

*CURRICULUM VITA*

**DR. G. MICHAEL STATHIS, PH.D.**

**PROFESSOR**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

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**EDUCATION:** Skyline High School, Salt Lake City, Utah (graduated 1967).

**Bachelor of Science**-University of Utah, 1971

Major: Political Science

*Undergraduate Certificate in International Relations*

**Master of Arts**-University of Utah, 1976

Major: Middle East Studies-Persian

**Thesis Title: "Napoleon and the East: The Persian Intrigue, 1804-1810"**

*Graduate Certificate in Middle East Studies*

**Doctor of Philosophy**-University of Utah, 1995

Major: Political Science: International Relations (Law, Organization and Politics)

Allied Area: Comparative Politics-The Middle East, Legal Theory, and Ancient History

**Dissertation Title: "Causes of the First Gulf War: Personal Perceptions of Secular-Based and Belief-Based Dimensions of Interest and Power"**

**ACADEMIC HONORS:**

Athletic Scholarship (Football), University of Utah, 1967-1972

National Defense Fellowship in Languages (NDFL), 1972-1973

Distinguished Faculty Lecture, Southern Utah University, 1995

**POSITIONS HELD:**

**Teaching Fellow:** Middle East Center, University of Utah  
1973-1975

**Teaching Assistant** to Dr. Khosrow Mostofi, Autumn Quarter  
1973-Introduction to the Middle East

**Teaching Fellow**-Department of Political Science, University  
of Utah, 1977-1984

- Introduction to the Middle East

- Introduction to Political Science

- American National Government

**One-Year Faculty Appointments-Visiting Professor**-Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University, 1984-1985 and 1985-1986

- Introduction to International Politics
- U.S. Foreign Policy
- International Organization
- Comparative Government and Politics
- Topics in International Relations: Politics of Southwest Asia
- National Security Affairs
- Arab-Israeli Conflict

**Associate Instructor:** Department of Political Science, University of Utah, 1986-1991

- Introduction to International Politics
- American National Government
- American Foreign Policy
- International Political Theory
- International Politics: The Middle East
- U.S National Security Policy

**Assistant, Associate, and Professor** Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, Southern Utah University, 1991- : Political Science, International Relations and Geography-Director Certificate in International Relations. **Tenure awarded 1998.**

- World Cultural and Political Geography
- Geography of the Developing World
- Geography of the Middle East
- American National Government
- Introduction to Political Thought
- History of Political Thought
- Introduction to International Relations
- Comparative Government
- Theories of International Relations
- International Law and Organization
- American Foreign Policy
- Introduction to Political Science
- Research Seminar in Political Science
- Middle Eastern Political Thought
- American Presidency: Executive Process
- International Conflict
- The President, Congress, the Constitution and Foreign Policy
- Politics and Film
- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome

**LANGUAGES:** Farsi (Persian) Advanced Proficiency

### French-Standard Proficiency

#### **ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:**

Guest Lecturer to the Salt Lake Community on the Middle East and American Foreign Policy in the Middle East through the University of Utah's Middle East Center Outreach Program and Division of Continuing Education's Elder Hostel Program

Faculty Coordinator for Honors Course: *The Crusades*, Fall Quarter, 1995, Southern Utah University

Implemented the Undergraduate Certificate in International Relations at Southern Utah University

Guest Lecturer at the University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, February 2007.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

"Books and Banter," the Hinckley Institute of Politics, the University of Utah (October 13, 1981): Paved with Good Intentions: The American Experience and Iran by Barry Rubin.

"Books and Banter," the Hinckley Institute of Politics, the University of Utah (April 5, 1983): The Nuclear Delusion: Soviet American Relations in the Atomic Age by George F. Kennan.

"Books and Banter," the Hinckley Institute of Politics, the University of Utah (May 29, 1991): A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East by David Fromkin.

#### **PAPERS AND PANELS:**

Panel Member, "The Arab-Israeli Conflict." Specific presentation: "Lebanon: The Syrian Factor." International Studies Association-West (ISA-West October 26, 1984), Denver, Colorado.

Panel Member, "Domestic Contributions to International Violence: The Middle East." Specific presentation: "Religious Revolutionary Ideology: The Iranian Revolution and Its Impact on the Persian Gulf." Utah Political Science Association (October 18 1986), Utah State University, Logan, Utah.

Panel Member, "Future of the War Powers Resolution." Specific Presentation: "Precedent and the War Powers Resolution." Utah Political Science Association (October 8, 1988), University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Panel Member, “Views on the International Role of the United States,” “Global Peacekeeping-The American Responsibility” and “The European Union and NATO.” 26th Annual Frank Church Symposium on International Relations (February 25-28, 1997), Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho.

Paper Presentation: “Cristobal Colon and the Last Crusade,” 1994 Conference of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (May 13, 1994), Ogden, Utah. **Published** in Encyelia, The Journal Of the Utah Academy of Science, Arts and Letters 71 (1994): 26-39.

**Distinguished Faculty Honor Lecture and Paper 1995**, Southern Utah University, Cedar City Utah (November 30, 1995): “The Crusades: A Modern Perspective on the Nine Hundredth Anniversary of the Event.” (**Published by Southern Utah University**).

Paper Presentation: “Samuel P. Huntington’s ‘Clash of Cultures’: Is Cultural Conflict an Adequate Basis for Analysis of Post-Cold War International Relations?” 1996 Conference of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (April 11, 1997), Ogden, Utah.

Paper Presentation: “*Absolute Prerogative* and the President of the United States: A Review of the Theory of Prerogative in the Work of Francis Dunham Wormuth,” 1998 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (March 19, 1998), Los Angeles, California.

Paper Presentation: “Liberal Democratic Principles and the Middle East: Iran 1989-1998,” 1998 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (March 19, 1998), Los Angeles, California. Also presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (April 3, 1998), Salt Lake City, Utah. Honored as the *Outstanding Paper in Social Science* by the Utah Academy. **Published** in The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters 78 (2001): 153-169.

Paper Presentation: “*High Crimes and Misdemeanors*, The Framers’s Basis for Presidential Impeachment,” 1999 Annual Meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (April 9, 1999), Salt Lake City, Utah. **Published** in The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters 76 (1999): 49-60.

Paper Presentation: "The Safavids and the Beginning of the Modern Iranian Nation and State," 2000 Annual Meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (April 14, 2000), Cedar City, Utah. **Published** in The Journal of the Utah Academy Of Sciences, Arts and Letters 77 (2000): 275-284.

Paper Presentation: "Thucydides: Still Relevant in Post-Cold War International Relations," 2001 Annual Meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (April 6, 2001), Salt Lake City, Utah. Honored as the *Outstanding Paper in Social Science* by the Utah Academy. **Published** in The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters 75 (1998): 192-206.

Paper Presentation: "George W. Bush, Foreign Policy and Political Realism," 2002 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (March 24, 2002), Long Beach, California.

Paper Presentation: "George W. Bush, Foreign Policy and a Realist Paradigm of Statesmanship," 2002 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (October 12, 2002), Las Vegas, Nevada. **Published** in The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters 79 (2002): 149-160.

Panel Chair and Discussant: "Terrorism and National Liberation Movements: National and International Dimensions," 2003 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (March 28, 2003), Denver, Colorado.

Paper Presentation: "The Roots of *Evil*, The Origins and Nature Of Islamic Revivalism," 2003 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (March 28, 2003), Denver, Colorado.

Panel Chair and Discussant: "Comparative Perspectives on States' Foreign Policy," 2003 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (March 28, 2003), Denver, Colorado.

Paper Presentation: "The Case For *The Third Gulf War*: Placing The 2003 Iraqi War in a Proper Political Context," 2003 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (October 11, 2003), Las Vegas, Nevada. **Published** in The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters 81 (2004): 263-284.

Paper Presentation: “*Absolute Prerogative* and the President of the United States in the Era of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Global Terrorism: A Review of the Theory of Prerogative in the Work of Francis Dunham Wormuth.” 2004 Annual Meeting of The Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters (April 16, 2004), Cedar City, Utah.

Panel Chair and Discussant: “Democratization, Globalization, and Democratic Peace,” 2004 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (October 1, 2004), Las Vegas Nevada.

Paper Presentation: “*The Forgotten War: The First Gulf War, Iran and Iraq 1980-1988.*” 2004 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (October 2, 2004), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Paper Presentation: “Islamic Revivalism: A Modern Political Ideology to Be Reckoned With.” 2004 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (October 2, 2004), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Paper Presentation: “Leadership, Statesmanship, and Politics: A Realist Interpretation.” 2005 Annual Meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters (April 15, 2005), Utah Valley State College, Orem, Utah. Honored as the *Outstanding Paper in Social Science* by the Utah Academy. **Published** in The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters 82 (2005): 228-249.

Paper Presentation: “*The Forgotten War: The First Gulf War, Iran and Iraq 1980-1988.*” World International Studies Committee, The First Global International Studies Conference (August 26, 2005), Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Panel Discussant: “Lessons From the Interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan.” World International Studies Committee, The First Global International Studies Conference (August 26, 2005), Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Paper Presentation: “Statesmanship, and Politics: A Realist Interpretation With Perspectives on American Statecraft.” 2005 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (September 30, 2005), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Panel Chair and Discussant: “The Role of Islam in Political Development.” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (October 1, 2005), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Paper Presentation: “*The Third Gulf War: A War to End All Wars?*”

2006 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-West (September 30, 2006), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Panel Discussant: "Communication, Ethics, Despots, Failed States: New Solutions to International Relations' *New Problems*." 2006 Annual Meeting of The International Studies Association-West (September 29, 2006), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Panel Discussant: "The Continued Relevance of Realism: Theoretical Progress for the War on Terror." 2006 Annual Meeting of The International Studies Association-West (September 30, 2006), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Paper Presentation: "*Prognosis vs. Fortuna: The Place of Foresight and Chance in Statecraft*." 2007 Annual Meeting of The Western Political Science Association (March 9, 2007), Las Vegas, Nevada.

Paper Presentation: "The *Pilgrims' Road: The Prospects of Peace Making in the Arab-Israeli Conflict*." 2007 Annual Meeting of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters (April 13, 2007), Cedar City, Utah. **Published in** The Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters 84 (2007): 230-245.

Paper Presentation: "T.E. Lawrence: Some Thoughts on the British Presence in Iraq." 2007 Annual Meeting of The International Studies Association-West (September 28-29, 2007), San Francisco, California

Paper Presentation: "Thucydides and *Prognosis: Foresight and Statecraft in History and Modern International Affairs*." 2008 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association (March 12-15, 2008), Las Vegas, Nevada. **Published in** Critical Issues in Justice and Politics 2: 1 (February 2009): 53-63.

Paper Presentation: "*Quo Vadis Pace Americana? The Decline of American Power and Prestige, 2000-2009, And the Case for Renewal*." 2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (March 20, 2009), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

**Chapter in Book:** "Victors' Justice: In Spite of Charges of Victors' Justice and the Questionable Inclusion of Soviet Judges, The Nuremberg Trials Were Fair" in Tandy McConnell, ed., History in Dispute, Volume 11: The Holocaust (Detroit: Gale Press, 2003), 260-263.

**Contributor:** “Islam,” in Neil J. Salkind, Ph.D., ed. Encyclopedia of Human Development (Thousand Oaks and London: Sage Publications, 2005), 737-743.

Guest on *KUED* (PBS) *Civic Dialogue* (August 9, 1995): “The Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.”

A regular guest on the *British Forces Broadcasting System (BFBS)*, *SITREP*, commenting on world affairs, hosted by Christopher Lee.

**TEACHING  
RESEARCH  
INTERESTS:**

**Areas of Study for the Ph.D.:**

- International Law and Organization
- International Politics
- Political Theory
- Comparative Politics
- Ancient History (Greece and Rome)/Comparative Legal Theory

**Current Areas of Interest and Research:**

- International Relations Theory in the Post-Cold War World
- American Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War World
- The President, Congress, the Constitution and Foreign Policy
- The President, Congress, the Constitution and the War Power
- The Politics of the Persian Gulf and Iran
- Politics in the Middle East
- Politics and Film

**MEMBER:**

Western Political Science Association (WPSA)  
 American Political Science Association (APSA)  
 International Studies Association (ISA)  
 (Secretary, ISA-West, 2001-2004)  
 Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters  
*Pi Sigma Alpha*

**UNIVERSITY  
SERVICE:**

Director, Undergraduate Certificate in International Relations,  
 Southern Utah University.

Chair, Southern Utah University Faculty Senate, Bylaws and  
 Constitution Revision Committee (1999-2001)-Responsible for  
 writing the new Faculty Senate Constitution.

Chair, University Leave, Rank and Tenure Committee, Southern  
 Utah University (1999-2001).

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, Chi Lambda Chapter, Southern  
 Utah University (1997-2000).

Chair, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, Southern Utah University (2007- ).