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Education

Ph.D., 2011, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University. Double Major: International Relations, Political Theory.

Dissertation: *Becoming War: Steps to An Ecology of Global Security*. Defense Date, August 2011. Committee: Dr. Siba Grovogui. Dr. Jane Bennett, Dr. William Connolly.

B.A. with University Honors, University of Texas at Austin, Bachelor of Liberal Arts from the History Honors Program, December 2000.

Summer Workshop on Teaching about Terrorism (SWOTT), University of Oklahoma, Summer 2008.

Book Under Contract:

Dangerous Algorithms: The Weaponization of Intelligent Machines.
(Rowman and Littlefield)

Forthcoming Edited Volume:

The Schizoanalysis of Politics Co-edited with Marcelo Svirsky (Forthcoming, Spring 2016, Bloomsbury Publishing)

Book Under Review:

Thinking Like a Bomb: Essays on the Insurgency of Things.

Grants Received:

Co-investigator, Carnegie Endowment of Peace Innovation Grant of 400,000 dollars for "Project Q: Global Power in a Quantum Age."

Selected Publication Record

(Open source drafts of most manuscripts @ <https://jairusgrove.squarespace.com/text/>)

Peer Reviewed Articles:

"Of An Apocalyptic Tone Recently Adopted In Everything: Fragility, Finitude, and the Human Estate." *Theory & Event*, Summer 2015. (https://muse.jhu.edu/login?auth=0&type=summary&url=/journals/theory_and_event/vo18/18.3.grove.html)

"Ecology as Critical Security Method," *Critical Studies on Security*, Vol. 2, No. 3, 366-369.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

"Something Darkly This Way Comes: The Horror of Plasticity in the Age of Control," in *Plastic Materialisms* ed. Jonathan Goldberg-Hiller, Duke University Press, Forthcoming 2014.

"The Geopolitics of Blood," in *Making Things International*, ed. Mark Salter, University of Minnesota Press, Forthcoming Spring 2015.

"Must We Persist to Continue? Critical Responsiveness Beyond the Limits of the Human Species," in *Democracy and Pluralism*, Editor Allen Finlayson, Routledge, 2009.

Forthcoming:

"Exit Through The Anthropocene: Where to go with Felix Guattari's Cybernetic Ecology" *The Schizoanalysis of Politics* Co-edited with Marcelo Svirsky (Forthcoming, Spring 2016, Bloomsbury Publishing)

"Geoengineering and Geopolitics" in *Technology and World Politics: An Introduction*, Routledge University Press, 2016, Under Contract.

"Doing Stuff With Things: From Governmentality to Feral Assemblages" in *Ashgate Research Companion on Posthuman Dialogues in International Relations*, eds. Stephen Hobden, Erica Cudworth, and Emilian Kavalski. Farnham: Ashgate, 2016. Under Contract

"War and Globalization" in *The Oxford Handbook of Global Studies*, Oxford University Press, Under Contract.

Peer Reviewed Entries

"Weapons of Mass Destruction." *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, 2014.

“Xenophobia,” The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought, 2014.

“New Materialism,” in The Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought, Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Blogs and Public Media

“Extinction Events and the Human Sciences.” co-written with William E. Connolly, *The Contemporary Condition*, <http://contemporarycondition.blogspot.com/2014/07/extinction-events-and-human-sciences.html>

“Feeling Gangster Squad.” co-written with John Protevi, *The Contemporary Condition*, June 12, 2012. <http://contemporarycondition.blogspot.com/2012/06/feeling-gangster-squad.html>

“A User’s Guide to the New Racism.” *Huffington Post*, October 10th, 2010. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jairus-grove/a-users-guide-to-the-new_b_776395.html

“New Wars, New Warriors.” *The Contemporary Condition*, March 16, 2010. <http://contemporarycondition.blogspot.com/search/label/Jairus%20Victor%20Grove>

“McCain’s Broken Promises” October 10, 2008, *Huffington Post*. <http://tinyurl.com/ykrtem7>

“The Wars History Left Behind,” September 5, 2004, *In The Fray*. <http://inthefray.org/content/view/688/39>

“Heroic Ethics: The Tragedy of Ralph Ellison’s America,” May 16, 2004, *In The Fray*. <http://inthefray.org/content/view/430/37/>

Works in Progress

Must We Persist to Continue: Living and Dying After the Anthropocene.

This manuscript argues that the Anthropocene as a concept attempts to redeem humanism by endowing our species with geological significance such that we can justify the hubris of taking control and managing the entire earth system. I argue in the manuscript that if we look at the big history of the planet and the species we find neither the grounds for the human exceptionalism to justify the naming of the geological epoch nor a track record suggesting that we could manage the whole earth system. Instead, I argue, we should be humbled by a few billion years of geological and biological apocalypses all of which have given way to new organizations of creative and inventive forms-of-life. The thrust of the book is to show how many of the attempts to manage the climate system and world wildlife leave out the people in the Global South and indigenous communities that have, comparatively, managed the environment quite well. The manuscript draws on research about Hawaiian land restoration, West African wildlife practices, and indigenous North and South American conceptions of human-animal relations that are rarely considered as political alternatives when discussing the fate of the planet. The last chapter suggests that instead of trying to decide what is and is not useful to save, as is

required of genetic conservation programs and climate engineering, we should cultivate a wilder form of reason that is attentive to the larger community of creatures humans depend on for meaning and life. I argue that a feral reason should be organized around how to creatively differentiate and pass on what inspires awe in us rather than trying to hold on to what is deemed useful. As a species we should learn to live and die well rather than wager the fate of the planet on the desire for humans to live forever. (Manuscript available on request)

A Life of Control: Unmaking Politics in the Age of Plasticity.

This project retraces the inter-involvement of cybernetics, neuroscience, and nation-building in the formation of the contemporary U.S. imperial dispositif. In particular the book argues that the cybernetics movement attempted to transcend the Machiavellian dialectic of power and persuasion in favor of 'steering' or the control of populations. Cybernetics described individuals as well as populations as plastic information systems rather than as fundamental or authentic identities. This view of people as moldable came to underwrite U.S. domestic and foreign interventions that were premised on the idea that the polis could be hacked or engineered. I argue that this view of populations, in particular racialized populations, lead to new techniques of control unique to the 20th and 21st century. The book follows this line of inquiry in three case studies: neuroscience inspired political and marketing research, nation building and counter-insurgency schemes, and geoengineering. The thesis of the book is that cybernetics unleashed a dream of an escape from politics in favor of a meta-politics that could make the citizens and the world necessary for the desired order. The book project draws heavily on the work of Gilbert Simondon and his engagement with cybernetics, Felix Guattari's later work on first and second order cybernetics particularly in the books *Schizoanalytic Cartographies* and *The Machinic Unconscious*, Catherine Malabou's on going research on plasticity, and extensive archival research.

Black Geopolitics: W.E.B. DuBois and Global Security as Racism by Other Means.

This project is an effort to take DuBois seriously as a thinker of International Relations. DuBois was an observer at the Dumbarton Oaks conference that designed the U.N. and made significant interventions in the journal *Foreign Affairs* then called the *Journal of Race Development*. DuBois went on to publish books on the place of Africa and China in global politics as well as an incisive critique of the U.S.'s role in the U.N. as a settler colonial state. Despite this legacy, DuBois has been all but forgotten in International Relations. The book leverages DuBois' thesis that the American Civil War never ended but was continued by other means via reconstruction, Jim Crow, and then global Jim Crow arrangements. I find this to be a prescient theory of global politics that is needed now more than ever to understand the foundations of our global disorder.

A Tyranny of Philosopher Kings: Techno-Saviors and the Elect of Neoliberalism

This project is oriented around the relationship between technology, entrepreneurs, and governance. I am tentatively titling the project "A Tyranny of Philosopher Kings:

Techno-Saviors and the Elect of Neoliberalism.” The project came into focus after a public debate I had with David Roberts the director of Singularity University. Singularity University describes itself as “a benefit corporation” built to design and utilize technologies to “positively impact billions of people.” Singularity is really a kind of coop for billionaires, scientists, and inventors. Along with Google, Apple, Microsoft, and the explicitly post-governance oriented Bill and Melinda Gates foundation we are seeing a new era of depoliticized global philanthropy. Although bearing many resemblances to the Ford Foundation and other early 20th century precursors, the new wave of philanthropists are driven by a passion for displacing institutions like universities and the state in favor of solutions driven by technological innovation in an open market. Nation-states and international organizations such as the U.N. are seen as too slow or too cautious to keep up with the exponential growth of technological change. During the debate with Roberts, when I questioned whether technological innovation in unregulated markets had ever diminished inequality I was told harshly that it was pessimists like me that would mean that Africa would be the only place to benefit from what Roberts called ‘revolutionary technology.’ I was somewhat confounded by the response. So I asked why Africa. Roberts response, “because in Africa you can do whatever you want.” The whole planet is a laboratory and our future is dependent on unfettered experimentation. While there are many comparison to be drawn to neoliberalism more broadly and in particular to what Boltanski and Chiapello have called “the new spirit” of capitalism, I think that the particular logics and loose assemblages of venture capitalists, inventors, scientists, and CEOs has not been sufficiently researched and diagramed. These communities view themselves as an elect chosen by the market and empowered by their entrepreneurial success. The result has been a host of globally significant interventions into human life from geoengineering to synthetic biology by private actors who answer only to themselves. Each major project from the privatization of space exploration and asteroid mining to inventing new organisms is set to take place beyond the reach of state regulation. Among nearly all of the devotees of this new technological tomorrow is a commonly held belief in a posthuman, silicon based, libertarian future as ‘spiritual machines’. The belief in transcendence is further inflected in the general hostility towards any arguments about resource limits or the savage violence of the market. Therefore, I think it would be useful to understand the governmentalities native to these new organizations and collectives that while not quite states, universities, or corporations still hope to educate, govern, and monetize the future.

Invited Talks

Presidential Round Table, International Studies Association, “The Return of Materialism,” Atlanta, 2016.

Keynote, “Automated Ontologies: Drone Algorithmics and the Future of the Enemy,” Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society, Whittier College, March 10, 2016.

“Evaluations on ROK-US alliance based on the recent bilateral summit, Outlook on the future of Northeast Asia as well as the upcoming Korea-Japan-China summit, Korea-China summit, and Korea-Japan summit”

Invited roundtable with Former Assistant Secretary James Kelly, Amb. James Moriarty, Amb. Lauren Moriarty, Mr. Ralph Cossa, Dr. Denny Roy, Dr. Jairus Grove Consul General Walter Paik, Deputy Consul General Sungsoo Kim, Consul Insung Song, Consul Hyun oh Kim, Mi Young You, October 29, 2015.

Invited by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs** for state visit to the Republic of Korea from September 20 to September 27th. During the visit I met with the **Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Taeyong Cho**, addressed the **Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security**, the **Korean National Diplomatic Academy**, The U.S. Forces Korea, **The Institute of Foreign & Security Policy of East Asia**, The **Korean Institute of Defense Analyses**, and the **Korean National Intelligence Service**. I was asked to discuss the futures of the U.S./South Korean Alliance, the geopolitics of Asia, and the futures of the North Korean cyberwar and drone program amongst other topics.

“Its the Eurocene: Carbon Archeology and the Geopolitics of Modern Geology” Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, April 17th, 2016.

“Molecular and Machine: The Quantum Metaphysics of the Great War in the thought of Major-General J.F.C. Fuller and A.N. Whitehead” Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney, March 26th, 2015.
<http://projectqsydney.com/portfolio/q2-war-memorial-transformational-and-gendered-panel/>

Presidential Round Table, International Studies Association, “What is Geopolitics,” New Orleans, 2015.

“Is New Materialism a Methodology?” International Political Sociology Doctoral Summer Workshop, University of Ottawa, July 15th, 2014.

“Doing Stuff With Things?” University of York, UK, June 26th, 2014. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KckMdzyA9Y)

“A Recently Apocalyptic Tone in Everything: The Anthropocene or Peak Humanity?” Johns Hopkins University, April 26th, 2014.

“An Ecology of the Event,” Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney, February 22nd, 2014. (<http://vimeo.com/97491552>)

“A Materialist Future for International Political Studies.” PUC, Rio de Janeiro, September 2nd, 2012. (<http://www.iri.puc-rio.br/noticia/detalhe/96>)

“8 Steps to an Ecology of War.” The Political Life of Things, British Imperial War Museum, December 3rd, 2010. (<http://backdoorbroadcasting.net/2010/12/jairus-grove-improvised-explosive-devices-and-the-new-ecology-of-war/>)

Selected Interviews

2015 Interviewed by James DerDerian, Center for International Security Studies
<http://projectqsydney.com/portfolio/q2-interview-with-jairus-grove/>

2015, September 9th, "South Korea should consider and prepare various scenarios about North Korea" by Prof. Grove, Nova in the world futures academic field." SISA, Weekly Magazine.
<http://www.sisapress.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=67069>

2015, June, Flux Magazine "Rise of the Machines"
<http://fluxhawaii.com/the-rise-of-the-machines/>

2015, October, 29th, "Futures Studies in Hawai'i" The Conversation HPR
<http://hpr2.org/post/conversation-thursday-october-29th-2015#stream/o>

2014, September 17th "Analysis, Obama's Strategy for Combating IS: Prof. Jairus Grove," The Conversation HPR
<http://hpr2.org/post/long-view-l-hain-noon-strategy-combating-islamic-state-tedxmaui-2014#stream/o>

2014 Interviewed by James DerDerian, Center for International Security Studies
<https://jairusgrove.squarespace.com/image/>

2013, September 12th, "The Syria Conflict," The Conversation HPR
<http://cryptonymous38.rssing.com/browser.php?indx=18984493&item=156>

Talks on Campus

"It's the Eurocene: Carbon Archaeology and the Geopolitics of Modern Geology"
The U. H. Mānoa History Department and The Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, November 17th, 2015.

"Afro-Apocalypitics vs. #ACCELERATE: Blackness, Plasticity, and the Anthropocene in the films of Kahlil Joseph. International Cultural Studies Program, Speaker Series, March 11th, 2015.

"A Mind With A Taste For Murder: Automation and Autonomy in the Global Drone War's Disposition Matrix." International Culture Studies, East/West Center, 2014.
(<https://jairusgrove.squarespace.com/speech/>)

Teaching

(Syllabi @ <https://jairusgrove.squarespace.com/teaching/>)

Professor, POL 342 "Anticipating Global Environmental Governance" Department of Political Science, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Fall 2015

Professor, POL 672 “The Future Isn’t What it Used To Be” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Fall 2015

Professor, POL 406 “Living and Dying in the Anthropocene” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2015

Professor, POL 702 “New Methods for New Media” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2015

Professor, “POL 110: Introduction to Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Fall 2014

Professor, “POL 672: The Politics of the Future” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Fall 2014

Professor, “POL 635B: A Martial Theory of Global Politics” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2014.

Professor, “POL 315: Global Security in the Post-Apocalypse” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2014.

Professor, “POL 720: Doing Stuff With Things” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2013

Professor, “POL 315: Global Security Ecology” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2013

Professor, “POL 730: We Know Not Yet What a People Can Do” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Fall 2012.

Professor, “POL 305: The Political Economy of Global Violence and Zombies” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Fall 2012

Professor, “POL 635B: Global War and the Future of Biopolitics” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Fall 2012.

Professor, “POL 201: Problems of War and Peace” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2012.

Professor, “POL 635B: Global War and the Future of Biopolitics” Department of Political Science, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Spring 2012.

Professor, “POL 600: Foundations of International Relations” Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Fall 2011.

Instructor, “Terrorism, Insurgency, and the Globalization of Violence” (Senior Seminar), Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Spring 2010.

Co-Taught with Daniel Deudney, “Global Security Politics” (Upper Division), Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University. Led class and lectures, discussion section, graded papers and exams, Fall 2005.

Co-Taught with Daniel Deudney, “American Grand Strategy and the War on Terrorism” (Upper Division), Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University. Led class and gave lectures periodically, discussion section, graded papers and exams, Fall 2005.

Instructor, “CMS 210 Forensics Workshop” (Lower Division), Communication Studies Department. University of Texas at Austin, Designed curriculum and assignments as well as lecturing, teaching, and grading, Spring 2005.

Instructor, “CMS 210 Forensics Workshop” (Lower Division), Communication Studies Department. University of Texas at Austin. Designed curriculum and assignments as well as lecturing, teaching, and grading, Fall 2004.

Selected Conference Presentations

Paper, “Dirty Cosmologies: Annihilation, Fatigue, or Feral Reason,” Alfred North Whitehead Conference, Pomona College, June, 2015.

Paper, “Thinking Like a Bomb: The Algorithmic Ontologies of Drone Targeting,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, February, 2015

Paper, “The Geopolitics of Blood,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, February, 2015

Paper, “The Phenomenology of Neo-Torture,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, February, 2015

Round Table, International Studies Association, Toronto, “Global Politics and the Fragility of Things.” March, 2014.

Paper, International Studies Association, Toronto, “Security and the Internet of Things: A sensory adventure in the phenomenal world of drones, surveillance cameras, cell phones, and door fobs.” March, 2014.

Paper, International Studies Association, Montreal, “iWar and the Terrain of Modern Combat, March 2011.

Paper, The Political Life of Things, British Imperial War Museum, London, “Improvised Explosive Devices and the New Ecology of War.” December 2010.

Paper, International Studies Association, "From Power To Control: The Real Existence of Networks and the Need For Ambient Security." February 2010.

Paper, American Political Science Association, "Geoengineering and World Order: Past and Future." September 2009.

Paper, Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C., "The War/Politics Dilemma: Control Systems and the Urbanization of Warfare in Rio and Sadr City." March 2009.

Paper, International Studies Association, New York, "Becoming War: Affective Machines and the Biopolitical Aesthetics of Mass Slaughter." February 2009.

Paper, International Studies Association, San Francisco, "Schmitt's Sovereign 'Exception', The American Constitution, and Presidential Nuclear Power." Spring 2008.

Paper, *Becoming Plural: The Political Thought of William E. Connolly*: Hosted by: The Department of Politics and International Relations, Swansea University, United Kingdom, "Must We Persist to Continue: Animals, Robots, and Freaks." May 11, 2007.

Paper, Global States Conference, U.C. Irvine, "Close Only Counts in Horseshoes and Hand Grenades: Nearness and Intimacy in the Metaphysics of Cosmopolitan Thought." May 5, 2006.

Professional Service

Section Chair, War Studies EISA

At Large board member of STAIR section ISA

Blogger at The Disorder of Things (<http://thedisorderofthings.com/>)

Co-Founder and Editor, *The Contemporary Condition*, 2010 to Present.

Reviewer, *European Journal of International Affairs*

Reviewer, *Security Dialogue*

Reviewer, *Geopolitics*

Reviewer, *International Political Sociology*

Reviewer, *Political Theory*

Reviewer, *Review of International Political Economy*

Reviewer, *Theory and Event*

Reviewer, *Contemporary Political Theory*

Reviewer, *Borderlands*

University Service

“O Board” Committee Member, UH Manoa Fall 2015-Present.

Departmental Service

Professional Development Committee, UH Manoa Poli. Sci. Department 2015-2016

Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2013-2015

Organizer, “International Political Sociology Doctoral Workshop,” University of Hawai’i at Manoa, August, 2013.

Organizer, University of Hawai’i Global/Local Colloquium, 2012-2013.

Community Service

Student Global Leadership Institute August 2015.

<http://www.punahou.edu/news/item/index.aspx?LinkId=3550&ModuleId=40>

Graduate Advisees

Ph.D. Committees UH Manoa Political Science

Jonathan Dial (Sociology)

Aaron Cornelison

Heather Frey

Riddih Shah

Michelle Brown (Chair)

Ryan Koch (Chair)

Bum Chil Shin

Duyen Bui

Ali Museh

Emily Pesicka (Chair)

Phil Reynolds (Chair)

Julia Guimares

Gitte du Plessis

Yu Jing Shentu

Benjamin Schrader (Graduated)

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Christopher Klein (Chair) Graduated
Keonwoo Kim (Chair) Graduated

Awards

Nominated for the 2014 Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Nicole Suveges Fellowship in International Relations, 2010 to 2011.

Johns Hopkins University Deans Teaching Fellowship, 2008 to 2010.

Johns Hopkins University Graduate Student Paper of the Year, 2006 to 2007.

Johns Hopkins University International Relations Fellow, Fall 2005 to Spring 2008.

Coached the 2002 and 2003 National Debate Champions. 2nd Speaker National Debate Tournament and Semi-Finalist, 2000. 2nd Speaker CEDA National Championship, 2000.

Foreign Language Skills

Spanish: Verbal, written, and reading proficiency.

German: Reading competency.

References

Jane Bennett, Johns Hopkins University, janebennett@jhu.edu

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