

Christopher Ruiz

EDUCATION

Baylor University, Waco, TX

Ph.D., Political Science, (December 2022)
Major Field: International Relations
Minor Field: Political Theory

Dissertation: “Montesquieu’s Moderate Statesmanship and the Sino-American Relationship”
Advisor: Dr. David Clinton

M.A., Political Science (December 2018)

California State University, San Bernardino, CA

M.A., National Security Studies (June 2014)
Major Field: East Asia

B.A., Political Science (March 2012)

Victor Valley Community College, Victorville, CA

A.A., Liberal Arts (December 2010)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tulane University

Visiting Assistant Professor

POLI 4530 American Foreign Policy [Spring 2023] A course in which students examine the intellectual background and heritage of American foreign policy, its constitutional framework, its historical development, its institutional setting, and its contemporary challenges.

POLI 3010 East Asian Politics and the Rise of China [Spring 2023]. A course on the background and structure of the emerging international order in Asia, with particular attention given to the place of the People’s Republic of China.

POLI 2500 International Relations [Fall 2022, Spring 2023]. A course in which students investigate the basic factors influencing international politics. Students are equipped to discuss the place of justice in international political life and to explain international political behavior in terms of three levels of analysis: individual, state, and international system.

POLI 3010 Revolutions [Fall 2022]. A course in which students investigate the causes, character, and aftermath of revolutions. Sources range historically from antiquity to the modern era and demonstrate commonality and difference in human political behavior throughout history.

POLI 3630 Causes of War [Fall 2022]. A course on the causes of warfare, as viewed through the lenses of human psychology, regime type, economic system, political institutions, ideology, and the international system. Students examine theories of war causation from these perspectives and test them on historical case studies from the 20th century.

University of West Florida

Adjunct

INR 5990 The Rise of China [Spring 2023]. A graduate level course in which students examine the decline of Qing China, the 20th and 21st century restoration of Chinese centrality in East Asia, and the unfolding response to this restoration by regional and global powers.

Baylor University

Teacher of Record

PSC 4374 Governments and Politics of East Asia [Spring 2022]. A course on the background and structure of the emerging international order in Asia, with particular attention given to the place of the People's Republic of China.

PSC 3315 Fundamentals of International Politics [Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022]. A course in which students investigate the basic factors influencing international politics. Students are equipped to discuss the place of justice in international political life and to explain international political behavior in terms of three levels of analysis: individual, state, and international system.

PSC 3355 The Causes of War [Fall 2019]. A course on the causes of warfare, as viewed through the lenses of human psychology, regime type, economic system, political institutions, ideology, and the international system. Students examine theories of war causation from these perspectives and test them on historical case studies from the 20th century.

Teaching Apprentice

PSC 3375 Model United Nations: Spring 2019 (with Dr. Rebecca Flavin); Led class sessions on the development of the United Nations and, in particular, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Assisted in coaching travelling team for regional and national competitions.

PSC 4385 Diplomacy in Theory and Practice: Spring 2018 (with Dr. David Clinton); Lectured on Thucydides' *Peloponnesian War*, Raymond Cohen's *Negotiating Across Cultures*, and emerging diplomatic problems involving cyber security.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Baylor Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, (2019-2020)
Institute for Humane Studies Humane Studies Fellowship (2020-2021)
Baylor Academy for Teaching and Learning Graduate Fellow (2017-2021)
Baylor Graduate School Administrative Fellow (2016-2019)
Graduate Fellowship from Baylor University Political Science Department (2016-2021)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Caring for One's Friends and Countrymen: Xenophon's Anabasis
New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Mystic, CT, April 2023

Freedom and Empire in the Education of Cyrus
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, September 2022

Montesquieu's Right of Nations
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 2021

A Reevaluation of Scientific Theories of International Relations
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2019

Enlightenment Thought, Democracy, and International Society
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA, March 2019

Montesquieu, China, and Human Rights
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

English Lecturer, United States Peace Corps and Xingyi Normal University for Nationalities, Guizhou, People's Republic of China (06/2015-07/2016)

- Taught English listening, writing, and speaking to Chinese students at Xingyi Normal University
- Gave bi-monthly lectures on Western culture to the entire student body
- Held teacher-training classes in order to introduce native English teachers to communicative teaching methods
- Conducted English language classes in order to improve native English teacher proficiency

LANGUAGES

Mandarin Chinese – speaking, writing, reading – intermediate

French – reading – intermediate

Current as of 2/10/23