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Assistant Professor

## Education

- 2019 **Ph.D.** Political Science, University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
*Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Political Theory*
- 2012 **M.A.** National Security Studies, California State University, San Bernardino, CA
- 2010 **B.A.** Political Science, California State University, San Bernardino, CA

## Research Interests

**International Conflict**  
**Leader Survival**  
**Territorial and Ethnic Conflict**  
**Russia and Eurasian Politics**

## Teaching Interests

<b>International Relations</b>	<b>Foreign Policy</b>
<b>Human Rights</b>	<b>Inter- and Intrastate Conflict</b>
<b>International Political Economy</b>	<b>Conflict Management</b>
<b>Research Methods</b>	<b>Global Security</b>

## Publications

- 2017 **Krastev, Roman.** "Belarus" In T. Lansford (Ed.), *Political Handbook of the World 2016-2017* (pp.130-138). Thousand Oaks, CA: CQ Press.
- 2016 Meernik, James, Nenad Colcevski, Melissa McKay, Ayal Feinberg, Kimi King, and **Roman Krastev.** "Truth, Justice, and Education: Towards Reconciliation in the Former Yugoslavia," *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies* 16(3): 413-431.

## Teaching Experience

**Prairie View A&M University:**  
*The Presidency*  
*Introduction to Political Science*  
*Global Issues*  
*American Government*  
*Texas Government*

**University of North Texas:**  
*International Conflict*  
*Introduction to Political Research*

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## Dissertation

**Title:** Identity Claims and Leader Survival

**Committee:** Paul Hensel (Chair), Marijke Breuning, John Ishiyama, James Meernik

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## Conference Presentations

- 31 March 2023 **“Introducing a New Measure of Democracy,”** Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Conference, Fort Worth, TX.
- 15 January 2022 **“Environment - Nebulous Link between Armed Conflict and Human Migration,”** Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- 9 November 2019 **“Leader Removal and the Ending of Identity Claims,”** Presented at the Peace Science Society International, Manhattan, KS.
- 27 March 2019 **“Escalation of Identity Claims and Leader Survival,”** Presented at the International Studies Association Convention, Toronto, Canada.
- 10 November 2018 **“Cultural Bias and the Success of Mediation,”** Presented at the Peace Science Society International, Austin, TX.
- 7 April 2018 **“The Onset of Identity Claims and Leadership Survival,”** Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 30 June 2017 **“The Clash of Civilizations, Border Walls, and the Settlement of Identity Claims: An Empirical Analysis,”** Presented at the Interdisciplinary Studies Section Conference of the International Studies Association, Bologna, Italy.
- 14 June 2016 **“Local Residents and the Settlement of Territorial Claims,”** Presented at the Interdisciplinary Studies Section Conference of the International Studies Association, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- 9 June 2015 **“Reconciliation in Former Yugoslavia: Impact of Social Distance and Gender,”** Presented at the Human Rights Joint Conference of the International Studies Association, The Hague, The Netherlands.

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## Working Papers

Hensel, Paul, and **Roman Krastev**. “Local Residents and the Settlement of Territorial Claims.”

**Roman Krastev**. “Cultural Bias and the Success of Mediation.”

**Roman Krastev**. “The Migration (and Comeback) of Torture: Evaluating Differences in Periods of Human Rights Abuses.”

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## Research Assistantships

- 2014–2019 **Dr. Paul Hensel**, Issue Correlates of War (ICOW)  
Collected data on territorial and identity claims between countries, funded by U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) through the Minerva Research Initiative, bringing \$225,525 to UNT.
- 2018 **Dr. Diego Esparza**, CATO’s National Police Misconduct Reporting Project  
Collected and coded data on police misconduct in the United States.
- 2015 **Dr. James Meernik**, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) Database  
Coded data on witness testimonies, ran empirical analyses, and presented findings at a conference and print.

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## Honors and Awards

- 2015/2019 Toulouse Graduate School Travel Grant  
2015/2019 College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Travel Grant  
2014–2019 Robert B. Toulouse Fellowship

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## Academic Associations

American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Peace Science Society International

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## Research Skills

### Foreign Languages (ILR/DLPT):

Russian (native)  
Bulgarian (native)

### Methodology/Statistics:

STATA  
SPSS

ArcGIS  
Microsoft Office

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## References

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