

# Curriculum Vitae | Paul Ashby, Ph.D.

## International Relations

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## Employment, Education, and Experience

### Academic Employment

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| <b>Lecturer</b>           | University of Texas at El Paso | 2015 –      |
| <b>Associate Lecturer</b> | University of Kent, UK         | 2013-2015   |
| <b>Research Assistant</b> | The Rendition Project          | 2015        |
| <b>Assistant Lecturer</b> | University of Kent, UK         | 2010 - 2013 |

### Administrative Experience

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| <b>Director/Advisor</b> | University of Texas at El Paso | Fall 2019 – |
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Graduate Director/Advisor Masters of Defense and Strategic Studies program - Student recruitment and retention; Admissions; Orientation/Advising: Performance management; Scheduling; Program development and assessment; Administration; Recruitment adjunct faculty; Program community outreach

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| <b>Administrative Assistant</b> | British International Studies Association | 2013 –2016 |
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Organization for annual Conference with over 150 academic panels - scheduling; email enquiries; aiding Conference chair

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| <b>Employability</b> | University of Kent | 2014 |
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### Administrative Assistant

Built knowledge of opportunities for International Relations and Politics students in the government, charity, think-tank and NGO sectors in the UK and further afield.

### Education

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| <b>Ph.D., 2015</b> | <b>International Relations</b>   | University of Kent        |
| <b>M.A., 2009</b>  | <b>International Relations</b>   | University of Kent        |
| <b>B.A. 2006</b>   | <b>Film and American Studies</b> | University of East Anglia |

## Current Research and Teaching Areas

- U.S. Grand Strategy and U.S. Foreign Policy, U.S. National Security Policy
- U.S. Security Cooperation
- North American Regional Security
- Security Studies – including core curriculum courses

- International Relations – including International Relations Theory
- Defense and Strategic Studies – including core strategic theory, regional strategic surveys

## Publications

### Journal Articles

- 2014** ‘[Solving the Border Paradox: Border Security, Economic Integration, and the Mérida Initiative](#)’ *Global Society* 28, 4 (2014), 483 - 508 (Special Issue ‘Globalisation and Twenty-First Century Borders’)  
DOI: 10.1080/13600826.2014.948541

### Book Chapters

- 2018** ‘U.S. National Security in the Western Hemisphere’ in Derek S. Reveron, Nikolas K. Gsodev, and John A. Cloud *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. National Security* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press,) pp. 611-638
- 2016** ‘Solving the Border Paradox: Border Security, Economic Integration, and the Mérida Initiative’ in Lawrence A. Herzog and Keith J. Hayward [eds.] *International Boundaries in a Global Era: Cross-border space, place and society in the twenty-first century* (New York, NY: Routledge, 2016) pp. 92-117

### Book Reviews

- 2016** ‘U.S. Helps Others and Self in Exporting Security Derek Reveron, *Exporting Security: International Engagement, Security Cooperation, and the Changing Face of the U.S. Military* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2016)’ *Orbis* 62, 1 (2018) pp. 158-162  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.orbis.2017.11.012>
- 2013** Review of Shannon K. O’Neil,, *Two Nations Indivisible: Mexico, the United States, and the Road Ahead*. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. September, 2013  
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=39005>

### Online Pieces

- 2015** ‘Trade Efficiency and Border Security at Odds on the U.S. Mexico-Border’ *Border Wars Blog, North American Congress on Latin America*, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 available <https://nacla.org/blog/2015/12/10/trade-efficiency-and-border-security-odds-us-mexico-border>
- 2015** ‘Is the Mérida Initiative Working?’ *Center for International Policy: Americas Program*, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 (no longer available)
- 2014** ‘How Canada and Mexico Have Become Part of the U.S. Policing Regime’ *Border Wars Blog, North American Congress on Latin America*, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, available <https://nacla.org/blog/2014/12/01/how-canada-and-mexico-have-become-part-us-policing-regime>

## Thesis

**2015** *NAFTA-Land Security: The Mérida Initiative, Transnational Threats, and U.S. Security Projection in Mexico* Available at: <https://kar.kent.ac.uk/48367/>

## Works in Progress

*Armoring NAFTA? Convergence and Divergence in Contemporary North American Regional Security.*

Monograph project. Explains U.S. regional security policy from President George W. Bush, through President Obama, and into the Trump administration.

Under contract with Routledge with completion **Fall 2023**

*For Better or Worse? The Complex Impact of U.S. Security Assistance on Human Security in Mexico and Pakistan*

Explores the impact of U.S. aid on citizen security in Pakistan and Mexico.

Co-authored with Ciaran Gillespie, University of Surrey, UK – aiming for rekindling **late 2023**

*Helping Others to Help Itself: Security Cooperation and U.S. Grand Strategy*

Take a big-picture view of the strategic aims of growing U.S. security cooperation and assistance around the globe

Co-authored with Rubrick Biegon, University of Kent, UK and Tom Watts, University of Royal Holloway- aiming for rekindling **late 2023**

## Presentations

### Invited Talks

**2021** Title: *U.S. Security Priorities in the Western Hemisphere*

Virtual Event 01.30.21

Invited by the Inter-American Defense College

**2018** Title: *Beyond the Border / Regionalizing Security in North America, and Beyond?*

El Paso Intelligence Center, Drug Enforcement Administration, Fort Bliss, El Paso, TX, 12.12.18

Invited by the Inter-American Defense College

**2015** Title: [\*NAFTA-land Security: The Mérida Initiative, North American Integration, and US Security Projection in Mexico\*](#)

University of Oxford, St. Antony's College, North American Studies Seminar Program, 01.26.15.

Invited by Dr. Halbert Jones

## Conference Papers

**2016** *Helping Others to Help Itself: Security Cooperation and Assistance, and U.S. Grand Strategy*

Part of our four paper panel *Security Assistance and U.S. Hegemony* convened for British International Studies Association Conference in Edinburgh, UK June, 2016.

- 2016** *For Better or Worse? The Complex Impact of U.S. Security Assistance on Human Security in Mexico and Pakistan*  
presented with co-author at Annual International Studies Association Conference in Atlanta, U.S., Mar, 2016.
- 2015** *For Better or Worse? The Complex Impact of U.S. Security Assistance on Human Security in Mexico and Pakistan*  
Presented by co-author at Annual British International Studies Association Conference in London, June 2015.
- 2014** *NAFTA-Land Security: The Mérida Initiative and U.S. Security Projection in Mexico*  
Presented at Annual British International Studies Association Conference, June 2014, Dublin, Ireland
- 2012** *Enabling Failure? U.S. Military Training, Mexico's Security Crisis and the Paradoxes of Military Aid*  
Presented at Joint British International Studies Association / International Studies Association Conference, June 2012, Edinburgh, UK

## **Teaching**

### **Teaching Awards and Prizes**

2014 Kent Union Best Postgraduate Teacher Award, University of Kent

### **Courses Taught**

#### **University of Texas at El Paso (graduate unless indicated, lecturer for all)**

- *Strategic Theory and Modern Warfare*
- *Contemporary Security Studies*
- *Strategic Survey of Africa*
- *Strategic Survey of the Americas*
- *Global Security*
- *U.S. National Security Policies and Procedures*
- *Strategic Survey of Europe,*
- *Strategic Survey of the Middle East*
- *Strategic Survey of Asia,*
- *North American Regional Security* (cross-listed undergraduate/graduate class)
- *US National Security*

#### **University of Kent**

- **Assessor**, *Terrorism and National Security* (graduate)
- **Assessor**, *Human Rights in a World of States* (graduate)
- **Convener/Seminar Leader** *Ethics in International Relations* (undergraduate)

- **Seminar Leader** *Introduction to International Politics* (undergraduate)
- **Seminar Leader**, *The UN System* (undergraduate)

## **University Committee Service**

### **University of Texas at El Paso**

#### *Master's Committees*

**2021** Marco Schinella      Chair

*Thesis set to be nominated as Liberal Arts Outstanding Thesis*

Also served on Gabriel Koshinsky (2021) and Albert Contreras (2021) committees

### **University of Kent**

- Organizing Committee, School of Politics and International Relations Postgraduate Conference, University of Kent, 2010/11
- Founding Member, Latin American Research Cluster, University of Kent – including Organizing Committee, Latin American Research Cluster Conference, University of Kent, 2012/2013

## **Awards, Funding, and Impact**

### **Academic Awards**

- Kent Messenger Prize for Best Dissertation, MA International Relations, School of Politics of International Relations, University of Kent
- John Burton Prize for Overall Performance, MA International Relations, School of Politics of International Relations, University of Kent

### **Funding**

- Fully-funded three-year PhD Scholarship from University of Kent, School of Politics and International Relations, UK September 2010-September 2013
- Won £1000 in funding from the University of Kent Graduate School to organize an inter-disciplinary postgraduate Conference on Latin American issues. Provided opportunity for postgraduates across the University to present their research and hear feedback from diverse set of academics on their work. Also allowed for interdisciplinary connections to develop across departments at the University.

### **Research Impact**

- Interviewed by [Ryan Deveruex](#) at [The Intercept](#) on details and aims of U.S. security aid to Mexico, and whether the Mérida Initiative is working. **03-05-15**
- Contacted by [Christine Murray](#) at Reuters over specifics of the Mérida Initiative and aid.

### **Professional Affiliations**

- British International Studies Association, since 2012
- International Studies Association, since 2015

## **References Available upon Request**

