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Peter Thompson came to the College of International Security Affairs in 2009 from Michigan State University, where he taught numerous international relations courses, as well as American public affairs. Prior to MSU, he served as a Faculty Fellow at UCLA and as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Loyola Marymount University, teaching a variety of courses, including International Security, Foreign Policy Decision Making and Tools of Statecraft, International Relations Theory, Globalization and Security, International Political Economy, Atlantic Area in World Politics: U.S. and Europe, World Order, Introduction to World Politics, and Great Powers in the Middle East. His current teaching duties include Origins of Conflict and War, Armed Groups and Irregular Warfare, Strategic Thought, and Geostrategy.

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