

# David Zarnett

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### University of Toronto, 2009-current

- *Undergraduate Advisor*, Department of Political Science, St George campus, 2015-current
- *Sessional Lecturer*, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, 2021-
- *Sessional Lecturer*, Department of Political Science, St. George & Scarborough campuses, 2017, 2020
- *Internship Coordinator*, Department of Political Science, St. George campus, 2014-2015
- *Course Instructor*, Department of Political Science, St. George & Scarborough campuses, 2012-2014
- *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Political Science, Scarborough campus, 2009-2014

### Every Kid Counts, 2017-2020

#### *Executive Director*

- Led a grassroots advocacy organization focusing on improving special education policy in Ontario
- Developed policy proposals and advocacy strategies to support the educational needs of children with disabilities
- Secured the support of more than 3000 parents across Ontario as well as endorsements from leading disability organizations, including the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, March of Dimes Canada, and Variety Village

## EDUCATION

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2017	University of Toronto, Ph.D. Political Science	Toronto, Canada
2007	King's College London, MA Middle East & Mediterranean Studies	London, United Kingdom
2006	Queen's University, Bachelor of Arts Honours, History	Kingston, Canada

## COURSES TAUGHT

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Activist Campaigns in Global Politics (GLA2068H, Munk School of Global Affairs). Winter 2021.

International Cooperation and Institutions (POLC87, University of Toronto, Scarborough). Winter 2020.

Human Rights and International Relations (POL412, University of Toronto, St. George campus).  
Fall 2020 & Fall 2017.

Topics in International Politics: War, Peace & Security in International Politics (POLD41, University  
of Toronto, Scarborough campus). Summer 2014.

Topics in International Relations: Global Security (POL380, University of Toronto St. George  
campus). Summer 2012.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Articles in peer reviewed journals**

“What Does Realist Foreign Policy Activism Tell Us About Realist Theory?” *Foreign Policy Analysis*,  
Vol. 13 No. 3 (2017), pp. 618-637.

### **Chapters in edited volumes:**

“Regional Organizations” in Fen Osler Hampson, Alp Ozerdem & Jonathan Kent (eds.), *The  
Routledge Handbook of Peace, Security and Development* (London: Routledge, 2020), pp. 348-363. With  
Aarie Glas.

“Human Rights NGOs,” in Gordon DiGiacomo (ed.), *Human Rights: Current Issues & Controversies*  
(Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2016), pp. 114-141.

“Transnationalized Domestic Contention: Explaining Variations in the Level of Western Activist  
Solidarity Given to Kurds & Palestinians,” in Fawaz Gerges (ed.) *Contentious Politics in the Middle East:  
Popular Resistance and Marginalized Activism Beyond the Arab Uprisings* (New York: Palgrave-MacMillan,  
2015), pp. 197-228.

### **Non-peer reviewed journal articles:**

“The Legacy of Edward Said: An Exchange between Rayyan al-Shawaf and David Zarnett,”  
*Demokratiya* (Summer 2008), pp. 171-204.

“Edward Said and Kosovo,” *Demokratiya* (Winter 2007), pp. 109-143.

“Edward Said and the Iranian Revolution,” *Demokratiya* (Summer 2007), pp. 43-53.

### **Op-eds**

“How do we know a full lockdown is the best option for COVID-19?” *Policy Options* (April 23,  
2020). Available at: <https://policyoptions.irpp.org/magazines/april-2020/how-do-we-know-a-full-lockdown-is-the-best-option-for-covid-19/>

“Why COVID-19 gets more government attention than the climate catastrophe,” *Maclean's* (March,  
12 2020). Available at: <https://www.macleans.ca/opinion/why-covid-19-gets-more-government-attention-than-the-climate-catastrophe/>

“Threats to security, health, public infrastructure—and other potential costs of Canada’s 5G rollout,” *Maclean’s* (February 19, 2020). <https://www.macleans.ca/opinion/threats-to-security-health-public-infrastructure-and-other-potential-costs-of-canadas-5g-rollout/>

“Cannabis licenses sold well below their market value,” *Toronto Star* (April 30, 2019). <https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2019/04/30/cannabis-licences-sold-well-below-market-value.html>

“Ontario gets taken to the cleaners in casino deal,” *Globe & Mail* (May 17, 2018). <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-ontario-gets-taken-to-the-cleaners-in-casino-deal/>

“Survey of Canadians’ views of sanctions and Israel flawed,” *Canadian Jewish News* (April 4, 2017). <http://www.cjnews.com/perspectives/opinions/survey-canadians-views-sanctions-israel-flawed> (with Jamie Levin).

## **Book Reviews**

“Michael Levy’s *On Nuclear Terrorism*,” *St. Antony’s International Review* Vol. 4, No. 2 (February, 2009).

“Defending the West: A Critique of Edward Said’s *Orientalism*,” *Democratija* (Spring 2008), pp. 50-61. (A review of Ibn Warraq’s *Defending the West: Critique of Edward Said’s ‘Orientalism’* and Daniel Martin Varisco’s *Reading Orientalism: Said and the Unsaid*).

## **AWARDS**

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Doctoral Completion Award 2014-2015, University of Toronto (\$4000)  
School of Graduate Studies Conference Travel Grant, University of Toronto (\$500)  
Conference Travel Fund, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto (\$750)  
Israel & Golda Koschitzky Fellowship, 2012-2013 (\$2000)  
Professor Emeritus Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship, 2012-2013 (\$3000)  
School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant, University of Toronto, 2012-2013 (\$3000)  
University of Toronto Fellowship 2012 (\$1000)  
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2011-2012 (\$15000)  
Schiff Family Graduate Student Fund 2010-2011 (\$2000)  
University of Toronto PhD Fellowship, 2009-2014 (~\$115,000)

## **ACADEMIC PAPERS PRESENTED**

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“Mobilizing for Distant Struggles: Weak Diasporas and the Mass Mobilization of Solidarity Activists,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, February 17, 2017.

“Diaspora strength and Western Solidarity Network Formation,” Friday IR Seminar and Tea, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto. February 5, 2016.

“Diasporas meet transnational civil society: Explaining the patterns of non-diaspora solidarity activism.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 2015.

“Why Outsiders Join: Explaining Variation in Western Solidarity Given to Distant Ethno-Political Struggles,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Junior Scholars Symposium, Toronto, Canada. March 2014.

“Western Solidarity for Tibet in Comparative Perspective,” Asian Institute PhD Seminar Series, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. December 12, 2013.

“What does realist foreign policy activism tell us about realist IR theory?” International Studies Association Northeast Conference, Providence, Rhode Island. November 8-9, 2013.

“Diaspora Activism and Western civil society support for Kurds and Palestinians,” Contentious Politics in the Middle East Conference, LSE Middle East Centre, September 30, 2012.

“Transnational Advocacy Networks and the Patterns of Outsider Activist Support for Oppressed Groups Abroad,” Annual Conference of the Canadian Political Science Association, University of Victoria, June 6, 2012.

“Why “Outsiders” Join: Transnational Advocacy Networks and the Treatment of Human Rights Abusing States.” Toronto International Relations Seminar, University of Toronto, March 16, 2012.

“What is a Regime Change Foreign Policy?”, Oxford/Sciences-Po Joint Doctoral Seminar, Paris, April 23-24, 2009.