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Education

- Ph.D., Political Science, Florida International University August 2022
 - Major Fields: Political Theory; Minor Field: International Relations
 - Dissertation Title: “A Future of Our Own Making: Technological Possibilities for Democracy.”
- M.A., Political Science, Florida International University, December 2019.
- B.A., Political Science, Florida International University *Magna Cum Laude*, April 2014
 - Certification: National Security Studies, Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies.

Awards and Grants

- Innovative Pedagogy Grant, University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence. 2025-2026.
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, University Graduate School at Florida International University. August 2020- April 2021.

Best Graduate Instructor- Political Science. Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University. September 2020.
- Travel Grant- American Political Science Association. September 2021.

Academic Positions

- Instructor, Cyber Policy and Ethics, University of South Carolina, August 2024-Present
- Internet and Society in a Connected World; Artificial Intelligence and Society; Connected Societies and Online Cultures; Technology, Conflict, and International Security (all in-person).
- Instructor, University 101 Programs. August 2025- Present. The Student in the University (in-person).
- Adjunct Instructor, Olympic College, November 2023- January 2024
 - American Politics (hybrid),

- WorkFirst LifeSkills Advisor and Retention Advisor, Highline College, December 2022- May 2023.
- Adjunct Instructor, University of Miami, August 2022- December 2022
Introduction to Political Theory (in-person).
- Adjunct Instructor, Nova Southeastern University, August 2021-April 2022
 - Global Politics (in-person); American Government and Politics (remote, in person); Introduction to Political Science (in-person); Political Theory (in-person).
- Adjunct Instructor, Florida International University, January 2020- August 2024.
 - Department of Politics and International Relations:
 - Introduction to Political Theory (in-person and remote); Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (in-person and remote); Contemporary Political Theory (in-person and online); Introduction to Comparative Politics (in-person and remote); Feminist Political Theory (in-person); Political Ideologies (remote).

Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences:
Technology in the Global Arena (in-person, remote).
- Faculty Fellow, Florida International University Honors College, August 2023-Present
 - Apocalypse How (remote).
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Florida International University, August 2014-December 2019
 - Introduction to Political Theory; Introduction to International Relations; Political Ideologies; Modern Political Theory; American Political Thought; Feminist Political Theory; Sex, Power, and Politics; American Foreign Policy; Special Topics (Nominating Conventions- Online).

Book:

- Pierman, Garrett. *Unrealized Digital Democracy: A Critical Analysis of Power in the Digital Age* Lexington Books. October 2023.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Pierman, Garrett. “Building the Plane While F(lying) it: Misinformation as a Challenge to Realist Strategy Formation. *New Political Science*. Accepted March 13, 2025.

- Pierman, Garrett. "The Grand Strategy of Nonstate Actors: Theory and Implications." *Journal of Strategic Security* 8, no. 4 (2015): 69-78.

Review Essays:

- Pierman, Garrett. Rev of *Marx, Engels, and the Philosophy of Science* by David Bedford and Thomas Workman, 3 December 2025.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev of *A People's History of Detroit* by Mark Jay and Philip Conklin. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 18 November 2024.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev of *Pandemic and Crisis of Democracy* by Andre Duarte. *Phenomenological Reviews*, 18 September 2023.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev of *Routledge Handbook of Marxism and Post-Marxism* edited by Alex Callinicos, Stathis Kouvelakis and Lucia Pradella. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*. 20 September 2022.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev of *A Way Through Global Techno-Scientific Culture* by Sheldon Richmond. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*. 19 October 2020.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev. of *Race After Technology* by Ruha Benjamin. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 11 September 2019.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev. of *Radical Happiness: Moment of Collective Joy* by Lynne Segal. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 19 June 2019.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev. of *Economics after Capitalism: A Guide to the Ruins and a Road to the Future* by Derek Wall. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 19 October 2017.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev. of *Reading Marx in the Information Age* by Christian Fuchs. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 1 March 2017.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev. of *Racism: A Critical Analysis*, by Mike Cole. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 21 March 2016.
- Pierman, Garrett. Rev. of *Marx and Engels' Communist Manifesto: A Reader's Guide*, by Peter Lamb. *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, 24 July, 2015.

Conference Papers

- Pierman, Garrett, “Misinformation as a Challenge to Democratic Discourse: The Problems We Face and a Potential Solution. Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington (April 2025).
- Pierman, Garrett, “I Am Become Misinformation: Destroyer of Democracy.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia (March 2024).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Digital Democracy: Optimism in the Face of Crisis.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington. (October 2021).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Compressed Political Spacetime as a Threat to Digital Democracy.” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2021, Virtual).
- Pierman, Garrett, “: How are We Thinking about What We are Doing with Technology?” ASPECT Graduate Student Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia (March 2019).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Fake News, Real Implications: Political Spaces of the 21st Century,” International Studies Association- Northeast, Baltimore, Maryland (November 2018).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Protecting Peoples: Towards a Non-Nuclear Realism,” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2018).
- Pierman, Garrett, “The Macabre Masquerade: The Risk of the Anonymous in Social Spaces,” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2018).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Rationalizing Inequality in Modern Liberal Democracies: a Re-Conceptualization,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2018).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Homo Sacer and Spaces of Exception: The Troubles of Prosecuting Web-Based Crimes,” International Studies Association- Northeast, Providence, Rhode Island (November 2017).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Technological Disobedience: Building Convivial Tools for Discourse,” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2017).

- Pierman, Garrett, “Do Androids Dream of Electric Solidarity? Toward a Techno-Solidarity Ethic,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2017).
- Pierman, Garrett, “Quitting from the Podium: A Comparative Analysis of Two Contemporary Far-Right Movements in Developed Democracies,” International Studies Association-South Annual Conference Sheperdstown, West Virginia (October 2016).

Other Publications

- Pierman, Garrett, “Juggling Academic Time and Technology: Advice from a Millennial.” Midwest Political Science Association Blog, 13 February 2019. Online.
- Pierman, Garrett. “Clowns to the Left, Jokers to the Right: The 2016 Presidential Campaign in Two Books.” *Class, Race, and Corporate Power* Vol. 6 (2018), issue 1, Article 6.

Invited Talks and Panels

- Panel Discussion: The Challenges of Then, Now, and Tomorrow (feminist event). FIU Student Government Association. 29 April 2022.
- Invited Guest Lecture: NATO, The Digital, and the Problem of Strategy Formation. For Dr. Catherine Studemeyer’s Course Entitled “NATO in Global Affairs.” 1 April, 2026

Micro-Credentials

- Certificate: Garnet AI Fluency. Granted by the University of South Carolina. 2 April, 2026.
- Certificate: Universal Design for Learning in Practice. Granted by the University of South Carolina, Center for Teaching Excellence. 9 March, 2026.
- Certificate: Teaching Experience Workshop. Granted by the University of South Carolina, University 101 Programs. Fall 2025.
- Certificate: Technology for Online Teaching and Learning. Granted by the University of South Carolina, Center for Teaching Excellence. Fall 2025.

- New Faculty Academy, University of South Carolina. Completed Spring 2025.
- Certificate: Teaching Experience Workshop (University 101 Programs, allows me to teach for U101 Program). University of South Carolina. February 2025.
- Safe Zone Ally Certification. University of South Carolina. November 2024.
- Canvas 101 Certification. Washington State Board of Technical and Community Colleges. April 2024
- Online Teaching Expectations: Passed. Olympic College. April 2024.
- Remote Teach Ready Badge. Florida International University Center for the Advancement of Teaching. May 2020.
- Global Learning Course Design and Instruction. Florida International University Office of Global Learning Initiatives. April 2020.

Service

- University of South Carolina Office of the Vice President for Research
 - Poster Reviewer, Discover USC 2025
- University of South Carolina Honors College
 - Thesis Main Advisor. 2025-present
 - Thesis Second Reader. 2025-Present
- University of South Carolina, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies
 - Communications Committee Member (Fall 2025- Present).
- Reader for Scholarship Applications,
 - Florida International University Honors College
 - Asian and Pacific Islander- American Scholars
 - Highline College, Highline College Foundation
- Mentor, Advanced Research and Creativity in Honors (ARCH)
 - Florida International University Honors College
- Conference Organizer
 - Undergraduate Research Conference at Florida International University 2024

Reviewer

- *Journal of Strategic Security*
- *Cambridge University Press*
- *Florida International University Undergraduate Research Journal*

Media Appearances

- Muskett, Mckenzie, “AI-generated ads are running political campaigns, sparking voter trust concerns.” *Spectrum News*. 3 April, 2026.
- Yaffa, Caroline, “SC AG targets major phone companies in new phase of robocall crackdown.” *7 News (WPSA)*. 5 December, 2025.
- Melendez, David, “Exploring the Internet’s Effects on Politics: Honors Alumnus & Faculty Fellow Dr. Garrett Pierman Transforms Dissertation into Published Book. *Florida International University Honors College Blog*. 3 November, 2024.