NOTE: The idea of the shadow CV is to provide information about one’s academic failures because our CVs normally highlight only our successes. While I think this information is very close to presenting all of my failures, there may be some missing rejections given that journal submissions and decisions were done via mail early in my career (although I found many rejection letters in my file cabinet!). Some of my most recent projects are excluded from the list if they have not reached the stage of peer review.

SCHOOLS I WAS REJECTED FROM
University of Minnesota (PhD program)

POSITIONS I INTERVIEWED FOR BUT FAILED TO GET AN OFFER
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Carleton College
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University
Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Professor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University
Professor, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
International Affairs Program Director, Bush School, Texas A&M University
Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University
Dean, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia
Professor, Department of Political Science, Simon Fraser University

JOURNALS I FAILED TO WIN BID FOR
*International Studies Quarterly* (lead editor with Brandon Prins): Publication/Executive Committee recommendation for our team to edit journal voted against by ISA Governing Council

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS REJECTED
Environmental Shocks, Migration, and Civil Conflict: The Importance of Government Policy Responses (with Elise Pizzi), NSF (2020)
Reducing Post-Disaster Conflict Risk through Labor and Diaspora Networks (with Elise Pizzi), DFID-World Bank-UNHCR Call for Research Proposals (2020)
Identity Claims: Expanding the Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) Dataset, Major Project Grant, OVPRED, University of Iowa
Diversifying the Professoriate: Advancing White Women and Women of Color in Psychology and Political Science (ADVANCE proposal with 3 other universities), NSF (2015)
University of Iowa FEAT (Faculty Engaged in Academic Transformation) (ADVANCE Proposal), NSF (2014)
ICRU Summer Fellows Grant Proposal, University of Iowa (2013)
Raising Awareness of Dating Violence and Stalking and Victims' Options. Public Engagement
Grant Program, University of Iowa (2012).
“Natural Resource and Conflict Traps: Improving Environmental Sustainability and Human
Security around the World” (with Cameron Thies). International Programs Summer
Institute for Teachers, University of Iowa (2009).
Collaborative Research: Bargaining in the Shadow of International Courts: The Intersection of
Domestic and International Law (with Emilia Powell), NSF (2007)
“The World Court and Interstate Conflict Resolution” (with Emilia Powell), NSF (2004)
“Freshwater and Maritime Issues in World Politics” (with Paul Hensel), NSF (1999)
Dissertation Fellowship funding, USIP (1996)

MANUSCRIPTS REJECTED
Projects Eventually Published

- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin. “Clashes at Sea: Explaining the Onset, Militarization, and
  Resolution of Diplomatic Maritime Claims”. Rejected by International Studies
  Quarterly.
- Kelly Daniels and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Bones of Democratic Contention:
  Maritime Disputes”. Rejected by American Journal of Political Science.
- Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin and Andrew P. Owsiak. “Conflict Management Regimes and
  the Management of Land, River, and Maritime Claims.” Rejected by British Journal of
  Political Science, International Organization.
  in Shared River Basins”. Rejected by American Journal of Political Science, Journal of
  Politics.
- Domestic Law Goes Global (book manuscript with Emilia Powell), rejected by delegates
  of the press board, Oxford University Press (after R&R and positive recommendation
  from acquisitions editor & reviewers).
- “Formal Commitments and States’ Interests: Compliance in International Relations”,
  special issue proposal rejected at International Organization, with Carmela Lutmar and
  Cristiane Carneiro.
- Nemeth, Stephen C., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Elizabeth A. Nyman, and Paul R.
  Hensel. “Ruling the Sea: Managing Maritime Conflicts through UNCLOS and Exclusive
  Economic Zones.” Rejected at International Organization, British Journal of Political
  Politics.
  No? Bargaining and Service in the Political Science Profession.” Rejected at Perspectives
  on Politics, Journal of Higher Education, Political Research Quarterly, Politics and
  Gender.
- Harrison, Ewan and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “The Arab Spring and Global
  Democratization: The Eclipse of the West?” Rejected by Journal of Peace Research;
  material incorporated into our 2014 book.


Projects Not Yet Published (but reviewed at least once)


• Harrison, Ewan and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. “Libya, Syria, and an Evolving Norm of Humanitarian Intervention in International Society” (part of a book manuscript not published).


• Gates, Scott, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and William Reed. “Non-Democracy is Not a Necessary Condition for War: A Counterfactual Analysis.” Rejected as part of an edited book project and at least one IR journal (no record).

**Projects Never Reviewed/Completed**


• Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin. “Cooperation in World Politics: The Constraining and Constitutive Effects of International Organizations.”

• Mitchell, Sara McLaughlin. “Exploring Realpolitik Behavior in Territorial Disputes.”

• Hensel, Paul R. and Sara McLaughlin. “Power Transitions and Dispute Escalation in Evolving Interstate Rivalries.”

• McLaughlin, Sara. “Endogeneity and the Democratic Peace.”