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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS      **East Carolina University**, Greenville, NC USA      **August 2025 - present**  
*Teaching Assistant Professor*

**Center for Policy Research, University at Albany, SUNY**, Albany, NY USA      **August 2022 - August 2025**  
*Postdoctoral Research Associate*

**Miami University of Ohio**, Oxford, OH USA      **August 2022 - May 2025**  
*Visiting Assistant Professor*

**University at Albany, State University of New York**, Albany, NY USA      **August 2019 - August 2022**  
*Adjunct Professor*

RESEARCH INTERESTS      Economic statecraft, economic sanctions, economic circumvention & evasion, economic security, foreign policy, proliferation and terrorism financing, strategic trade and export controls, social network analysis, & quantitative methods

EDUCATION      **University at Albany, State University of New York**, Albany, NY USA  
Ph.D., Political Science, December 2021  
Department of Political Science, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy  
• Dissertation: "Economic sanctions and opportunism"  
• Chair: Bryan R. Early; Committee Members: Zsofia Barta, Brian Greenhill  
M.A., Political Science, May 2019

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, Illinois USA  
M.A., Public Policy & Administration, June 2017  
• Thesis: "Abandoning policies of isolation and hostility: a punctuated equilibrium model of foreign policy change in U.S. foreign relations."  
• Thesis Advisor: Felicity Vabulas

**St. John's University**, Queens, NY USA  
M.A., Government & Politics, January 2015  
• Thesis: "Italy and the Suez Canal Crisis (1955-1956): Foundations of a multilateralist foreign policy"  
• Thesis Advisor: Azzedine Layachi

**University of Melbourne**, Parkville, VIC Australia  
B.A., Art History & Classics, December 2003

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

Keith A. Preble. 2026. *Smart Evasion: Global Resistance to U.S. Economic Sanctions*. Lynne Rienner Publishers. [https://www.rienner.com/title/Smart\\_Evasion\\_Global\\_Resistance\\_to\\_US\\_Economic\\_Sanctions](https://www.rienner.com/title/Smart_Evasion_Global_Resistance_to_US_Economic_Sanctions)

Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis Ward. 2024. *Trading with Pariahs: Trade Networks and the Failure of Economic Sanctions*. Lexington Books. <https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/trading-with-pariahs-9781666903737/>

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Accepted 24 February 2026.* Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis. 2026. "Taking nuclear North Korea seriously again." *North Korean Review*. *Forthcoming*.

*Accepted 22 December 2025.* Charmaine N. Willis and Keith A. Preble. 2026. "With Friends like These: The Impact of US Troop Deployments on Economic Sanctions Busting." *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

Charmaine N. Willis and Keith A. Preble. 2025. "Learning at any age: Teaching Political Science to Older Adult Learners." *Journal of Political Science Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2025.2540402>

**Open Access:** Keith A. Preble & Charmaine N. Willis. 2024. "Trading with Pariahs: North Korean Sanctions and the Challenge of Weaponized Interdependence." *Global Studies Quarterly* 4(2): 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksae031>

**Open Access:** Beata Stepień, Bryan R. Early, Julia Grauvogel, Keith A. Preble, and Szymon Truskolaski. 2024. "The impact of external pressure on companies' responses to sanctions – an international comparative study." *European Journal of Criminal Policy and Research* (Special issue on economic sanctions). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10610-024-09576-y>

**Open Access:** Keith A. Preble and Bryan R. Early. 2023. "Enforcing Economic Sanctions by Tarnishing Corporate Reputations." *Business and Politics* 26(1): 102-123. <https://doi.org/10.1017/bap.2023.22>

Keith A. Preble. 2023. "'Just Right': The Goldilocks Theory of Sanctions Busting's Causes." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 19(4): 1-23. <https://doi.org/10.1093/fpa/orad020>

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. March 2020. "Enforcing US Economic Sanctions: Why Whale Hunting Works." *The Washington Quarterly* 43(1): 159-175. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0163660X.2020.1736881>

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. 2020. "Going Fishing Versus Hunting Whales: Explaining Variation in the United States' Enforcement of Economic Sanctions." *Security Studies* 29(2): 231-67. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2020.1722850>

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. 2020. "OFAC Enforcement Action Data Set." <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/TIFRTT>

### SCHOLARSHIP UNDER REVIEW

*Revise and Resubmit:* Crystal D. Pryor and Keith A. Preble. "Tracking the implementation of strategic trade controls." *Foreign Policy Analysis*

Keith A. Preble. "Better Together? Harmonization, Cooperation, and the Effectiveness of Arms Embargoes in the EU." *International Studies Quarterly*.

Bryan R. Early, Julia Grauvogel, Keith A. Preble, Beata Stępień, and Szymon Truskolaski. “Why do citizens support sanctioning Russia and expect firms to follow suit?” *Review of International Political Economy*.

Keith A. Preble, Charmaine N. Willis, and Joshua Turner. “Profiting like a Pariah: Mapping illicit activities of pariah states.”

BOOK CHAPTERS

Keith A. Preble. 2025. “Evasion and circumvention.” *Elgar Encyclopedia of International Sanctions*. Clara Portela, Mirko Sassai, and Andrea Charron, eds. Edward Elgar. <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/usd/elgar-encyclopedia-of-international-sanctions-9781035339525.html>

Keith A. Preble. 2024. “Why INSTEX and not something else? Understanding the development of INSTEX in response to US secondary sanctions.” *Economic sanctions under international law: trade continuity with special purpose vehicles*. P. Sean Morris, ed. Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/Economic-Sanctions-under-International-Law-Trade-Continuity-with-Special-Purpose-Vehicles/Morris/p/book/9781032554600>

Keith A. Preble. 2024. “‘A Farewell to Arms’: Arms Embargo Busting and the Challenges of Arms Export Harmonization in the European Union.” *International (unilateral) sanctions in an interdisciplinary perspective: legal, economic-financial, and political implications*. Antonio Bultrini, Mirko Sossai, Francesco Giumelli, and Clara Portela, eds. Routledge/Giappichelli. <https://www.routledge.com/International-Sanctions-in-Practice-An-Interdisciplinary-Perspective/Bultrini-Giumelli-Portela-Sossai/p/book/9781032481302>

Bryan R. Early. and Keith A. Preble. 2024. “For Fear or Positive PR? Exploring Firms’ Self-Sanctioning Responses to Ukraine’s Invasion.” *The Effect of Economic Sanctions within the Russia-Ukraine Conflict*. Morad Bali, ed. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers. <https://novapublishers.com/shop/the-effects-of-economic-sanctions-within-the-russia-ukraine-conflict/>

Keith A. Preble. 2023. “Competition, Harmonization, and Security Dilemmas: Europe’s Contribution to the Arms Race in the Middle East.” *Arms Race in the Middle East: Contemporary Security Dynamics*. Mohammad Eslami and Alena Vysotskaya Guedes Vieira, eds. Springer Verlag. <https://link.springer.com/book/9783031324314>

Bryan R. Early and Keith Preble. 2021. “Grand Strategy and the Tools of Economic Statecraft.” *Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy*. Thierry Balzacq and Ronald R. Krebs, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press. <https://10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198840299.013.24>

PUBLIC  
SCHOLARSHIP

Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis. 2025. “Sanctioning ghosts: Why US plans to hit Russia with fresh economic penalties will have little effect.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/sanctioning-ghosts-why-us-plans-to-hit-russia-with-fresh-economic-penalties-will-have-little-effect-261208>

Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis. 2024. “How Russia has managed to shake off the impact of sanctions – with a little help from its friends.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/how-russia-has-managed-to-shake-off-the-impact-of-sanctions-with-a-little-help-from-its-friends-223632>

Charmaine N. Willis and Keith A. Preble. 2024. “3 years on from the coup, economic sanctions look unlikely to push Myanmar back to democracy.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/3-years-on-from-coup-economic-sanctions-look-unlikely-to-push-myanmar-back-to-democracy-221297>

Keith A. Preble. 2022. “Sanctions Run Amok – The Undermining of US Power.” *Fletcher Security Review*. <https://www.fletchersecurity.org/copy-of-modern-extremism>

Keith A. Preble and Bryan R. Early. 2022. “Eliminating sanctions on the Taliban won’t solve Afghanistan’s deepening humanitarian crisis.” *War on the Rocks*. <https://warontherocks.com/2021/11/sanctions-reform-should-start-with-the-treasury-office-enforcing-them/>

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. February 2021. “The Past, Present, and Future of U.S. Sanctions Enforcement.” *War on the Rocks*. <https://warontherocks.com/2021/02/the-past-present-and-future-of-u-s-sanctions-enforcement/>

Keith A. Preble. 2021. “Sanctions Reform Should Start with the Treasury Office Enforcing Them.” *War on the Rocks*. <https://warontherocks.com/2021/11/sanctions-reform-should-start-with-the-treasury-office-enforcing-them/>

Bryan R. Early. and Keith A. Preble. 2019. “Trends in U.S. Sanctions Enforcement During the Trump Administration.” Compliance & Enforcement Blog, NYU Law’s Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement. [https://wp.nyu.edu/compliance\\_enforcement/2019/01/30/trends-in-u-s-sanctions-enforcement-during-the-trump-administration/](https://wp.nyu.edu/compliance_enforcement/2019/01/30/trends-in-u-s-sanctions-enforcement-during-the-trump-administration/)

Keith A. Preble. and Bryan R. Early. 2018. “‘Sanctions Busting’: The Risks and Rewards to Those Trying to Circumvent the System.” SanctionsAlert.com. June 15.

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. 2017. “America needs Europe’s help with sanctions. It may not get it.” Monkey Cage/Washington Post. August 24. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/08/24/america-needs-europes-help-with-sanctions-it-may-not-get-it/>

POLICY  
SCHOLARSHIP

Keith A. Preble, Crystal D. Pryor, and Luke McFadden. 2025. “SWOT Analysis of Japan: Mapping Japan’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for dual-use research, trade and industrial cooperation between the EU and Japan.” Belgium/Tokyo: EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation. <https://www.eu-japan.eu/library>

Keith A. Preble. 2024. “Target state adaptation and patterns of trade.” In Strengthening UK Sanctions Implementation and Enforcement, Eds. Bryan R. Early and Jordan Tama. *Wilton Park Dialogue*, January 17-19, 2024. [Working copy can be provided on request]

Keith A. Preble (with Crystal Pryor et al.). “The Economic Benefits of STC Implementation for Southeast Asia: A Study of Trade and Foreign Direct Investment.” *Pacific Forum*.

Bryan R. Early and Keith A. Preble. 2022. “For Fear or Positive PR? Exploring Firms’ Self-Sanctioning Responses to Ukraine’s Invasion.” *Bridging the Gap Workshop*, Sanctions and the War in Ukraine: Lessons Learned, September 22-23.

Keith A. Preble. 2022. “‘If You Can’t Beat ’em, Join ’em’: An Argument for US Support of and Participation in INSTEX.” *Global Trade and Customs Journal* 17(9): 364-369. <https://kluwerlawonline.com/journalarticle/Global+Trade+and+Customs+Journal/17.9/GTCJ2022051>

Kolja Brockmann and Keith A. Preble. September 2021. “Mitigating Humanitarian Impact in a Complex Sanctions Environment: The European Union and the Sanctions Regimes against Iran.” Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). <https://www.sipri.org/publications/2021/policy-reports/mitigating-humanitarian-impact-complex-sanctions-environment-european-union-and-sanctions-regimes>

Crystal Pryor, Mason Venturo, Timothy Halliday, Eugenio Benincasa, Mark Bryan Manantan, Jason Lowe, Keith A. Preble, Maxwell Baker. October 2020. "The Economic Benefits of STC Implementation for Southeast Asia." Pacific Forum

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

Keith A. Preble. 2025. "Better Together? Competition, Harmonization & Arms Embargo Effectiveness in the EU." **International Studies Association Virtual Conference**, 7/29-8/1.

Bryan R. Early, Timothy Peterson, and Keith A. Preble. 2024. "Why some sanctions enforcement actions attract or fail to attract media attention." **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, PA, 9/4-9/7.

Bryan R. Early, Julia Grauvogel, and Keith A. Preble. 2024. "Comparatively analyzing citizens' responses to sanctioning Russia." **International Studies Association Annual Convention**, San Francisco, CA, 4/3-4/6.

Keith A. Preble. 2024. "Networks of harmonization and EU arms competition." **International Studies Association Annual Convention**, San Francisco, CA, 4/3-4/6.

Charmaine N. Willis and Keith A. Preble. 2023. "Bases and Busting." **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Los Angeles, CA, 8/28-9/3. (Virtual Panel)

Keith A. Preble. 2023. "Caught in the Middle: The Effects of Not-Quite-Sanctions Busting Trade." **International Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Junior Scholar Symposium, Montreal, Canada, 3/15-3/18.

Keith A. Preble and Joshua Turner. 2023. "Outmaneuvering and outsmarting US economic sanctions: direct and indirect sanctions evasion." **International Studies Association Annual Convention**, Montreal, Canada, 3/15-3/18.

Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis. 2022. "When Weaponized Interdependence Falter: The Case of Sanctions against Myanmar and Cuba." **Southwest Mixed Methods Research (SWMMR) Conference**, University of Notre Dame, 10/27-10/28.

Keith A. Preble and Charmaine N. Willis. 2022. "Making Weaponized Interdependence Work: The Case of (Modestly) Effective Sanctions on Iran." **PolNET**, University of Iowa (Virtual Conference), 7/14.

Keith A. Preble. 2022. "Cooperative Interactions and Complementary Interests: The Effects of Intra-Industry Trade on Sanctions Busting." **International Studies Association Annual Convention**, Nashville, TN, 3/28-4/2.

Keith A. Preble and Bryan R. Early. 2022. "Enforcing Economic Sanctions by Tarnishing Corporate Reputations." **International Studies Association Annual Meeting**, Nashville, TN, 3/28-4/2. (Part of panel I organized: "Thinking Inside the "Black Box": Assessing the Impact, Effectiveness, and Utility of Economic Sanctions.")

Keith A. Preble. 2021. "Economic Sanctions and Self-Interest: The Role of Sanctions Busting Trade at the Industry Level." **International Studies Association - Northeast Conference**, November 2021.

Keith A. Preble. 2019. "Three-level games in Southeast Asia." **Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies, Montreal, Canada**. October 2019.

Keith A. Preble. 2019. "The Effects of Intra-EU Trade on Sanctions Busting Behavior." **American**

**Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. September 2019.**

**TEACHING & INSTRUCTION**

**Introductory Courses**  
Introduction to U.S. Politics  
Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Introduction to International Relations  
Introduction to Homeland Security  
Foundations of Security Studies

**Electives & Advanced Courses**  
European Politics  
Global Governance  
Global Terrorism  
International Law  
International Organizations  
Politics of Economic Statecraft  
Politics of the Middle East  
Rising China in World Politics  
Social Science Research & Writing  
U.S. Foreign Policy  
Weapons of Mass Destruction

**GRANTS & FUNDING**

**2024-2025:** Dolibois Family Faculty Development Fund Grant, \$4,4550.00 (supported commodity proliferation simulation activity and launch)  
**2023:** NAWA Grant (Poland), \$40,000.00 (supported survey research in the US, Germany, and Poland with Beata Stepien, Bryan R. Early, & Julia Grauvogel)  
**2022:** APSA Spring Centennial Research Grant, \$2,500.00 (with Charmaine N. Willis, to support data collection for article and book related to *Trading with Pariahs*)  
**2018:** First Generation Scholars Grant, American Political Science Association, \$250.00 (microgrant from APSA to support conference participation in Boston, MA)

**OTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING**

**2025:** ACUE: Teaching Adult Learners Online, 19 August. [https://badgr.com/public/assertions/N7WNXnedTcCjupopC4g\\_eQ?identity\\_\\_email=preblek25%40ecu.edu](https://badgr.com/public/assertions/N7WNXnedTcCjupopC4g_eQ?identity__email=preblek25%40ecu.edu)  
**2021:** North Korea Program at George Washington Institute for Korean Studies (GWIKS)  
**2019:** Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research (IQMR)  
**2018:** ICPSR Summer Program (Summer I & Summer II)

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

I have provided peer review of works for the following academic journals: European Journal of International Security, Review of International Organizations, Journal of Peace Research, Global Governance, International Organization, International Interactions, International Affairs, International Relations, and Foreign Policy Analysis.

I have also reviewed manuscripts for academic works and textbooks for Lexington Books, Norton, Routledge, & SAGE

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**TradeStrategic LLC**, Seattle, WA USA  
*Consulting/Research Support* **January, 2025 - August 2025**  
I serve as a research consultant and quantitative expert for projects as needed.

**AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

**2024:** Nomination from Associated Student Government, Outstanding Professor Award for 2023/2024 Academic Year, Miami University  
**2022:** Rockefeller College Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award (2021/2022 AY)  
**2019:** Rockefeller College Outstanding Student Leadership Award  
**2019:** Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Common Pool, Syracuse University  
**2018:** Rockefeller College Advisory Board Scholarship (\$1000)

**2018:** Scholarship for Political Science Research, ICPSR Summer Program

**SKILLS**

- Statistical Packages: STATA, R (including R Studio), Python
- Languages: English (native speaker), Italian (fluent), German (Basic), Spanish (Basic)
- Applications: L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Overleaf, Microsoft Office, Google Docs
- Visualization Suites: Flourish, Data Wrapper