

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Fall 2019.

**Concentrations:** International Relations & Comparative Politics

**Dissertation:** *States, Satellites, and International Crisis Behavior.*

**Abstract:** My dissertation examines what role a state's security environment plays in the adoption of satellite capabilities and whether once this capability has been acquired how they affect the onset and internal dynamics of international crises the state is involved in. I use an original satellite dataset compiled from the records of the United Nations Office of Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) 1957-2017 and the Union of Concerned Scientists Satellite Database 2005-2016 to test variant hypotheses grounded in defensive and offensive realism alongside the stability-instability paradox. I find evidence for the effect of a state's security environment on its acquisition of satellite capabilities, and that the associated effect of both general satellite capabilities and military-specific applications on crisis onset and duration are greatly moderated by two well-documented factors heavily featured in IR conflict literature, state power and proximity. I find no evidence for the effect of satellites on the level of violence employed by crisis actors in an international crisis. The findings presented in this study provide the first empirical evidence supportive of satellite's effect on interstate conflict, and underscore the importance of realism and the stability-instability paradox as frames to understand the use of various types of these platforms by state actors.

**Committee:** John P. Tuman (Chair), Tiffany Howard, Jonathan R. Strand, and David Henry (Communications)

M.P.A., Boise State University, 2010.

**Concentrations:** Public Policy & State and Local Government

B.S., Boise State University, 2008.

**Concentration:** International Relations

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Fall 2021/Spring 2022. **Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science.** University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, NV.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman Lewis. *Kurds and Their Struggle for Autonomy: Enduring Identity and Clientelism*. Lexington Books. 2022. Print.

### Book Chapters

Lewis, Roman and Mehran Tamadonfar. "The Clerics, Legal Schisms, and Pragmatism in the Islamic Republic of Iran." In *The Sociology of Shari'a: Case studies from Around the World*. Edited by Adam Possamai, James T. Richardson, and Bryan S. Turner. Cham, Switzerland. Springer. 2023. 117-139. Print.

Wampler, Brian, Lewis, Roman, and Kattalina Berriocha. "Engaging Citizens to Expand Accountability." In *Accountability in Context*. Ed. Peter Spink, Jacqueline Brigagao, and Gonzalo Delamaza. Sao Paulo: Editora da FGV, 2013. 33-60. Print.

Lewis, Roman. "Beyond Eagle." In *Growing Closer: Density and Sprawl in the Boise Valley*. Ed. Todd Shallat, Brandi Burns, and Larry Burke. Boise, ID: Boise State University College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, 2011. 120-135. Print.

### Journal Articles

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman B. Lewis. "Junbish-I Sabz-i Īrān." *Encyclopaedia of Islam EI3*. 2021.

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman B. Lewis. "Religious Regulation in Iran." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics*. 2019.

### Policy Papers

Howard, Tiffany and Roman Lewis. 2017. "Immigration and Ethnic Diversity in Nevada." *The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and Quality of Life in the Silver State*, edited by Dmitri N. Shalin. Las Vegas, NV: UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, <http://cdclv.unlv.edu/>

Wampler, Brian and Roman Lewis. "Exploring Public Participation in the Treasure Valley". White Paper, Boise State College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs (SSPA). 45 pages. August 2011. [http://sspa.boisestate.edu/communityandregionalplanning/files/2011/10/TVTransportation\\_White\\_Paper\\_Final.pdf](http://sspa.boisestate.edu/communityandregionalplanning/files/2011/10/TVTransportation_White_Paper_Final.pdf)

### Works in Progress

Lewis, Roman B. *States, Satellites, and International Crisis Behavior*. Book in Preparation.

Tamadonfar, Mehran and Roman Lewis. "Tribal Authority and the Kurdish Emirates." Journal Article in Preparation.

## TEACHING

### Instructor of Record

#### University of Nevada, Las Vegas

PSC 101 *Introduction to American Politics* (x14)

- Fall 2022/Spring 2023
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022
- Fall 2020

- Fall 2019/Spring 2020
- Fall 2018
- Fall 2017/Spring 2018
- Fall 2016/Spring 2017
- Fall 2015/Spring 2016

HON 111 *Themes in American Civilization* (x3)

- Fall 2022
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022

PSC 211 *Introduction to Comparative Politics* (x2)

- Fall 2019
- Summer 2019

PSC 231 *Introduction to International Relations* (x2)

- Fall 2018/Spring 2019

PSC 405P *Global Political Economy*

- Fall 2022

PSC 405U *International Security* (x3)

- Spring 2021
- Fall 2019
- Spring 2019

PSC 405Z *Great Wars and Theories of Violent Conflict*

- Spring 2022

PSC 407Q *Political Violence and Terrorism*

- Summer 2019

### **College of Southern Nevada**

PSC 101 *Introduction to American Politics* (x7)

- Fall 2022/Spring 2023
- Fall 2021/Spring 2022
- Fall 2020/Spring 2021
- Spring 2020

### **Teaching Interests**

Astropolitics

Comparative Politics

International Relations

Nationalism

Middle East and North Africa

Security Studies

Theories of Violent Conflict

## **Conferences**

“Commanding the Heavens: Regime Type and National Space Programming in Latin America.”  
Presented at the 2016 Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies (PCCLAS) Conference. October 9, 2016.

## **Software Skills**

STATA, MAXQDA, Microsoft Office, Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator

## **Financial Awards, Grants, and Scholarships**

UNLV Political Science Summer Research Grant, 2016  
UNLV Political Science Summer Research Grant, 2015  
UNLV Graduate Access Grant, 2014-2018  
UNLV Political Science Graduate Assistant, 2014-2018/2019

## **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association (APSA) 2014-Current  
International Studies Association (ISA) 2014-Current  
International Political Science Association (IPSA) 2014-Current

## **Professional Development & Certifications**

Quality Matters (QM) Teaching Online Certificate, May 2022

## **REFERENCES**

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