



CAM SILVER, PH.D.

Scholar, Political Scientist, Cultural Critic and
Diversity Expert.



SUMMARY

Global Scholar, Political Scientist, Qualitative Researcher, and Foreign Policy
Expert, and Diversity /Cultural Awareness Expert

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[My LinkedIn](#)



EDUCATION

**PH.D. GOVERNMENT AND
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**
**SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY
GLOBAL STUDIES (SIGS) -UNIVERSITY
OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

FALL 2015 - SPRING 2021

- **Dissertation** The Domestic Reality of Foreign Policy: The 1994 Clinton Administration Response to the Crises in Rwanda and Haiti
- **Committee:** [Earl Conteh-Morgan](#), Ph.D. (Major Professor) [Peter Funke](#), Ph.D., [Marco Rimanelli](#), Ph.D., and [Lawrence Morehouse](#), Ph.D.
- **Comprehensive Exams:** Major Field-International Relations (Foreign Policy, and Human Rights) and Minor Field-Comparative Politics (Nationalism)
- **Areas of Concentration:** The Presidency, Social Movements, Mass Media, Interest Groups, Popular Culture and Activism, Human Rights, Genocide, Race, US Foreign Policy, Queer Studies, Theories of IR, and Public Policy and Education

MA, AFRICANA STUDIES
**SCHOOL OF INTERDISCIPLINARY
GLOBAL STUDIES-UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH FLORIDA**

SPRING 2013 - SUMMER 2015

- **Thesis- [The United States Response to Genocide in Rwanda: A Reassessment](#)**

BA, HISTORY
SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

- **Thesis-The International Community Response to Genocide in Rwanda**



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**TERM ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**
BARNARD COLLEGE-COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY
JULY 2022 - PRESENT

- Created the following classes for Barnard College:
 - The Myth of A *Post-Minority Era*: The Politics of Diversity in the 21st Century
 - #Hashtag Global Activism: The Politics and Dynamics of Social Movements
 - Beyond Stonewall: The Dynamics of Queer Politics
- Teach Introduction to International Relations at Columbia University

**VISITING ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN
POLITICS**
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY
ACADEMY AT WEST POINT
AUGUST 2021 - JUNE 2022

- Teach Introduction to American Politics (Four Sections per term)
- Contribute to Social Sciences intellectual community
- Teach elective classes in the American Politics major
- Mentor cadets
- Led the curriculum development for the 2022 Winant Scholars Program. I traveled with the cadets to Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Iwo Jima, and Washington D.C, where they learned the modern dimensions of special relationships and strategic alliances
- Guest Lecture on Queer Theory in SS392: The Politics of Race, Gender, and Sexuality

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY
SUMMER 2017 - PRESENT

Locations Taught at: University Campus (Pasco Country)
Pasco County Jail, and the Tampa Center

- **Taught:** Democracy Now in Troubled Times,
- **Immigration:** Face of America,
- Building a Multicultural Society
- Modern Middle Eastern History
- American Federal Government
- Native American History
- **Adopted:** African-American History: From Slavery to Freedom
 - I adopted and created the online version of this course.
- I taught on location at Pasco County Jail where I taught law enforcement and prison personnel classes through St Leo University
 - **I have taught:** Building a Multiracial Society, Democracy in Troubled Times, and Immigration
 - These classes demonstrated the need for cultural

awareness classes for law enforcement personnel.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE |
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
FALL 2018 - SPRING 2021

- Developed and Taught:
 - Beyond the Border: Immigration, Migrations, and Human Rights
 - Queer Social Movements in Global Context
 - Queer Theory
 - #Hashtag Global Activism: The Politics and Dynamics of Social Movements
 - Remote Cosmopolitanism: How to Survive a Global Pandemic?
 - Global Queer Cultures on Film and TV
 - The Art of War: Game Theory, Foreign Policy, and the Struggle for Peace Taught:
 - Theory of Knowledge

COURSE DIRECTOR-
INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
VERTO EDUCATION
FALL 2020 - MAY 2021

- Build on existing course descriptions to write course syllabus a rubric with cyclical feedback and review from Verto Education and partner colleges.
- Collaborate with country teams to identify experiential opportunities that align with the course to include in the program itinerary
- Participate in final hiring and screening of Verto's Field Instructors
- Write Field Instructor's Resource Guide (lesson plans)
- Plan and execute training modules on course content for Field Instructors
- Biweekly meetings with Field Instructors to provide coaching and guidance on content delivery
- Supervision of grading and assignments as carried out by students
- Possibility of field visits depending on necessity and availability

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
SUMMER 2017 - SUMMER 2021

Locations Taught At: Ybor, TECO, Bayshore Christian School, and e-learning.

- **Teach:** Introduction to Political Science.
- American Federal Government.
- **Developed:** Introduction to Black Culture.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
USF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES
2016 - 2021

- Taught Academic Foundations.
- Foundations of Interdisciplinary Knowledge and Inquiry.

GRADUATE ASSOCIATE,
UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

- Monitored and implemented academic improvement plans with students who had semester GPA's below 2.5.

USF UPWARD BOUND

SPRING 2013 - SUMMER 2021

- Assisted with in school visits with our partner high schools: Tampa Bay Technical High School, King High School, Armwood High School, Chamberlin High School, Jefferson High School, Leto High School, Middleton High School, and Blake High School.
- Counsel alumni who are attempting to return to USF.
- **Co-coordinated and chaperoned college tours at the following colleges/universities:** University of Florida, Florida A & M University, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida-St Pete, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Miami Dade College, Edward Waters College, Florida Memorial University, Miami University, FAMU College of Law, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morehouse College, Spellman College, Clark Atlanta University, University of Alabama, Tuskegee University, Georgetown University, Howard University, University of North Florida, Daytona State College, Florida.
- Polytechnic University, Savannah State University, University of South Carolina Beaufort, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
- **Scholarship matching:** Researched scholarships for students and matched their academic profile to available scholarships.
- **Teach and Tutor (past and present courses:** AP World History, World History, US History, AP US History, Economics, and developed the Holocaust.
- Help developed the Pre-Law internship where first-generation students learned about careers in law.
- Tracked Student Overall GPA's, graduation rates, reasons for not graduating, rate of students who went to CC and then 4 year, and percentage of students who graduated in 6 years.
- Collaborated with the overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Social Services track.
- Secured VIP Guest Speakers (for free) such as Ambassador Prudence Bushnell.
- Assisted with the renewal of the Upward Bound Program grant and the attempted creation of a STEM Upward Bound Program grant.
- Collected and analyzed data to report semester and annual reports, mentor juniors and seniors through independent learning projects.
- Worked with the seniors on the college admission process.
- Helped edited the Upward Bound Program Grant for its five year-renewal process.
- Research barriers that first-generation and low-income

students face in the college.

- Tutored on Saturdays in high school History courses.
- Taught reading and history courses during the summer.
- Recruited prospective students into the Upward Bound Program.
- Interviewed prospective high school students as part of their application process.
- Oversaw the residential program, hired, and trained RA's(2013-2015).

**LEAP-LEAP LEARNING
ENHANCEMENT FOR
ACADEMIC PROGRESS-PEER
EDUCATOR**

SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

2012 - 2013

- Teaching Assistant to SLU courses.
- Mentored and Tutored International students and students on probation.

 **AWARDS**

- [2019 USF Black Faculty and Staff Award-for Queer Global Social Movements](#)
- Mark Orr Student Fellowship-American Committee on Foreign Relations
- McKnight Doctoral Fellowship (\$22,000 annually)
- 2015 Trio Achiever Recipient For The State of Florida
- USF Certified Online Educator

**LICENSES &
CERTIFICATIONS**

**GENDER ANALYTICS: GENDER
EQUITY THROUGH INCLUSIVE
DESIGN SPECIALIZATION
COURSERA**

DECEMBER 2020 -
NO EXPIRATION DATE

[Special Course Program](#)-Gender Analytics is a way to analyze your products, services, processes and policies with a gender lens to uncover hidden opportunities for innovation and effectiveness.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID
FOR SCHOOLS
THE NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC
STRESS NETWORK (NCTSN)**

JUNE 2021 -
NO EXPIRATION DATE

This six-hour course puts the participant in the role of provider in a post-disaster setting. The course is for individuals new to disaster response and want to learn the goals of PFA. Additional details about the course can be found on the website.

**DEVELOPING CLINICAL
COMPETENCE IN WORKING
WITH LGBTQ YOUTH AND
FAMILIES**

Certification on how to work with LGBTQ YOUTH

THE NATIONAL CHILD TRAUMATIC
STRESS NETWORK (NCTSN)

JUNE 2021 -

NO EXPIRATION DATE

PUBLISHED PAPERS AND ARTICLES

LONDON HAS FALLEN. WHO
CARES?

USF ORACLE

MARCH 2016

Critique on the the film-*London has Fallen*

BATMAN VS SUPERMAN:
YAWN OF JUSTICE

USF ORACLE

MARCH 2016

Critique on the film-*Batman vs Superman*

THE NEED FOR A "QUEER"
RECKONING

MEDIUM

OCTOBER 2021

Article about the "post-queer era"

BLACK PANTHER SHOWS
BLACK STORIES MATTER

USF ORACLE

FEBRUARY2018

Critique on the film- *Black Panther*

MENTORSHIP

MENTORING STUDENTS THESIS
2017 - PRESENT

- 2017 USF Undergraduate Research Colloquium - Breanna Nierlich(Primary Advisor)-**The US Enforcement of R2P in the case of Libya.**
- 2018 USF Undergraduate Research Colloquium- Jocelyn Hall(Primary Advisor)- **The US Response to the Blood Diamond Crises in Sierra Leone.**
- 2020 USF Honors Thesis (Primary Advisor) –Haleigh Williams-**Racism in The Queer Community: Grindr as a Case Study.**
- 2021 USF Honors Thesis(Co-advisor)- Kawtar Guenoun-**Media Perception of the HIV/ AIDS Epidemic: A content analysis**
- 2022 Senior Thesis in American Politics at the United States Military Academy at West Point-Ryan Herbrich (Committee member) -**All Politics is....National? Evidence from Two Survey Experiments**

**RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM
FACILITATOR**
**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND
ARTS COLLOQUIUM**
2013 - PRESENT

- Engage the students in a formative discussion about their work and provide feedback to them on their communication skills.
- Completed a feedback rubric for each researcher and nominated an exceptional student for a Research Excellence Award.

COACH
FAEOPP SUMMER OLYMPICS
2013 - PRESENT

- Coach students with winning results in the following areas: Scholars Bowl and Public Speaking.
- Won the Florida TRIO Scholar Bowl in 2014, 2015, 2017, and advanced to the regionals in Atlanta, Georgia.

**FLORIDA TRIO
STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
DEBATE COORDINATOR**
2013 - PRESENT

- Oversaw the Florida TRIO SSS/Debate program which has been hosted at the following universities: University of Florida, University of Central Florida, and Florida State.
- I designed all debate questions based off of the relative current events.
- The winning TRIO debate program would advance to the regional competition.
- Led a team of judges from various institutions of higher educations.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- The Need for a “Queer” Reckoning
- Guest Talk at the USF Honors Council.
 - Tension Points in Human Rights and Immigration.
- Presented papers at Florida Educational Fund.
 - Political Science and International Relations
 - [The U.S. Response to Genocide in Rwanda: A Reassessment](#)
 - Issues in Global Governance and Political Participation (Panel Chair)
 - [The U.S. Response to Haiti and Rwanda](#)
- **Presented workshops for Focus the Nation at Saint Leo University: 2010 - 2012.**
 - **How to Kill Humans Effectively:** The Murder Tactics of Genocide.
 - **Revisiting 1990s ethnic conflict:** Bloodbath in Yugoslavia.
 - **Nuclear disaster in the 1980s:** The Political and environmental outcome of Chernobyl.

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

SHOCK AND AWE: THE USE OF YOUTUBE TO CULTIVATE MEANINGFUL CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS ON DIVERSITY ISSUES
SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY
SPRING 2021

Teaching minority/cultural studies or social science classes may seem more challenging in a polarized world. As a Saint Leo faculty member who taught at Pasco County Jail; the power of visuals helps the students understand complex issues on diversity.

The use of controversial YouTube channels such as BuzzFeed, Cut Video, and Vox creates a familiar area of confronting that allows students to comment and reinforce. **This workshop** will feature different scenarios where my use of YouTube helped bridge the divide and created a welcoming environment to make students' views heard by not straying from the course content.

TOXIC MASCULINITY
USF UPWARD BOUND
SUMMER 2019

Toxic Masculinity is an interactive workshop focused on how to overcome societal constructs of manhood. Can one be smart and cool at the same time? The answer to that question of the hitherto unexamined American dilemma that this interactive workshop is predicated on in order to create positive messages of identity. The workshop will function as a dialogue on handling the pressures of manhood



SKILLS

POLITICAL ANALYSIS

I can help explain political phenomena. This includes but not limited to:
International Crises
Presidential and Congressional Issues
Election Outcomes
Checks and Balances in the United States
International relations

FOREIGN POLICY EXPERTISE

I have a broad command of foreign policy knowledge. My specialty is that I can look at external and internal causes of foreign policy.

GENOCIDE/EXTREMISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTISE

ELITE INTERVIEWING

Interviewed Ambassador Prudence Bushnell (Ret), and other high-level policymakers. I have developed techniques that make people comfortable to talk to me.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

I have a demonstrated record of tackling areas of diversity and inclusion. I approach diversity and inclusion from an intersectional perspective by equally looking at: race, gender, sexuality, class, and ableism.

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

Analyze documents on-site at the Clinton Library, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

I have examined the international community's response to the Rwanda Genocide in three different degrees: History (2012), Africana Studies(2015), and Government (2021)
I know how to spot and combat extremism

Conducted a content analysis of news articles and broadcast news

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- International Association of Genocide Scholars
- Critical Ethnic Studies Association
- The American Studies Association

REFERENCES

- [Earl Conteh-Morgan](#), Ph.D.
 - Professor of International Studies at the University of South Florida
- [Marco Rimanelli](#), Ph.D.
 - Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Saint Leo University
- [Raymond Cabrera](#)
 - Director of the University of South Florida Upward Bound Program