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I am a professor of political science at the University of Montana. I teach and write about international relations and human, national, and international security. My research has three streams:

--Developing and using a new framework to measure, explain, and improve human, national, international, and global security.
--Enhancing the understanding of international-relations theory, testing, data, and forecasting.
--Providing opportunities for conversation and collaboration among security scholars, policy makers, practitioners, and citizens.

I've published articles and chapters on great power politics, the strategic effects of military technology, and the causes, conduct, and consequences of war. I'm currently finishing two long-term projects: an article on the emergence of Sino-American bipolarity and a book called *Security Pluralism: Understanding and Improving Human, National, and Global Survival and Prosperity*.

I grew up in Arvada, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. In 1986, I earned my Bachelor's degrees in political science and economics from Stanford University. Within those majors, I focused on international relations and economic development. My interests crystallized during a trip to China with my great aunt in 1984, when the Chinese government was beginning to allow American citizens to enter the country.

From 1986 to 1988, I worked in San Francisco, California as a financial institutions insurance underwriter. I spent so much of my free time following international news and attending World Affairs Council events that I decided to go to graduate school.

In 1988, I entered the Ph.D. program in political science at the University of California, Berkeley as a National Science Foundation graduate fellow. There I worked with Kenneth N. Waltz, a noted international relations theorist. My dissertation, "State Survival and Death: International and Technological Contexts," was nominated by the U.C. Berkeley Department of Political Science for the American Political Science Association's Helen Dwight Reid Award for the best dissertation on international relations, law, and politics.

From 1999 to 2004, I was an assistant professor of political science at Louisiana State University. In Summer 2003, I taught "War and Politics in Europe" at LSU in Paris. The class explored historical and contemporary European conflicts through readings, seminar discussions, walks through Roman, Medieval, and Napoleonic Paris, and trips to the World War I battlefields at Verdun and the D-Day beaches in Normandy.

In 2004, I joined the Department of Political Science at the University of Montana. I was promoted to Associate Professor in Fall 2006, tenured in Fall 2007, and promoted to Full Professor in Fall 2017. In 2007, I received UM's Helen and Winston Cox Award for Teaching Excellence. From 2016-2018, I was department chair, serving 10 tenure-track faculty, several adjunct faculty, and more than 200 undergraduate and graduate students.

In 2010, I introduced faculty of law and economics at Ho Chi Minh University to the academic study of international relations so they could include it in the curriculum taught to Vietnamese government officials. While in Viet Nam, I explored Hanoi with a student from the Diplomatic Academy. I also toured Hue and the former demilitarized zone between North and South Viet Nam with a former member of the South Vietnamese army who served as a scout for US Special Forces during the Vietnam War.

I became involved with Model United Nations in 1997, when I was a visiting professor at Mills College. Since then I have coached award-winning teams at LSU and UM. In 2015, I received UM's Tom Boone Town and Gown Award for my service as faculty advisor to the Montana Model UN High School Conference and travelling team. The two-day conference is staffed by UM students and attended by more than 350 students from 20 Montana and Idaho high schools. Each year, one of my happiest moments is watching students arrive at the MMUN opening ceremony, ready to debate world issues.

In 2010, I joined the Good Judgment Project, a four-year academic study of expert forecasting of international events. The study was sponsored by Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA) in the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence. The principal investigators were Philip Tetlock and Barbara Mellers, University of Pennsylvania, and Don Moore, University of California Berkeley. For my performance in 2013-2014, I was named a Super Forecaster (top 2%; best categories: international relations, military conflict, and diplomacy). I've written and been interviewed about my experience as a female subject-matter expert, and I've briefed members of the intelligence community on international relations and security forecasting.

In 2014, I began a series of conversations with Dr. Kimberly Maynard, an analyst and policy advisor on post-conflict recovery. She inspired me to develop a framework for security scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and citizens to share their interests, approaches, assessments, and quandaries.

I appear on KGVO News Talk radio to discuss international current events with local callers.