

# DYLAN S. MCLEAN

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service  
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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA  
Assistant Professor, Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service  
Carrollton, GA  
2019-present

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA  
Instructor, Department of Political Science  
Carrollton, GA  
2015-2019

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
Instructor (adjunct, part-time), Department of Political Science  
Buffalo, NY  
2013-2015

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
Ph.D., Political Science  
Buffalo, NY  
Sept. 2015

Subfields: Comparative Politics; International Relations (field exams passed *with distinction*)

Dissertation: “Gun Test: Evaluating Theoretical Explanations for Canada-U.S. Political Difference through the Lens of the Politics of Gun Control” – Committee: Munroe Eagles (chair), Charles Lamb, Harvey Palmer

\*Winner of the Distinguished Dissertation Award by the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S. for the best dissertation in Canadian Studies, 2017

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
Advanced Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies  
Buffalo, NY  
June 2013

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
M.A., Political Science  
Buffalo, NY  
June 2009

M.A. Project: “Do Democracies Make Superior Counter-Terrorists? Revisited”

M.A. Committee: Vesna Danilovic (chair), Phil Arena

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
B.A., Political Science and Sociology (*summa cum laude*)  
Buffalo, NY  
June 2007

## RESEARCH

### Refereed Journal Publications:

Dylan S. McLean and Jason P. Sorens. 2019. “The Changing Ideological Politics of U.S. State Firearms Regulation.” *Politics & Policy*. 47.4: 638-672.

Anthony Fleming, Dylan S. McLean, and Raymond Tatalovich. 2018. “Debating Gun Control in Canada and the United States: Divergent Policy Frames and Political Cultures.” *World Affairs*. 181.4: 348–371.

## Refereed Journal Publications (continued):

- Dylan S. McLean. 2018. "Gun Talk Online: Canadian Tools, American Values." *Social Science Quarterly*. 99.3: 977-992.
- Dylan S. McLean. 2015. "Guns in the Anglo-American Democracies: Explaining an American Exception." *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*. 53.3: 233-252.
- Dylan S. McLean and Munroe Eagles. 2014. "Governance Regimes for Cross-Border Infrastructure: A Comparative Study of Facilities on the Canada—United States Border." *International Journal of Canadian Studies*. 49: 285-314.

## Works in Progress:

- "Shooting for Freedom or Aiming for the Common Good: The Battle over Gun Control in the United States." with Anthony Fleming [book manuscript, under contract with Palgrave Macmillan]
- "Two Nations or Four? An Empirical Test of Grabb and Curtis' Canada-United States Value Differences Thesis." with Munroe Eagles, Nicolas Baxter-Moore, and Erick Duchesne

## Conference Presentations:

- "Two Nations or Four? An Empirical Test of the Lipset and Grabb/Curtis Explanations." (with Nick Baxter-Moore, Erick Duchesne, Munroe Eagles) roundtable presentation at the 25th biennial meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S., 2019, Montreal, QC.
- "The Changing Ideological Politics of Firearms Regulation." (with Jason Sorens) presented at the 2018 annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, April 20, 2018, Portsmouth, NH.
- "Debating Guns in Canada and the United States: Divergent Framing Strategies or Different Political Cultures?" (with Anthony Fleming and Raymond Tatalovich) presented at the 2018 annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2018, Chicago, IL.
- "Mobilizing Against Free Riders: Why Anti-Gun Advocacy in Canada but not the United States?" (with Anthony Fleming and Raymond Tatalovich) presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, January, 6, 2018, New Orleans, LA.
- "A Distinction without a Difference? Canadian versus American media coverage of gun control and mass shootings." presented at the 24th biennial meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S., 2017, Las Vegas, NV.
- "A View from Different Planets: Gun Related Activists in Western New York." presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, January, 14, 2017, New Orleans, LA.
- "Inside the Minds of American Gun Rights Advocates: What do Guns Represent?" presented at the 31st Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities, Sept. 23, 2016, Carrollton, GA.
- "The Last Two Feet of Public Policy: Gun Control from the Perspective of Police Officers in Southern Ontario and Western New York." presented at the 23rd biennial meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S., 2015, Las Vegas, NV.
- "Firearms and Political Meaning: Evidence from Internet Discussion Forums." presented at the Middle Atlantic and New England Council for Canadian Studies 2014 Biennial Conference on Canadian Studies, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
- "Guns and Freedom Discourse? Framing a National Debate Consistent with the Origins of National Political Culture." presented at the 2014 annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- "Gun Politics and Culture in the Anglo-American Democracies: Exceptional Revolutionary America?" presented at the 2013 annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- "Un-American Rhetoric: Debate over the 1995 Firearms Act in Canada." presented at Crossing Borders 2013, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario.

## Conference Presentations (continued):

- “Governance Regimes for Cross-Border Infrastructure: A Comparative Study of Facilities on the Canada-US Border.” (with Munroe Eagles) presented at Metrolux 2012 Conference on “Unpacking Cross-Border Governance,” Luxembourg City, Luxembourg.
- “The Political-Culture of Guns and Gun Control: A Means to Evaluate Theories on the Nature of Canadian-American Political Differences.” accepted for presentation at the 2012 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. (conference canceled due to hurricane)
- “Terrorism Related Fear in Canada: Does it Exist and if so What’s the Source?” presented at Crossing Borders 2012, Niagara Falls, NY.
- “Do Democracies Make Superior Counter-Terrorists? Revisited.” presented at the 2009 annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “The Incidence of Domestic Terrorism in the United States and Canada, 1998 through 2008.” presented at Crossing Borders 2009, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario.

## Other Publications & Presentations:

- “Shooting for Freedom: What Guns Teach Us about US Political Culture,” published on Democratic Audit UK, a London School of Economics based blog, January 4, 2017.
- “Gun Politics in America: Meet the Researchers,” joint presentation with Anthony Fleming to the University of West Georgia community, April 7, 2016.
- “Another Voice: Despite stress, Peace Bridge’s governing structure is among the best,” Op-Ed, *The Buffalo News*, May 30, 2013.
- “American Gun Politics and the NY SAFE Act,” invited presentation delivered to the Buffalo chapter of *America’s Future Foundation*, March 7, 2013.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I have experience as the instructor of record for the following courses:

- American Government* (West Georgia)
- International Organizations* (West Georgia)
- International Relations Theory* (West Georgia & Buffalo)
- Interorganizational Behavior* (USG eMajor)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics* (Buffalo)
- Introduction to International Relations* (Buffalo)
- The Political Culture of Guns* (West Georgia)
- Project Management in the Public Sector* (USG eMajor)
- Profiles in Leadership* (USG eMajor)

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

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| Top Downloaded Paper for “Gun Talk Online: Canadian Tools, American Values,” <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> | 2020 |
| Research Award, Dept. of Political Science, University of West Georgia                                       | 2020 |
| Junior Faculty Award, (nominated), College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia                    | 2020 |
| Outstanding Mentor Award, (nominated), College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia                | 2020 |
| Outstanding Mentor Award, (nominated), College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia                | 2019 |
| Best of the West, Values Recognition, University of West Georgia   | 2019 |
| Faculty Advisor of the Year, University of West Georgia  | 2018 |

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS (continued)

Adult Learner and Military Friendly Faculty, Center for Adult Learners and Veterans, University of West Georgia	2018
Distinguished Dissertation Award, Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S., 2017	2017
Best of the West, Strategic Imperative Recognition, University of West Georgia	2016
Outstanding Service Award (nominated), College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia	2016
Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award, University at Buffalo	2014
Dissertation Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo	2014
Dan Searle Fellow, Searle Freedom Trust	2014
Dean's Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo	2007

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & DEVELOPMENT

### Administration:

BS in Organizational Leadership, USG eMajor, Institutional Program Lead May. 2017 –

### Service:

Senator (College of Social Sciences, at-large), Faculty Senate, University of West Georgia	Aug. 2019 –
Student Networking Trip to Washington, DC, Leader/Organizer	June 2017 –
Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Political Science, Member	Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2020
Turning Point USA at UWG, Faculty Advisor	Jan. 2019 – Dec. 2019
Student Veterans Association of the University of West Georgia, Faculty Advisor	Feb. 2016 – Dec. 2019
Search Committee Member, Assistant Director of Adult Recruitment	Sept. 2017
Green Zone, Student Veteran Awareness Training, Facilitator	Aug. 2017 – 2018
Student Support Committee, Dept. of Political Science, Member	Aug. 2016 – 2019
Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation Committee, Chair (2016 -18), Member (2015-16)	Aug. 2015 – 2018
“Breaking Up: The Ethics and Economics of Secession,” Jason Sorens, Guest Lecture Organizer	Oct. 2016
Professional Development Seminar for Graduate Students, Co-Leader (Buffalo)	April 2015
Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award Selection Committee, Member (Buffalo)	2014 – 2015

### Master's Thesis Committees:

Mitchell, Kayla. M.P.A.: America's War on Drugs: An Analysis on Anti-Drug Abuse Legislation and Its Role In The Mass Incarceration of Black People, April 2020.

Davis, Shoshona. M.P.A.: Decreasing Unethical Behavior in Public Organizations, Nov. 2017.

Sailors, Jamison E. M.A. Criminology: Micro-Ecology and Spatial Analysis of Police use of Force in Carrollton, Georgia, Oct. 2016.

### Development:

Advanced Online Course Development, University of West Georgia	June 2018
Council on Adult and Experiential Learning Faculty Assessor Training	April 2018
UWG Online Course Developer Certified	April 2017

## Development (continued):

### Quality Matters Training:

Peer Reviewer Course (PRC)	April 2017
Design Your Online Course (DYOC)	April 2017
Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR)	Dec. 2016
WordStat Text Mining & Content Analysis, Training Workshop, Montreal, QC	May 3, 2015
Research Colloquium, Chapman University, Orange, California	July 10 – 13, 2014
Art of Teaching Workshop, Towson University, Towson, Maryland	June 26 – 29, 2014

## Other Professional Activities:

“UWG professor: James' gun bill effectively DOA,” Douglas County Sentinel, media availability for article by Krystal Horne, January 11, 2020.

Chair for the panel “Canada and the United States,” at the 25th biennial meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S., 2019, Montreal, QC.

Peer reviewer, *Politics and Policy*, October 2019

Peer reviewer, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, July 2019

Invited Book Review: *American Politics Today*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., William T. Bianco and David T. Canon, Norton, March, 2019

“Torstar Owns Company Running Dozens of American Gun Forums,” CANADALAND, media availability for article by Robert Hiltz, March 20, 2018.

Chair for the panel “Politics and Policy, Institutions,” at the 24th biennial meeting of the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S., 2017, Las Vegas, NV.

Discussant for the panel “Whose Interests? Campaigns, Elections, and Behavior,” at the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association, January, 14, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

## Teaching Assistant: University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Advanced Civil Liberties	FA 2007
American Foreign Policy	SP 2012; FA 2012
Cases in Civil Liberties	SP 2008
International Relations Problems	FA 2012
Judicial Politics	SP 2008
Pre-Law Honors Seminar	Fall 2007
Protecting Civil Liberties	FA 2007; FA 2008
War and International Security	FA 2011; SP 2012

## Research Assistant: University at Buffalo, State University of New York

Charles Lamb: Fair Housing and Administrative Law Judges	FA 2007 – SP 2009
Jason Sorens: State and Local Firearm Regulation	SU 2008; FA 2012
Michelle Benson: UN Resolutions and Civil War	SP 2012
Stephen Halpern: US Supreme Court Briefs	FA 2007 – SP 2008