, and Maurits van der Veen. “Networks of divergence? Negotiating blocs in international politics.” Presented at the Politics and Computational Social Science Conference, August 2020.
- “The meaning of populism: Locating concepts in semantic space across contexts.”
Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2019 & Quantitative Text Analysis – Dublin, June 2019.
- “National media and the EU: Measuring the European Public Sphere.” APSA Pre-conference on Politics and Computational Social Science, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, August 2019 & Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2019.
- Bleich, Erik, Adrienne Goldstein*, and Maurits van der Veen. “Why so negative? Newspaper coverage of Muslims in Britain in comparative perspective.” Annual conference of the Council on European Studies, Madrid, June 2019.
- “Human Trafficking in the Media: Conceptual Clarity or Muddying the Waters?”
Annual conference of the Council on European Studies, Madrid, June 2019.
- Desmarais, Sam*, Samyuktha Mahadevan*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. 2019.
“Foreign aid debates in the U.S. Congress: Partisanship, morality, and sentiment.”
Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Imagined conflicts: Anger at the EU and its member states in the United Kingdom.”
Duke University, September 2018.
- Mahadevan, Samyuktha*, Sam Desmarais*, and A. Maurits van der Veen. 2018.

- “Foreign aid in the U.S. Congress: Key partisan features of Congressional debates.” Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Measuring the nature and contents of discourse: Automated measurement of concepts in texts.” APSA Pre-conference on Politics and Computational Social Science, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, August 2018.
- “Brexit and the politics of xenophobia: The British press, the European Union, and immigration.” Middlebury College, March 2018.
- “Human trafficking in the media: Conceptual clarity or muddying the waters?” Workshop on the Migration-Human trafficking nexus, Boston University, October 2017.
- “Framing the EU: The British press, the European Union, and immigration.” Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.
- “Media, politicians, and the refugee crisis in the European Union.” European Union Studies Association, Miami, May 2017; earlier version presented at a workshop on “Fortress Europe or E Pluribus Unum? Multilevel Governance and the Governance of Migration and Asylum in the EU”, Chicago, IL. September 2016.
- “Media portrayals of minorities: Muslims, Jews, and Catholics in U.S. newspapers, 1996-2015.” (with Erik Bleich) Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.
- “Aid to refugees and aid to their host countries: Symbiosis or competition?” Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.
- “British MPs and the EU: Framing European integration in the House of Commons.” Amsterdam Text Analysis Conference, June 2016.
- “Resilient Europe? The impact of the financial and refugee crises on solidarity and shared identity among EU member states.” Annual Conference of the Council for European Studies, Philadelphia, PA. April 2016.
- “Patterns and changes in British media coverage of Muslims, 1996-2015.” (with Erik Bleich) Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA. March 2016.
- “Aid to refugees and development assistance: Symbiosis or competition?” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA. March 2016.
- “Measuring the tone of the news: Challenges for unsupervised sentiment analysis.” Colloquium, Department of Computer Science, College of William & Mary, November 2015.
- “Coding the tone of political texts: Towards a more fine-grained analysis.” New Directions in Text as Data conference, New York University, October 2015.
- “Public knowledge of and (dis-)satisfaction with European governance.” Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.
- “Media portrayals of minorities: Muslims in British newspapers.” (with Erik Bleich) Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.
- “Europeans and euro-bailouts: Sub-national variation in support for cross-national solidarity.” Biennial meeting of the European Union Studies Association, Boston, MA, March 2015.
- “Patterns in foreign aid in the aftermath of natural disasters.” (with Elsa Voytas). Annual conference of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 2015

- and* Annual conference of the MPSA, Chicago, IL, March 2015.
- “The sub-national geography of international solidarity: Europeans and euro-bailouts.” Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 2014.
- “Media portrayals of minorities: Muslims in British newspapers 1996-2012” (with Erik Bleich) Annual conference of the Council on European Studies, Washington, DC, March 2014.
- “Solidarity with whom? Support for bailouts across the European Union.” Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013.
- “Enlargement and the deepening of European integration.” European Union Studies Association biennial conference, Baltimore, MD, April 2013; Jean Monnet Workshop on Widening and Deepening, Rutgers University, 4-5 May 2012.
- “Knowledge about and support for the European Court of Justice.” European Union Studies Association biennial conference, Baltimore, MD, April 2013.
- “Believing in the euro? Public attitudes towards the euro during the financial crisis.” Annual conference of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 2013.
- “Fifty years of public (dis-)satisfaction with European governance.” Jean Monnet Workshop on European governance, York University, 13-14 September 2012.
- “Who really cares, and why? Explaining public attitudes towards development assistance.” Council on European Studies, Boston, MA, March 2012 & International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April, 2012
- “Whose Democratic Deficit? National Opinions about EU Legitimacy.” 1st annual conference of the European Political Science Association, Dublin, Ireland, June 2011 & Council of European Studies conference, Barcelona, Spain, June 2011.
- “A Beacon in the Storm? Economic Uncertainty and Support for Monetary Integration.” 1st annual conference of the European Political Science Association, Dublin, Ireland, June 2011.
- “Frames and Reversion Points: Explaining Vote Choice in European Referenda.” Biennial conference of the European Union Studies Association, Boston, MA, March 2011.
- “Measuring European Identity among EU Member State Publics.” Annual conference of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010.
- “Measuring European Identity among EU Member State Publics.” *Ibid.*

TEACHING

College of William & Mary. 2010-present.

International Political Economy, Politics of European Integration, Theory and History in International Relations, International Relations in Disciplinary Perspective, Introduction to International Politics, Data Science for the Social Sciences & Humanities, Politics of the euro (seminar), Politics of the refugee crisis in Europe (seminar), Human Rights and Humanitarianism (seminar), International Distributive Justice (seminar), Darwinian Evolution in Politics and Society (seminar), Berlusconi's Italy (1 credit), Senior Honors Seminar

University of Georgia. 2003-2010.

Graduate

International Relations Theory Field Seminar, International Political Economy
European Union Politics

Undergraduate

International Political Economy, Politics of the European Union, Human Rights and
Humanitarianism, Globalization and Distributive Justice, Post-Industrial
Democracies, Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to Global Issues,
Politics and Propaganda in Cartoons

University of Pennsylvania. 2000-2003.

Graduate/Undergraduate

Politics of the European Union, Politics of International Humanitarianism

Undergraduate

International Political Economy, IR Thesis Seminar, West European Foreign Policy

Learning in Retirement, Athens, GA. 2005-2009.

(3-4 week courses for \approx 25 senior citizens)

Financial Bubbles Past and Present (2009), Globalization and American Jobs (2008),

International Criminal Tribunals (2006), The European Union (2005)

APSA Short Course. Philadelphia, PA 2003.

Agent-Based Modeling

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Summer Research Grant from the College of William & Mary. 2011. \$4000, for
research project “Europe is in the eye of the beholder: Grappling with European
identity.”

May Seminar Grant from the College of William & Mary (jointly with Helen A.
Murphy), 2011. For the development of a new course on Darwinian evolution in
politics and the social sciences (taught in Spring & Fall 2012).

Junior Faculty Research Grant from the University of Georgia Research Foundation.
2005. \$7000 grant for research project “Framing EU Diplomacy: Ideas and National
Support for European-level foreign policy.”

Junior Faculty Research Grant from the University of Georgia Research Foundation.
2004. \$6000 grant for research project “Imagined European Unions: Ideas and the
Support for EU enlargement and foreign policy.”

Investigator (PI: Ian S. Lustick) on NSF Grant “ITR: Development and Applications of
the PS-I Computational Modeling Platform for Problems of Ethnic Conflict,
Globalization, State Stability, and Terrorism.” 2002.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional affiliations

*American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, European Union Studies
Association, Dutch Political Science Association (NKWP), Council on European Studies, European
Political Science Association.*

Association activity

Chair, Public Opinion and Participation Section, European Union Studies Association, 2009-2011.

Web-page editor, Foreign Policy section, American Political Science Association, 2000-2004.

Journal reviewer

American Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, International Political Science Review, Political Psychology, Journal of European Public Policy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Journal of International Development, International Studies Review, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of International Relations and Development

Book manuscript reviewer

Cambridge University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Polity Press, Congressional Quarterly Press.

Conference panel chair & discussant

QTA-DUB 2019; APSA 2016, 2011; CES 2016, 2006; EUSA 2015; ISA 2018, 2015, 2013, 2008; ECPR-IR 2001.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Program Chair, International Relations, 2018-2020.

Member, Data Science TE search, Department of Government, 2019.

Member, Athletic Policy Advisory Committee, 2015-2018 (Chair, 2016-2018).

Organizer, Department Colloquium, Department of Government, 2015-2018.

Chair, International Relations TE search, Department of Government, 2014.

Program director, William & Mary study abroad in Florence, Italy, summer 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018.

Organizer, Department of Government Faculty Writing Group.

Organizer, Department of Government Colloquium Series, 2015-2017.

Member, Department of Government Faculty Evaluation Committee (elected), 2011-2013.

ADVISING

PhD committees

Johannes Karremans. "State Interests vs. Citizens' Preferences: On Which Side Do (Labour) Parties Stand?" European University Institute, 2017.

Mwita Chacha. "Regional Integration in Africa." UGA, 2011.

Milward, Mary. "European Union Electoral Support to Transitional and Non-Established Democracies." UGA, 2011.

Kolemen, Aysuda. 2010. "Worlds of Welfare and Worlds of Discourse: Welfare Discourses in Germany, Sweden, and the U.S." UGA, 2010.

Choy, Young Seok. 2010. "Explaining North Korean Foreign Policy: Focusing on Human Needs and Prospect Theory." UGA, 2010.

Nathan W. Freeman. "The International Investor Rights Regime: Domestic Sources of Commitment and Compliance." UGA, 2009.

Michael Jasinski. "Domestic Anarchy and Conflict." UGA, 2008.

Dan Miodownik. “Antecedents of Demands for Regional Autonomy: Computer Simulation and European Evaluation.” University of Pennsylvania, 2005.

Regularly advise honors theses and independent study projects.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Dutch, English, and Italian. Proficient in French, German, and Norwegian. Competent in Danish, Spanish, and Swedish. Rudimentary Greek, Latin, and Portuguese.