

# Jason E. Fritz

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## EDUCATION

American University, Washington, DC

Ph.D. in Justice, Law and Criminology (2019)

Fields: Justice, Political Violence

Dissertation: *The Politics of Policing Political Violence*

Committee: Joseph K. Young (chair), Thomas Zeitzoff, Stephen Tankel, Frederic Wehrey

M.S. in Terrorism and Homeland Security Policy (2017)

United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

B.S. in Mathematical Sciences (2002)

Track: Nuclear Engineering

## RESEARCH

### Refereed Publications

“Transnational Volunteers: American Foreign Fighters Combating the Islamic State,” *Terrorism & Political Violence*, 2017. (with Joseph K. Young)

- Highlighted in PRI’s *The World*, “For some Americans, the conflict in Syria is ‘the Spanish Civil War of our time,’” 2017.
- Subject of West Point’s Modern War Institute podcast “The American Citizens Who Went to Fight against ISIS,” 2018.

### Book Chapters

“The Military Police as Police Advisors: A Potential Solution with Many Challenges” in (Stoker, Donald and Edward Westermann, eds.) *Expeditionary Police Advising and Militarization: Building Security in a Fractured World*. Solihull, England: Helion & Company, 2018. (with Robert Dillon)

“U.S. Peacebuilding in Afghanistan” in (Toshiya, Hoshino and Weston S. Konishi, eds.) *U.S.-Japan Peacebuilding Cooperation: Roles and Recommendations toward a Whole-of-Alliance Approach*. Boston: Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, 2011.

### Working Papers

*Understanding the Nexus between Security and Development* (with Bruce Jones)

*The Geo-economics of Libyan Reconstruction* (with Bruce Jones)

“Policing Foreign Fighters”

“Police Militarization and Patriot Mobilization: The Role of Threats in Social Movement Mobilization”

“Police Democratization and Two-Level Games: The Pressure of Intervention”

“Fighting ISIS: Why Americans Volunteer” (with Joseph K. Young)

### Think Tank Reports, Monographs, Op-Eds and Other Publications

“For a Grander Army of the Republic: Better Names for Bases,” *War on the Rocks*, 2020.

“How to Get Started Rolling Back Police Militarization,” *War on the Rocks*, 2020.

“Contested Stabilization: Competing in Post-Conflict Spaces,” *Order from Chaos*, The Brookings Institution, 2020. (with Patrick Quirk)

“Why Troubled Libya Isn’t a Lost Cause – Yet,” *The National Interest*, 2019. (with Michael O’Hanlon)

“The Pitfalls of Seeking Security on the Cheap,” *Texas National Security Review*, 2019.

*Empowered Decentralization: A City-Based Strategy for Rebuilding Libya*, Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, 2019. (with John Allen, Hady Amr, Daniel Byman, Vanda Felbab-Brown, Jeffrey Feltman, Alice Friend, Adel Abdel Ghafar, Bruce Jones, Mara Karlin, Karim Mezran, Michael O’Hanlon, Federica Saini Fasanotti, Landry Signe, Arturo Varvelli, and Frederic Wehrey)

*Managing the New Threat Landscape: Adapting the Tools of International Peace and Security*, Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, 2018. (with Bruce Jones, Charles T. Call, and Daniel Toubolets)

*A 10-Degree Shift in Syria Strategy*, Policy Brief, Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution, 2018. (with Ranj Alaaldin, Steven Heydemann, Bruce Jones, and Michael O’Hanlon)

*Stability Operations in Kosovo 1999-2000: A Case Study*. Carlisle Barracks, PA: U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, 2018.

“Article Review 87 on “The ‘Hearts and Minds’ Fallacy: Violence, Coercion, and Success in Counterinsurgency Warfare.” *The International Security Studies Forum*, 2017. (with David Ucko)

“Transnational ‘Volunteers’: America’s Anti-ISIL Fighters,” *War on the Rocks*, 2016. (with Joseph K. Young)

“Can Militarization be a Good Thing for America’s Police?,” *War on the Rocks*, 2016.

“Islands in the Foreign Fighter Stream: Trinidad’s Extremism Problem,” *War on the Rocks*, 2016.

“What Ted Cruz Gets Wrong about Policing and Terrorism,” *War on the Rocks*, 2016.

*Islamic State vs. Al-Qaeda: Strategic Dimensions of a Patricidal Conflict*. Washington, DC: New American Foundation, 2015. (with Daveed Gartenstein-Ross, Nathaniel Barr, and Bridget Moreng)

“Getting Police Militarization under Control,” *War on the Rocks*, 2015.

“Rethinking Section 660: Democracy, Police, and U.S. Foreign Assistance,” *War on the Rocks*, 2015.

“The Gray Line: The Very Model of a Postmodern Military,” *War on the Rocks*, 2014.

“The Best Job I’ve Ever Had,” *War on the Rocks*, 2014.

“Ferguson and the Lessons of Conflict Zone Policing,” *War on the Rocks*, 2014.

“We Don’t Know the Root of the Problem,” *War on the Rocks*, 2014.

“Lessons Observed on Lessons Observed: IEDs, Advising, and Armor,” *War on the Rocks*, 2014.

“Counterinsurgency: Idea vs. Implementation,” *War on the Rocks*, 2013.

“Counterinsurgency is not the Problem,” *War on the Rocks*, 2013.

“Craving Peace: Aesthetic Ideals and Idealism,” *War on the Rocks*, 2013.

Marine Corps Interim Publication 3-34.02 (*Commander’s Guide to Law Enforcement Professional Employment*), U.S. Marine Corps Combat Development Center, 2011. (unlisted contributor)

Capstone doctrine for the Department of Justice’s International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program, internal document, 2011. (unlisted contributor)

*Lessons Learned from U.S. Government Law Enforcement in International Operations*. Carlisle Barracks, PA: Strategic Studies Institute of the U.S. Army War College, 2010. (with Dilshika

Jayamaha, Scott Brady, and Ben Fitzgerald)

“Tribal Engagement at the Tactical Level,” *Small Wars Journal*, 2010. (with Andrew Exum)

“Measuring Success in Counterinsurgency Warfare,” *Armor Magazine*, 117(3), May/June 2008, 36-39.

### **Academic Conference Participation**

“Fighting ISIS: Why Americans Volunteer,” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, 2018 (with Joseph K. Young).

“Fighting ISIS: Why Americans Volunteer,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2018 (with Joseph K. Young).

Discussant. Poster session, “Terrorism and Counterterrorism,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2018.

“Police Democratization and Two-Level Games: The Pressure of Intervention,” *Midwest Political Science Annual Meeting*, 2018.

“Police Democratization and Two-Level Games: The Pressure of Intervention,” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, 2018.

“Police Militarization and Patriot Mobilization: The Role of Threats in Social Movement Mobilization,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2017.

“Pro-Government Foreign Fighters,” participant on the roundtable The Changing Nature of Foreign Fighters, *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, 2017.

“Transnational Volunteers: American Foreign Fighters Combating the Islamic State,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2016 (with Joseph K. Young).

“All Policing is Local? Identifying the Sources of Policing Legitimacy in Post-Conflict States,” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, 2015.

### **TEACHING, SPEAKING, AND AWARDS**

#### **Courses Taught**

*Military Strategy and National Policy*, Johns Hopkins University, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020

*Terrorism, Crime and Public Policy*, American University, Spring 2020

*International Security Politics*, George Washington University, Spring 2018

#### **Invited Talks, Panels, Guest Lectures, and Workshops**

The World Bank, *The Global Registry of Violent Deaths, COVID19 and Conflict*, 2020

Doha Forum, 2019

Middle East Peace and Security Forum, American University of Kurdistan, Dohuk, Iraq, 2019

Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and Sweden Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2019

Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, *Foreign Fighters: New Directions and Challenges*, 2018

Global Security Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University, 2017

College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University, 2017

School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2016

School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2015

Department of Politics, The Catholic University of America, 2015

School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2014

Department of Justice, Law and Society, American University, 2013

Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis, *Peacebuilding as U.S.-Japan Alliance Mission*, 2011

Department of Justice, Law and Society, American University, 2011

Center for a New American Security, *Officership in a Time of War*, 2008

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Positions Held**

The World Bank, MENA Unit, Washington, DC

**Consultant**, August 2020 – Present

Subject-matter expert on the security-development nexus for a team developing approaches to increase employment and reform armed groups outside of the formal security sector in a Middle East state. Work includes conceptualizing and contextualizing the security-development nexus and applying this work to programs on the ground.

The Brookings Institution, Foreign Policy Program, Washington, DC

**Senior Research Analyst and Project Manager**, August 2018 – July 2020

Managed a research and development portfolio around state fragility and political violence under the research program vice president. Organized and hosted roundtables, conducted original sole and co-authored research, and participated as a panelist at forums around the world. Liaised with government agencies, international institutions, and other think tanks to pursue program objectives.

War on the Rocks, Washington, DC

**Member Engagement Manager**, October 2017 – August 2018

Managed the members program. Produced, hosted, and engineered three podcasts per week on international security and foreign policy issues for members. Assisted in main page editorial duties as a founding senior editor of *War on the Rocks*.

Noetic Corporation, Washington, DC

**Senior Consultant**, December 2015 – October 2017

Developed new business and managed projects. Principal project was managing a contract for the research, writing, and editing of two monographs for the U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute that were strategic assessments of U.S. operations to combat the Ebola virus and the air campaign and subsequent stability operations in Kosovo.

Valens Global, Washington, DC

**Senior Researcher**, May 2015 – December 2015

Led a team of researchers on issues related to violent non-state actors. Worked primarily on analysis of the strategic theories of the Islamic State and Al Qaeda. Conducted risk analysis for both petroleum industry and social media clients.

PAE Government Services, Inc., Arlington, VA and East Africa

**Lead Trainer**, January 2014 – May 2015

Developed curriculum and led training team on armored personnel carriers delivered to African Union forces in Somalia under the Department of State's AFRICAP program. Trained over 100 African Union soldiers from 3 contributing states.

U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute, Washington, DC

**Contracted Research Assistant**, October 2012 – October 2013

Analyzed, normalized, and compared police training curricula from UN Police, Australian Federal Police, NATO's Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units, and U.S. Army Military Police School to derive a potential training regime for U.S. Army Military Police to conduct stability policing operations.

Conducted a meta-analysis that investigated overlap and gaps between training task lists.

John H. Northrop & Associates (JHNA), Washington, DC

**Associate**, May 2011 – September 2012

Provided analysis on command and communications relationships, ground-combat element integration, and provided expertise on current and future combat environments from strategic, tactical, and technological perspectives. Worked extensively on the Joint Multi-role Rotorcraft and associated projects for the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

Noetic Corporation, Washington, DC

**National and Homeland Security Consultant**, July 2009 – January 2011

Planned, designed, executed, and facilitated workshops and exercises for the Office of the Secretary of Defense's Law Enforcement Capabilities Project. Coauthored monographs and doctrine on the use of military and civilian law enforcement during stability operations.

BearingPoint, Inc. (Later Deloitte Consulting, LLC), Washington, DC

**Consultant, Foreign Affairs and International Institutions**, September 2008 – June 2009

Coordinated D3 (Defense, Diplomacy, Development) activities across government services programs under two corporate vice presidents and planned cross-segment activities. Moderated the "Negotiations in Non-Permissive Environments" module for the Department of State's Iraq Provincial Reconstruction Team training at the Foreign Service Institute. Provided analysis to clients in the Departments of State and Defense on a wide range of issues.

U.S. Army, primarily Fort Stewart, GA and Iraq

**Cavalry Officer**, June 2002 – October 2008

Served three tours of duty in Iraq as a tank platoon leader (March-August 2003), cavalry troop executive officer (January-December 2005), and brigade lead planner (April 2007 – May 2008). In the latter position, chaired planning sessions, developed courses of action, and briefed planning products to senior leaders for brigade-level combat and stability and reconstruction operations, including for Operation MARNE TORCH II to defeat Al Qaida in the Tigris River Valley. Liaised with local security forces.

### **Academic Positions**

Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University, 2018 – Present

Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, American University, 2020

Professorial Lecturer of Political Science, The George Washington University, 2018

Fellow, Peace & Violence Research Lab, American University School of Public Affairs, 2017-2018

Graduate Assistant, American University, 2014 – 2019

### **Research Skills**

- Quantitative methods: multiple regression, econometrics, event data, surveys
- Qualitative methods: comparative case analysis, process tracing, fuzzy sets, interviews
- Research tools: R, Stata, SPSS, Latex, SurveyMonkey, Zotero, Mendeley, NVivo

### **Contributor**

Senior editor and contributor to web magazine *War on the Rocks*, 2013-present.