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## **Education**

### **UC Irvine 2004-2011**

- PhD 2011 Political Science.  
The State Reaction a theory of illicit network resilience. Dissertation was a historical case study of the cartel Arellano Felix in Tijuana based upon a year of fieldwork in Mexico City and Tijuana. ([Winner Best Dissertation Western Political Science Association 2012](#))
- Masters 2008 Political Science.

### **Colegio de La Frontera Norte, Tijuana (COLEF) 2011**

- Attended COLEF while conducting fieldwork in Tijuana (estancia). January -June 2011.

### **UC Berkeley 1999-2003**

- Bachelors Political Science (High Honors)

## **Employment**

### **Sam Houston State University**

- [Associate Professor Security Studies Department College of Criminal Justice](#) (2020-present)
- Assistant Professor Security Studies Department College of Criminal Justice (2014-2020)

### **Rice University**

- [Baker Institute Nonresident Scholar](#) (2014-Present)
- Alfred C. Glassell III Postdoctoral Fellow in Drug Policy (2012-14)

### **Journal of Strategic Security**

- Book Review Editor Journal of Strategic Security (2021-Present)

### **University of San Diego**

- Adjunct Lecturer Introduction to International Relations 2011-2012

### **University of California Irvine**

- Adjunct Lecturer International Relations 2010
- Adjunct Lecturer International Issues and Institutions 2009
- Teaching Assistant 2004-2009

## **Fellowships**

- Small Wars Journal Senior Fellow 2022-Present
- [Small Wars Journal El Centro Fellow](#) 2012-2021

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- Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) Fellow 2010-11 – Provided one year of funding for fieldwork and dissertation completion carried out in Mexico. Fieldwork sites: Mexico City and Tijuana.
- Dissertation Fellow Department of Political Science UC Irvine Fall 2009

**Awards:**

- Best Dissertation Western Political Science Association [2013](#)
- James A. Danziger Award for Teaching Excellence 2011 UC Irvine Political Science.
- Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Award Recipient and Affiliate 2010.
- Excellence in Teaching Award from the Department of Political Science for Winter 2010 US Coercive Diplomacy.
- Global Connect Award 2009 for Graduate Student Presentation on Counterinsurgency and Failed States.
- Global Connect Award 2008 for Graduate Student Presentation on *What Is Terrorism?*
- Excellence in Teaching Award from the Department of Political Science for Winter 2006 US Coercive Diplomacy.
- Letter of congratulations from the Dean of Social Sciences on Top 10 ranking for all social science TAs (March, 2005).

**Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

- Nathan P. Jones, Irina Chindea, Daniel Weisz Argomedo, and John P. Sullivan, “A Social Network Analysis of Mexico’s Dark Network Alliance Structure,” *Journal of Strategic Security* 15, no. 4 (2022), <https://doi.org/10.5038/1944-0472.15.4.2046>.
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- (Forthcoming) Sullivan, John P., and Nathan P. Jones. “Intelligence and Analytical Approaches for the Crime-Gang-Terrorism Nexus.” *International Journal on Criminology*, Accepted for issue 9.3 -2022.
- Isaac Poritzky, Nathan P. Jones, and John P. Sullivan, “Transnational Cartels and Prison/Jail Gangs: A Social Network Analysis of Mexican Mafia (Eme) and La Familia Michoacana Conspiracy Cases,” *Small Wars Journal*, October 24, 2022, <https://smallwarsjournal.com/index.php/jrnl/art/transnational-cartels-and-prisonjail-gangs-social-network-analysis-mexican-mafia-eme-and>.
- Nathan P. Jones and Howard Campbell, “Dilemmas of Immigrant Asylum Claims for Expert Witnesses,” *Annals of Anthropological Practice* (February 4, 2022): 4, <https://doi.org/10.1111/napa.12176>.

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- Natalie D. Baker and Nathan P. Jones, “A Snake Who Eats the Devil’s Tail: The Recursivity of Good and Evil in the Security State,” *Media, War & Conflict* 13, no. 4 (December 1, 2020): 468–86, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1750635219846021>.
- Nathan P. Jones, W. Layne Dittmann, Jun Wu, and Tyler Reese. “A Mixed Methods Social Network Analysis of a Cross-Border Drug Network: The Fernando Sanchez Organization (FSO).” *Trends in Organized Crime* 23, no. 2 (June 1, 2020): 154–82. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12117-018-9352-9>.
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- Jones, Nathan. “The Strategic Implications of the Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación.” *Journal of Strategic Security* 11, no. 1 (2018): 19–42. <https://doi.org/10.5038/1944-0472.11.1.1661>.
- Jones, Nathan. “The Unintended Consequences of Kingpin Strategies: Kidnap Rates and the Arellano-Félix Organization.” *Trends in Organized Crime* 16, no. 2 (2013). DOI 10.1007/s12117-012-9185-x.

### **Peer Reviewed Books**

- Nathan P. Jones, *Mexico’s Illicit Drug Networks and the State Reaction*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2016.

### **Special Issue Co-Editor Climate Change and Global Security with Journal of Strategic Security**

- Nathan P. Jones and John P. Sullivan. “Climate Change and Global Security.” *Journal of Strategic Security* 13, no. 4 (December 2020). <https://doi.org/10.5038/1944-0472.13.4.1899>.

### **Projects Underway**

- (Under Review/copy edits) John P. Sullivan and Nathan P. Jones, “The Establishment of the Mexican *Guardia Nacional* (2012-2019): A Gendarmerie Force for Crime Wars and the Fourth Transformation of Mexico” under review with peer reviewed journal *Nuovo Antologia Militare* (NAM).
- (Revisions) Chris Bronk and Nathan P. Jones “Cyber Cases: The PICCA Framework for Documenting Geopolitically Relevant Cyber Action.” Submitted to the *Journal of Strategic Security*.

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- Nathan P. Jones, review of *SWJ Book Review – Planning to Fail: The US Wars in Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq*, by James H Lebovic, *Small Wars Journal*, October 1, 2021, <https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/swj-book-review-planning-fail-us-wars-vietnam-afghanistan-and-iraq>.
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- Hale, Gary, Nathan P. Jones, Adam Hale, and Russell Lundberg. "Uncovering Human Smuggling Patterns from Guatemala to the United States." Department of Homeland Security: Border, Trade, and Immigration Center of Excellence at the University of Houston. Houston: Voir Dire International LLC, 2018.

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- Texas should not mandate drug tests for unemployment benefits, Mar 29, 2013. Op-ed Houston Chronicle. <http://www.chron.com/opinion/outlook/article/Texas-should-not-mandate-drug-tests-for-4393012.php>

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- "Applying Lessons From Colombia to Mexico" Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars: Mexico Institute. Al Dia. December 2, 2010.

**Media Appearances:**

- Regular Guest with the Texas Standard public radio in Texas in 2017 and 2018.

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- KRIV TV - Nathan Jones Interviewed on low profile activity of drug cartels in Texas.  
<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=979&DateTime=9/9/2013+9:02:50+PM&Term=rice+%2Buniversity&PlayClip=TRUE>
- “KRIV-TV Nate Jones, the Alfred C. Glassell III Postdoctoral Fellow in Drug Policy at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, discussed the arrest and capture of Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, the notorious leader of the Mexican Zetas drug cartel.  
<http://bit.ly/1bWld3P>
- Interviewed on Texas Public Radio on Texas Prosecutor Killings.  
<http://tpr.org/post/kaufman-county-killings-have-state-officials-increasing-security>
- Interviewed on KHOU Television on black market cigarettes.  
<http://www.khou.com/news/local/Higher-tax-rate-creates-black-market-for-cigarr-188767941.html>
- Interviewed on local fox radio affiliate on the illegal drug sales on the internet.
- Regularly interviewed on Houston’s 92FM on Mexican Politics.
- Interviewed NBC 7 San Diego News on impact of new viral video on Mexican politics. Friday April 13, 2012.  
<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/politics/Controversial-Mexican-Viral-Video-Targets-Candidates-147279845.html>
- Interviewed on the impact of the arrest of “El Ruedas,” KPBS Evening Edition, November 9, 2011.  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL2BEE055A0FBFA666&feature=player\\_embedded&v=5uLIdsl\\_MXs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL2BEE055A0FBFA666&feature=player_embedded&v=5uLIdsl_MXs)
- Interviewed KPBS Radio *Frontera* Desk on the Impact of the Arrest of “Hank” Rhon former Mayor of Tijuana on Firearms Charges.  
<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2011/jun/07/former-tijuana-mayor-suspected-illegal-firearms-po/>
- Interviewed San Diego Union Tribune on the Extradition of “El Doctor.”  
<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/aug/31/final-arellano-felix-brother-extradited-to-us/>

**Professional Associations:**

- Nonresident Scholar Baker Institute for Public policy (2014-Present)
- Fellow El Centro Small Wars Journal (2011-Present)
- Editorial Board Member Journal of Strategic Security (2019-Present)
- International Studies Association Member 2015
- ACJS Member 2015-2017
- International Association for the Study of Organized Crime 2012
- Insight Crime contributor 2012

**Study Abroad/Language Skills**

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- Lived in Cuernavaca Mexico for three months in the summer of 2007 and took six weeks of intensive immersion language courses at Universidad Internacional (UNINTER) (3 years of study equivalent). Proficient in written and spoken Spanish.
- Attended *Colegio de La Frontera Norte* in Tijuana a graduate University Specializing in the Northern border of Mexico 2010-2011 academic year. Fieldwork conducted in Spanish.

## **Intern Experience**

- Research Intern (Fall 2007)
- Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS)
- National Defense University (NDU) Fort McNair
- Duties included translations from Spanish to English of government documents and other materials. Kept abreast of world and Latin American news relevant to American security policy. Assisted in the organization of a conference on the security of the United States Southern approach, including Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America. Provided succinct summaries and analyses of conferences, seminars and workshops.

## **Conference Presentations:**

- Judge Ed Emmet, Nathan P. Jones, Randall Gurney, and Tami Cowen. “The Texas Freeze & Critical Infrastructure.” Presented at the Institute of Strategic Risk Management, Virtual, March 19, 2021. <https://www.isrmstudents.org/the-texas-freeze-critical-infrastructure/>.
- John P. Sullivan and Nathan P. Jones, “Intelligence and Analytical Approaches for the Crime-Gang-Terrorism Nexus” (International Criminology Conference, Virtual: Policy Studies Organization, November 5, 2021), <https://ipsonet.org/conferences/crim-conf/>.
- Nathan P. Jones and Samuel Gonzalez Ruiz. “Forecasting the Next Twenty-Five Years of the US-Mexico Public Safety and Security Relationship.” Panel Presentation presented at the US-Mexico Cooperation: National Security, Public Safety, and Defense, Universidad Iberoamericana, November 18, 2020.
- Webinar: *Organized Crime and the Coronavirus in Mexico*. Houston: Rice University’s Baker Institute, April 30, 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQrMQ0CSg04>.
- Nathan P. Jones. “‘Proteccion Del Testigos En Mexico’ on Panel 1- Nuevas Estrategias Político-Criminales Frente a Las Drogas y La Delincuencia Organizada En El Plano Internacional.” Webinar presented at the SEMINARIO INTERNACIONAL en línea COMO REDISEÑAR LA POLÍTICA CRIMINAL Y RECONSTRUIR EL SISTEM DE JUSTICIA PENAL EN MÉXICO, Mexico, June 9, 2020. [https://cepolcrim.com/php\\_assets/2020/06/Programa-Seminario-Int\\_CEPOLCRIM\\_Junio20-1.pdf](https://cepolcrim.com/php_assets/2020/06/Programa-Seminario-Int_CEPOLCRIM_Junio20-1.pdf).
- Nathan P. Jones. “‘La Proteccion Del Jueces’ on Panel 4. Reconstrucción Del Sistema de Justicia Penal y Fortalecimiento Del Estado de Derecho.” Webinar presented at the SEMINARIO INTERNACIONAL en línea COMO REDISEÑAR

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LA POLÍTICA CRIMINAL Y RECONSTRUIR EL SISTEM DE JUSTICIA  
PENAL EN MÉXICO, Mexico, June 30, 2020. <https://cepolcrim.com/seminario-en-linea/>.

- Cancelled due to COVID-19. Nathan P. Jones. Will They Be Tortured? Results of a Qualitative Mexico Security Expert Survey on Typical Mexican Asylum Applicant Vignettes. ACJS, San Antonio March 2020.
- Nathan P. Jones. Will They Be Tortured? Results of a Qualitative Mexico Security Expert Survey on Typical Mexican Asylum Applicant Vignettes. Second Border Security Conference with University of Warsaw and Sam Houston State University at SHSU LEMIT Spring 2020.
- O’Deane, Matthew, Jones Nathan P., and Lundberg Russell. A Social Network Analysis of the San Diego Law Enforcement Taskforce Network. ACJS, Baltimore 2019.
- First Annual Border Security Conference University of Warsaw Poland March 16-17, 2018. Assessing Lupsha’s State-Organized Crime Relationship Phase Models in Mexico.
- Jones, Nathan P. ACJS 2018. “Explaining the Spread of Predatory Tactics Among Mexican Drug Networks through the Lens of Bacterial Conjugation: The Case of the Cártel de Jalisco Nueva Generación.”
- Jones, N. (2017, March 22). Maritime Drug Trafficking in California and Texas: Pangas, Trickery, and Intimidation. Paper presented at the ACJS 2017, Kansas City, MO.
- Jones, N. (2017, March 23) Author Meets Critic Panel ACJS: Mexico’s Illicit Drug Networks and the State Reaction, Georgetown University Press. Author: Nathan Jones, Moderator Mitch Roth and critic Nicole Niebuhr.
- Panel Moderator 2016 Washington, DC. National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Operation Shadow Game.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gwH6eeOwC4k>.
- Marreel, J., & Jones, N. (2016, April). A Social Network Analysis of the Structural Differences between Firearm and Drug Trafficking Networks. Paper presented at the ACJS 2016, Denver, CO.
- Reese, T., & Jones, N. (2016, April). ISIS and Al-Qaeda Cells In America a Social Network Analysis of Structure. Paper presented at the ACJS 2016, Denver, CO.
- Jones, Nathan; Dittmann, Layne; Wu, Jun & Reese, Tyler, 2016. “Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research”. Co-Investigator and poster presenter. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Sam Houston State University Graduate Research Symposium, April, 2016, Woodlands, TX.
- Jones, Nathan; Dittmann, Layne; Wu, Jun; & Reese, Tyler, 2015. “Coding Operational Ties in Dark Networks from RICO Indictments: Methods for Further Social Network Analysis Research”. Co-Investigator and co-author. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the ACJS, November, Washington, DC.
- International Studies Association February 2015 New Orleans. Successful intelligence Operations or Politicized Paranoia? The Thwarted “Bombing” of Falcon Lake Dam.

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- Panel Chair. ACJS March 2015 Florida The Resilience and Destruction of Mexican Drug Networks: Los Zetas, Sinaloa and Los Templarios.
- ACJS 2015 Tampa Florida Author Meets Critic ACJS: Critique of “Border Security” James R. Phelps, Jeffrey Dailey, and Monica Koenigsberg.
- ISAC-ISSS Conference Austin Texas November 15, 2014. The Resilience and Destruction of Mexican Drug Networks: Los Zetas, Sinaloa and Los Templarios.
- Sam Houston Association of Computer Scientists (SHACS) Conference March 2014 “The role of technology in the competition between illicit networks and the state.”
- 2014 ISA Toronto Explaining the Rapid Geographic Expansion of a Territorial Illicit Network: Los Zetas and the Mexican State.
- 2013 ISA Presentation Youth Gang Prevention Programs in Mexico. Project Sponsored by Woodrow Wilson Center and the Trans-Border Institute of the University of San Diego.
- *The Tijuana Counter-narcotic Strategy as Counterinsurgency*. Latin American Studies Association San Francisco May 24, 2012.
- Illicit Network Business Models. Kidnapping and the Tijuana Cartel. Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies. UC Irvine Campus. April 2011.
- *"Ejércitos de usuarios y el uso del secuestro por los carteles de las drogas: Consecuencias no intencionales de las estrategias de los barones de las drogas."* (An Army of Users and the Use of Kidnapping by Drug Cartels: The Unintended Consequences of King-pin Strategies.) Nathan Jones. Universidad Autónoma Baja California, Mexicali. October 27-28, 2011 en la Segundo Foro Binacional: El Impacto Social de la Inseguridad Publica en la Frontera México-Estados Unidos.
- Armies of Users and the Unintended Consequences of Kingpin Strategies in the Fight against Drug Trafficking Organizations. Pacific Coast Latin American Studies Association Conference. October 29, 2011.
- Three Levels of Illicit Network Analysis: A Literature Review. International Studies Association West 2011, Pasadena 2011.
- “La reacción del Estado mexicano frente al crimen organizado: una teoría de la elasticidad” Colegio de la Frontera Norte de Tijuana. June 16, 2011. Presentation in Spanish.
- *"Ejércitos de usuarios y el uso del secuestro por los carteles de las drogas: Consecuencias no intencionales de las estrategias de los barones de las drogas."* (An Army of Users and the Use of Kidnapping by Drug Cartels: The Unintended Consequences of King-pin Strategies.) Nathan Jones. Colegio de la frontera Norte de Tijuana. June 29, 2011.
- *The State and Illicit Network Structures*. Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation Southern California Symposium. UC Irvine campus. January 14, 2011.
- Panel Chair ISA West 2010 – Los Angeles. Panel on Counterinsurgency.
- *The Four Phases of the Arellano-Felix Organization*. Presented in Guadalajara Mexico at *Universidad de Guadalajara* February 18-21, 2010. National Defense Intelligence College (Defense Intelligence Agency).



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- *The Four Phases of the Arellano-Felix Organization*. Presented in Washington, DC. May 25, 2010. National Defense Intelligence College (Defense Intelligence Agency).
- *Territorial Cartels and the Reaction of the State: The Arellano Felix Organization in Mexico*. Panel Discussant *The War on Terror and Counterinsurgency Issues*. International Studies Association-West -- Los Angeles. September 25-26, 2010.
- ISA National New York 2009 -- *Using Counterinsurgency Strategy to Reassert the Westphalian State Against Criminal Networks: The Case of the Gulf Cartel in Mexico*
- Spring 2009 -- UC Irvine Research in International Global Studies (RIGS) Discussant for Presentation of Book Chapter "*Leveraging Host Governments in War: Lessons from Vietnam and Iraq*" by James H. Lebovic
- ISA West San Francisco 2008-- *Using Counterinsurgency Strategy to Reassert the Westphalian State Against Criminal Networks: The Case of the Gulf Cartel in Mexico*
- International Studies Association February/March 2007 *The Decision to Invade and the Iraqi Insurgency as a Market Entry/Exit Game*
- International Studies Association March 2006 *Just War, Pacifism and the Holy*  
See a panel presentation.

**Professional Service**

- Book review Editor Journal of Strategic Security (2020-Present)
- Editorial Board Member Journal of Strategic Security 2019 to Present
- Peer Reviewer Journal of Strategic Security (2020-Present)

**Service:**

- Security Studies Hiring Committees (2014-Present)
- Security Studies Masters Self Study Committee (2020)
- Security Studies Admissions Committee (2014-Present)
- Chair Panel ACJS March 2020 (Cancelled COVID 19)
- Democracy Day Panel presentation and organization 2020 (Cancelled COVID-19)
- Advisor to SHSU LAE Law enforcement professional association 2015-2018.
- American Democracy Project Committee Member (University Level) (2016-Present).
- SHSU College of Criminal Justice Grievance Committee Member (2018-Present)
- Distance Learning Committee 2014-Present (University Level).
- Authored Self Study Department of Security Studies in-person and online Master Programs 2014
- Produced and Edited the Baker Institute Viewpoints Op-ed and Video Series 2012-2014
- Spearheaded the Inter-Institutional Collaboration between the South Texas College of Law and the Drug Policy Program of Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy. STCL students now write model marijuana legislation and analysis for the state of Texas as course papers.

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- Interim-Administrator Global Connect Winter 2010 – Duties include: Addressing personnel issues, making presentations, running weekly meetings, interfacing with local high school teachers and administrators on Global connect curriculum, etc.
- Headed the International Relations Group 2006-2007. The IR group is comprised of graduate students with an IR focus. This group helps to build graduate student-faculty relations and allows IR grad students to network and practice conference presentations. We also put on our own conference annually.
- Assisted the undergraduate UC Irvine Model United Nations team put on their annual high school conference. (2005-6)
- Global Connect 2008-9 Graduate Student Presenter – *What is Terrorism?* ; *What is Counterinsurgency?* And *Failed States*. Global Connect is a high school outreach program run by UCI undergraduates, which develops curriculums to improve upon local schools' ability to educate global citizens. Graduate students provide specialized presentations.

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