

## DYLAN S. MCLEAN

### *Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service  
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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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| UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA<br>Associate Professor, Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service                      | Carrollton, GA<br>2021-present |
| UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA<br>Assistant Professor, Department of Civic Engagement & Public Service                      | Carrollton, GA<br>2019-2021    |
| UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA<br>Instructor, Department of Political Science   | Carrollton, GA<br>2015-2019    |
| UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK<br>Instructor (adjunct, part-time), Department of Political Science | Buffalo, NY<br>2013-2015       |

## EDUCATION

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| UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK<br>Ph.D., Political Science<br>Subfields: Comparative Politics; International Relations (field exams passed <i>with distinction</i> )<br>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<br>*Winner of the Distinguished Dissertation Award by the Association for Canadian Studies in the U.S. for the best dissertation in Canadian Studies, 2017 | Buffalo, NY<br>Sept. 2015 |
| UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK<br>Advanced Graduate Certificate in Canadian Studies   | Buffalo, NY<br>June 2013  |
| UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK<br>M.A., Political Science<br>M.A. Project: “Do Democracies Make Superior Counter-Terrorists? Revisited”<br>M.A. Committee: Vesna Danilovic (chair), Phil Arena  | Buffalo, NY<br>June 2009  |
| UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK<br>B.A., Political Science and Sociology (summa cum laude)   | Buffalo, NY<br>June 2007  |

## PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH

### Book:

Dylan S. McLean and Anthony K. Fleming. 2023. *Guns and Values: Individualism in the American Gun Debate*. Palgrave Macmillan.

## Journal Publications:

- Nicolas Baxter-Moore, Munroe Eagles, Dylan S. McLean, and Katryne Villeneuve-Siconnelly. 2023. "Two Nations or Four Regions? A Test of Alternative Explanations of Value Differences between Canada and the United States." *American Review of Canadian Studies*. 53.2: 239-254.
- 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.
- 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.

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIP

### 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 Presentations and Publications:**

- “NATO in the Context of American Foreign Policy,” invited presentation to the Rotary Club and League of Women Voters, Carrollton, GA, February 22, 2024.
- “Private Rights versus Public Goods,” invited presentation to the League of Women Voters, Carrollton, GA, January 23, 2023.
- “Veterans Day 2022,” invited keynote presentation to the Rotary Club of Newnan, GA, November 11, 2022.
- “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 Foreign Policy* (West Georgia)  
*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* (West Georgia & Buffalo)  
*Organizational Leadership Capstone Seminar* (USG eMajor)  
*Profiles in Leadership* (USG eMajor)  
*Project Management in the Public Sector* (USG eMajor)  
*The Political Culture of Guns* (West Georgia)

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

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| eHero Award for Outstanding Performance, eCampus, University System of Georgia                                  | 2020 |
| 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 |
| 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:

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| B.S. in Organizational Leadership, USG eMajor, Institutional Program Lead | May. 2017 – |
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### Service:

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| Chair, Faculty Senate, University of West Georgia  | July 2024 –           |
| Internship Coordinator, Political Science Program, University of West Georgia                | Aug. 2022 –           |
| Student Support Com., Dept. of Civic Engagement & Public Service, University of West Georgia | Aug. 2022 –           |
| Chair of Student Affairs & Intercollegiate Activities Committee, University of West Georgia  | Aug. 2023 – May 2024  |
| Senator, Faculty Senate, University of West Georgia  | Aug. 2019 – May 2024  |
| Student Professionalization Trip to Washington, DC, Leader/Organizer                         | June 2017 – June 2024 |
| Dean’s Advisory Team, University College, University of West Georgia                         | Aug. 2020 – May 2022  |
| Personnel Committee, Dept. of Civic Engagement & Public Service, University of West Georgia  | Aug. 2020 – May 2022  |
| Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Political Science, Member                                     | Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2020 |
| 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      |
| 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:

Huggins, Christopher. M.P.A.: Title 42: A Policy Analysis of Migration Policies in the Era of COVID-19, April, 2023  
 Grzesik, Denim. M.P.A.: America’s Mental Health Problem, April, 2022.

## Master's Thesis Committees (continued):

Foley, Elizabeth. M.P.A.: Reforming Public Service for Those Who Served, July 2021.

Doston, Keyondra. M.P.A.: The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Control Act of 1994, Nov. 2020.

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.

## Other Professional Activities:

Peer reviewer, *Injury Epidemiology*, July 2024

Guest Lecture Organizer: "Brexit: The Changing Geography of Conservative Party Support in England, 2015-2019," by Munroe Eagles, April 16, 2024, Carrollton, GA.

Peer reviewer, *Publius*, February 2024

Interview for YouTube channel *Light Over Heat with Professor David Yamane*, [Conversation with Dylan McLean, Co-Author of the Book "Guns and Values" \(Light Over Heat #84\)](#), February 2024.

Invited Book Review: *Intro to IR*, Eric Leonard, SAGE, November, 2023.

External reviewer for Ibrahim Berrada's Ph.D. dissertation, "Canadian and American Populism: A Comparative Hybrid Political-Strategic Analysis of Speeches from the 2015 Canadian Federal Election and the 2016 American Presidential Election." Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, August 2023.

Peer reviewer, *World Affairs*, February, 2022

Peer reviewer, *Journal of Criminological Research, Policy and Practice*, February, 2022

"Biden's First Steps Toward Gun Control," *The West Georgian*, media availability for article by Brittany Shadix, April 23, 2021.

Peer reviewer, *Politics and Policy*, April 2021

"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.

"Breaking Up: The Ethics and Economics of Secession," by Jason Sorens, Oct. 2016, Carrollton, GA.

## 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:

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| Peer Reviewer Course (PRC)       | April 2017 |
| Design Your Online Course (DYOC) | April 2017 |
| Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR)  | Dec. 2016  |

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| 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 |

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

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| 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           | FA 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

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| 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 |