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EMPLOYMENT

- 2022-present Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science in International Relations, Miami University (Ohio)
- 2022-present Postdoctoral Researcher, Program on International Security, Commerce, and Economic Statecraft (PISCES), Center for Policy Research, University at Albany, SUNY
- 2019-22 Adjunct Professor of Political Science, University at Albany, SUNY

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University at Albany, State University of New York
Dissertation: *Economic Sanctions and Opportunism*
Committee: Bryan R. Early (Advisor & Chair), Zsófia Barta, Brian Greenhill
Defense Date: November 17, 2021; Degree Awarded: December 18, 2021
- 2017 M.A., School of Professional Studies, Department of Public Policy and Administration, Northwestern University
Thesis: *Abandoning Policies of Isolation and Hostility: A Punctuated Equilibrium Model of Foreign Policy Change in U.S. Foreign Relations*
- 2015 M.A., Department of Government and Politics, St. John's University, Rome, Italy
Thesis: *Italy and the Suez Canal Crisis (1955-1956): Foundations of a Multilateralist Foreign Policy*
- 2015 Advanced Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy, Department of Government and Politics, St. John's University, Rome, Italy
- 2003 B.A., Department of Art History, Classics, and Archaeology, University of Melbourne

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Under Contract. Keith A. Preble. 2026. *Smart Evasion and the Global Resistance to US Economic Sanctions*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publications.

Forthcoming. Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis. *Trading with Pariahs: Trade Networks and The Failure of Economic Sanctions*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

Keith A. Preble and Bryan R. Early. 2023. “Enforcing Economic Sanctions by Tarnishing Corporate Reputations.” *Business and Politics*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/bap.2023.22>

Keith A. Preble. 2023. “‘Just Right’: The Goldilocks Theory of Sanctions Busting’s Causes.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 19(4): 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1093/fpa/orad020>

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. 2020. “Going Fishing Versus Hunting Whales: Explaining Variation in the United States’ Enforcement of Economic Sanctions.” *Security Studies* 29(2): 231-67. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2020.1722850>

- Accompanying data set: “OFAC Enforcement Action Data Set version 3.0” <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/TIFR TT>

Book Chapters (Peer-Reviewed)

Forthcoming: Keith A. Preble. 2024. “‘A Farewell to Arms’: Arms Embargo Busting and the Challenges of Arms Export Harmonization in the European Union.” *International (unilateral) sanctions in an interdisciplinary perspective: legal, economic-financial, and political implications*. Antonio Bultrini, Mirko Sossai, Francesco Giumelli, and Clara Portela, eds. Routledge/Giappichelli.

Forthcoming: Keith A. Preble. 2024. “Why INSTEX and not something else? Understanding the development of INSTEX in response to US secondary sanctions.” *Secondary Sanctions and Special Purpose Vehicle in International Law: Leverage and Power*. Edward Elgar.

Bryan R. Early. and Keith A. Preble. 2024. “For Fear or Positive PR? Exploring Firms’ Self-Sanctioning Responses to Ukraine’s Invasion.” [*The Effect of Economic Sanctions within the Russia-Ukraine Conflict*](#). Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

Keith A. Preble. 2023. “Competition, Harmonization, and Security Dilemmas: Europe’s Contribution to the Arms Race in the Middle East.” *Arms Race in the Middle East: Contemporary Security Dynamics*. Mohammad Eslami and Alena Vysotskaya Guedes Vieira, eds. Springer Verlag. <https://link.springer.com/book/9783031324314>

Bryan R. Early and Keith Preble. 2021. “Grand Strategy and the Tools of Economic Statecraft.” *Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy*. Thierry Balzacq and Ronald R. Krebs, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <https://10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198840299.013.24>

Under Review:

1st R&R: Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis. “Trading with Pariahs: Trade, Economic Sanctions, and North Korea.” *Global Studies Quarterly*.

1st R&R: Beata Stępień, Bryan R. Early, Julia Grauvogel, and Keith A. Preble. “The impact of external pressure on companies’ responses to sanctions – an international comparative study.” *Written for a special issue of the European Journal of Criminal Policy and Research* on economic sanctions.

Keith A. Preble, Charmaine N. Willis, and Joshua Turner. “Profiting like a Pariah: Mapping DPRK illicit activities.”

- *Research note and data set of illegal DPRK trade for social network analysis.*

Policy Scholarship:

Keith A. Preble (with Crystal Pryor et al.). “The Economic Benefits of STC Implementation for Southeast Asia: A Study of Trade and Foreign Direct Investment.” *Pacific Forum*.

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. “For Fear or Positive PR? Exploring Firms’ Self-Sanctioning Responses to Ukraine’s Invasion.” *Bridging the Gap Workshop*, September 22-23, 2022, Sanctions and the War in Ukraine: Lessons Learned

Keith A. Preble. 2022. “Sanctions Run Amok – The Undermining of US Power.” *Fletcher Security Review*.

https://www.fletchersecurity.org/_files/ugd/c28a64_ba5bb2b757ad48d5bb8bdf3c3cd9231a.pdf

Keith A. Preble. 2022. “[“If You Can’t Beat ’em, Join ’em’: An Argument for US Support of and Participation in INSTEX.”](#) *Global Trade and Customs Journal* 17(9): 364-369.

Keith A. Preble and Bryan R. Early. 2022. “[“Eliminating sanctions on the Taliban won’t solve Afghanistan’s deepening humanitarian crisis.”](#) *War on the Rocks*.

Keith A. Preble. November 2021. “[“Sanctions Reform Should Start with the Treasury Office Enforcing Them.”](#) *War on the Rocks*.

Kolja Brockmann and Keith A. Preble. September 2021. “[“Mitigating Humanitarian Impact in a Complex Sanctions Environment: The European Union and the Sanctions Regimes against Iran.”](#) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. February 2021. “[“The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Sanctions Enforcement.”](#) *War on the Rocks*.

Crystal Pryor, Mason Venturo, Timothy Halliday, Eugenio Benincasa, Mark Bryan Manantan, Jason Lowe, Keith A. Preble, Maxwell Baker. October 2020. “The Economic Benefits of STC Implementation for Southeast Asia.” *Pacific Forum*.

Bryan R. Early. and Keith A. Preble. March 2020. “[“Enforcing US Economic Sanctions: Why Whale Hunting Works.”](#) *Washington Quarterly* 43(1): 159-175.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0163660X.2020.1736881>

Public Scholarship:

Willis, Charmaine N. and Keith A. Preble. 2024. “[“3 years on from the coup, economic sanctions look unlikely to push Myanmar back to democracy.”](#) *The Conversation*.

Bryan R. Early. and Keith A. Preble. 2019. “[“Trends in U.S. Sanctions Enforcement During the Trump Administration.”](#) Compliance & Enforcement Blog, NYU Law’s Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement.

Keith A. Preble. and Bryan R. Early. 2018. [“Sanctions Busting’: The Risks and Rewards to Those Trying to Circumvent the System.”](#) SanctionsAlert.com. June 15.

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. 2017. [“America needs Europe’s help with sanctions. It may not get it.”](#) Monkey Cage/Washington Post. August 24.

Working Papers:

(with Joshua Turner and Kenneth DeCrosta) “Outmaneuvering and outsmarting US economic sanctions: direct and indirect sanctions evasion.”

“Caught in the Middle: The Effects of Not-Quite-Sanctions Busting Trade.”

“The “Race Away from Brussels” and the Efficacy of Arms Embargoes.”

“Cooperative Interactions and Complementary Interests: The Effects of Intra-Industry Trade on Sanctions Busting.”

“Affordable Adjustments and Exploitable Opportunities: The Search for Alternatives to Sanctions Busting Trade.”

“‘Two’s company, three’s a crowd’: the logic of three- and four-level games in Southeast Asia.”

COURSES TAUGHT (modality)

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to International Relations (in person)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (in person)

Introduction to US Politics (in person; asynchronous online)

Introduction to Homeland Security (asynchronous online)

Politics of Economic Statecraft (in person)

Politics of the Middle East and North Africa (in person)

Capstone: Politics of Weapons of Mass Destruction (in person)

International Law (in person; asynchronous online)

Global Governance (in person)

International Organizations (in person; hybrid)

European Politics (in person; hybrid; asynchronous online)

American Foreign Policy (in person; hybrid, asynchronous online)

Social Science Research Methods & Writing (in person; hybrid)

Graduate Courses

Politics of Weapons of Mass Destruction (in person)

CONFERENCE PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

- Willis, Charmaine N. and Keith A. Preble. "Bases and Busting." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August 28-September 3.
- Preble, Keith A. "Rethinking the Art of Sanctions Busting of Sanctions Busting." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Aug. 28-Sept. 3.
- Preble, Keith A. "Caught in the Middle: The Effects of Not-Quite-Sanctions Busting Trade." International Studies Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada, March 15-18. Junior Scholar Symposium.
- Preble, Keith A. and Joshua Turner. "Outmaneuvering and outsmarting US economic sanctions: direct and indirect sanctions evasion." International Studies Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada, March 15-18, 2023.
- Preble, Keith A. and Charmaine N. Willis. "When Weaponized Interdependence Falter: The Case of Sanctions against Myanmar and Cuba." Southwest Mixed Methods Research Conference. University of Notre Dame, October 27-28, 2022.
- Preble, Keith A. and Charmaine N. Willis. "Making Weaponized Interdependence Work: The Case of (Modestly) Effective Sanctions on Iran." PolNET, University of Iowa (Virtual Conference). July 14, 2022.
- Preble, Keith A. "Caught in the Middle: The Effects of Not Quite Sanctions Busting Trade." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting – Montreal, Canada, September 15, 2022.
- Preble, Keith A. "Cooperative Interactions and Complementary Interests: The Effects of Intra-Industry Trade on Sanctions Busting." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meetings, Nashville, TN, April 2022.
- Preble, Keith A. and Bryan R. Early. "Enforcing Economic Sanctions by Tarnishing Corporate Reputations." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meetings, Nashville, TN, April 2022.
- Preble, Keith. "A Farewell to Arms: Arms Embargo Busting and Arms Control in Europe and the European Union." International (Unilateral) Sanctions in a Multidisciplinary Perspective: Legal, Economic-Financial, and Political Implications. Università degli Studi Firenze, Italy, 9-10 December 2021.
- Preble, Keith A. "Economic Sanctions and Self-Interest: The Role of Sanctions Busting Trade at the Industry Level." Paper presented at the International Studies Association – Northeast. Virtual Conference, November 2021.
- Willis, Charmaine N. and Keith A. Preble. "Making Weaponized Interdependence Work: The Case of the Myanmar Sanctions Regime." Paper presented at the International Studies Association – Northeast. Virtual Conference, November 2021.
- Preble, Keith A. "Farewell to Arms: Arms Embargo Busting and Arms Control in the European Union." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 2021
- Preble, Keith A. and Charmaine N. Willis. "Trading with Pariahs: North Korea and Economic Sanctions." Paper presented at the New York State Political Science Association Annual

Meeting, Virtual, April 2021.

Preble, Keith A. and Charmaine N. Willis. "Trading with Pariahs: North Korea and Economic Sanctions." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, April 2021.

Preble, Keith A. "Not All Trade is Created Equal: Understanding Sanctions Busting in the European Union." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2020 (Virtual).

Preble, Keith A. "Three-level games in Southeast Asia." Paper presented at the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Montreal, Canada, October 2019.

Preble, Keith A. and Zheng Wang. "Cross-Cutting Cleavages and Democratization." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, September 2019.

Preble, Keith A. "The Effects of Intra-EU Trade on Sanctions Busting Behavior." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- 2022- Research and Methods Consultant, Pacific Forum.
Currently working on a project that explores how strategic trade management (STM) systems impact trade and foreign direct investment inflows, which is part of a larger initiative on promoting strategic trade controls in Southeast Asia.
- 2021 Guest Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
Served as a consultant on economic sanctions and international trade for a project exploring humanitarian outcomes in Iran.
- 2019 Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Fellow
Participated in Department of State funded open-source research and analysis on foreign governments' policies related to biological, chemical, nuclear weapons, and materials; also assessed progression of global nonproliferation norms and practices to secure potential weapons of mass destruction.

OTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2021 North Korea Program, George Washington Institute for Korean Studies (GWIKS)
- 2019 IQMR, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 2018 ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022- Study Group Leader, BOLLI, Brandeis University (with Charmaine N. Willis)
- 2019- Associate Editor, Cambridge Series on Politics and Society in Southeast Asia

2015-16 Operations & Program Assistant, Securities and Exchange Commission, Boston MA
2015 Claims Processor and Assistant, Social Security Administration, Holyoke, MA
2005-12 Library Acquisitions Assistant, Duke University, University Library

GRANTS AND FUNDING AWARDS

2022 American Political Science Association Spring Centennial Center Research Grant in support of “Trading with Pariahs: The Failure of Economic Statecraft in a Weaponized Interdependent World” (with Charmaine N. Willis), \$2500
2018 First Generation Scholars Grant, American Political Science Association, \$250

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 Rockefeller College Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award
2019 Rockefeller College Outstanding Student Leadership Award
2019 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Common Pool, Syracuse University
2019 Rockefeller College Advisory Board Scholarship (\$1000)
2018 Scholarship for Political Science Research, ICPSR

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Provided peer review of works for the following academic journals: *Review of International Organizations*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Global Governance*, *International Affairs*, and *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Peace Science Society (PSS)
New York State Political Science Association (NYSPSA)

DATA ANALYSIS AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Stata
R
LaTeX
Python

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English, native speaker
Italian, fluent
Spanish, reading comprehension

German, reading comprehension