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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political violence, inequality, civil war, aid in conflict settings, international security, battlefield performance, causal inference, experiments, and Afghanistan.

APPOINTMENTS

Dartmouth College

- Associate Professor of Government, Department of Government (July 2019-)
  - James Wright Chair in Transnational Studies (July 2019-)
  - Director, Political Violence FieldLab (July 2019-)
  - Faculty Associate, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding (July 2019-)
  - Faculty Affiliate, Program in Quantitative Social Science (Jan 2021-)
  - Faculty Affiliate, Initiative for Global Security (Nov 2024-)

Yale University

- Associate Professor of Political Science (untenured), Yale University (July 2013-June 2019).
  - Founder/Director, Political Violence FieldLab. (September 2015-June 2019).
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University. (July 2010-June 2013).
- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Dept. of Political Science, Yale University (August 2009-June 2010).

Princeton University

- Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Department of Politics and Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (July 2005-July 2009).
- Instructor of Politics and International Affairs, Department of Politics and the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (July 2004-June 2005).

EDUCATION

Cornell University. Ph.D., Government. June 2005.

- Dissertation: *Paths of Ruin: Why Revisionist States Arise and Die in World Politics*
  - Winner of the 2007 Helen Dwight Reid Award for the best dissertation in international relations, law, and politics, American Political Science Association
  - Winner of the 2006 Milton and Janice Esman Prize for Best Dissertation in Government Department, Cornell University
- Committee: Peter Katzenstein (Chair), Valerie Bunce, Matthew Evangelista, and Chris Way

Simon Fraser University. B.A., History and Political Science (Double Major), 1998.

- Graduand Speaker (June 1998)
- 6-time Honour Roll Recipient

OTHER TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery Certificate, Harvard Medical School, Sept. 2025.
Trauma Informed Care Certificate, Harvard Medical School, February 2024.
Technical Advisor, Measuring Impact of Stabilization Initiatives (MISTI), USAID-Afghanistan: April 2012—March 2015.
Counterinsurgency Leaders' Course XXIII–Afghanistan (CLC-A), Camp Julien, Afghanistan: July 2009.
Olin Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University, 2007–08.
Columbia-Cornell Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS): July-August 2003.
Exchange Scholar, Government Department and the Davis Center, Harvard University: 2003, 2001.
Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science and Sociology, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia: September 2001-December 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Jason Lyall, *Divided Armies: Inequality and Battlefield Performance in Modern War*. Princeton Studies in International History and Politics. Princeton University Press, 2020, 528pp.

- Winner, 2022 APSA Conflict Processes Section Best Book Award for "the book making the most outstanding contributions to the study of any and all forms of political conflict, either within or between nation-states, published in the past two calendar years"
- Winner, 2021 Peter Katzenstein Book Prize for "outstanding first book in International Relations, Comparative Politics, or Political Economy"
- Winner, 2020 Edgar S. Furniss Book Award for "first book that makes an exceptional contribution to the study of national and international security"
- Winner, 2020 Joseph Lepgold Prize, awarded by Georgetown University for "best book in international relations"
- Selected as one of "The Best Books of 2020" by *Foreign Affairs*
- Reviewed in *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Foreign Affairs*, *International Affairs*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Joint Force Quarterly*, *Journal of Advanced Military Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Lawfare*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the US Naval Institute*, *War in History*, *H-Diplo/ISSF* Roundtable XII-11, APSA 2020 Roundtable

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

"`geocausal`: An R Package for Spatio-Temporal Causal Inference." With Mitsuru Mukaigawara, Lingxiao Zhou, Georgia Papadogeorgou, and Kosuke Imai. *Journal of Statistical Software*, forthcoming.

"Online Communitarian Appeals Increase Opposition to Violent Extremism." With Brendan Nyhan and Elsa Voytas. *PNAS Nexus*, 5:6 (June 2026), pgag142.

"Fratricidal Coercion in Modern War." With Yuri Zhukov. *International Organization*, 79:1 (Winter 2025), 173-192.

"Prolonged Contact Does Not Reshape Locals' Attitudes toward Migrants in Wartime Settings." With Yang-Yang Zhou. *American Journal of Political Science*, 69:1 (January 2025), 210-22.

"Causal Inference with Spatio-Temporal Data: Evaluating the Effects of Airstrikes on Insurgent Violence in Iraq," with Georgia Papadogeorgou, Kosuke Ima, and Fan Li, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B* (*Statistical Methodology*), 84:5 (November 2022), 1969-1999.

"Mad CoW: A Reply to Gibler and Miller," *International Studies Quarterly*, 66:3 (September 2022), 1-5.

"Can Economic Assistance Shape Combatant Support in Wartime? Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan," with Yang-Yang Zhou and Kosuke Imai, *American Political Science Review*, 114:1 (February 2020), 126-143.

"Civilian Casualties, Humanitarian Aid, and Insurgent Violence in Civil Wars." *International Organization*, 73:4 (Fall 2019), 901-926.

"Can Civilian Attitudes Predict Insurgent Violence? Ideology and Insurgent Tactical Choice in Civil War," with Kentaro Hirose and Kosuke Imai, *Journal of Peace Research*, 54:1 (January 2017), 47-63.

"Coethnic Bias and Wartime Informing," with Yuki Shiraito and Kosuke Imai, *Journal of Politics*, 77:3 (July 2015), 833-48.

"From Cell Phones to Conflict? Reflections on the Emerging ICT-Political Conflict Research Agenda," with Allan Dafoe, *Journal of Peace Research*, 52:3 (May 2015), 401-13.

"Comparing and Combining List and Endorsement Experiments: Evidence from Afghanistan," with Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai, *American Journal of Political Science*, 58:4 (October 2014), 1043-1063.

"Explaining Support for Combatants During Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan," with Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai, *American Political Science Review*, 107:4 (November 2013), 679-705.

"Are Co-Ethnics More Effective Counter-Insurgents? Evidence from the Second Chechen War," *American Political Science Review*, 104:1 (February 2010), 1-20.

"Do Democracies Make Inferior Counterinsurgents? Reassessing Democracy's Impact on War Outcomes and Duration," *International Organization*, 64:1 (Winter 2010), 167-92.

"Does Indiscriminate Violence Incite Insurgent Attacks? Evidence from Chechnya," *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 53:3 (June 2009), 331-362.

"Rage Against the Machines: Explaining Outcomes in Counterinsurgency Wars," with Isaiah Wilson III, *International Organization*, 63:1 (Winter 2009), 67-106.

"Pocket Protests: Rhetorical Coercion and the Micropolitics of Collective Action in Semiauthoritarian Regimes," *World Politics* 58:3 (2006), 378-412.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Preregister Your Ethical Redlines: Vulnerable Populations, Policy Engagement, and the Perils of E-Hacking" for *Speaking Science to Power: Responsible Researchers and Policymaking*, eds. Rachel A. Epstein and Oliver Kaplan, Oxford University Press, 2024), pp.25-56.

"Forced to Fight: Blocking Units and Military Effectiveness in Conventional War" for *The Sword's Other Edge: Tradeoffs in the Pursuit of Military Effectiveness*, ed. Dan Reiter (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), 88-125.

"Process-Tracing, Causal Inference, and Civil War" for *Process Tracing in the Social Sciences: From Metaphor to Analytic Tool*, eds. Andrew Bennett and Jeffrey Checkel (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Strategies for Social Inquiry Series, 2015), 186-208.

Other Scholarly Publications

"Introduction," *H-Diplo/RJISSF* Roundtable 17-6 on Alexander Downes' *Catastrophic Success*, October 2025.

"Review of Sarah Zukerman Daly's *Violent Victors*," *H-Diplo/ISSF* Roundtable 16-12, November 2024.

"A Reply to My Critics," *H-Diplo/ISSF* Roundtable 12-11 on my *Divided Armies: Inequality and Battlefield Performance in Modern War*, 14 May 2021.

"The Dynamics of the Coup-Civil War Trap in Sub-Saharan Africa," *H-Diplo/ISSF* Roundtable 11-3 on Philip Roessler's *Ethnic Politics and State Power in Africa*, October 2019.

Commentary (Selected)

"How Inequality Hobbles Military Power: Divided Armies Struggle to Win," *Foreign Affairs,* 22 July 2022.

"Drones Are Destabilizing Global Politics," *Foreign Affairs,* 16 December 2020.

"The Strongest Military Is an Inclusive One: Why Equality Wins Wars," *Foreign Affairs,* 14 February 2020.

"Afghanistan's Lost Decade," *Foreign Affairs,* 15 December 2011.

Work Under Review

"Estimating Heterogeneous Treatment Effects for Spatio-Temporal Causal Inference: How Economic Assistance Moderates the Effects of Airstrikes on Insurgent Violence." With Lingxiao Zhou, Kosuke Imai, and Georgia Papadogeorgou. *R&R, JASA*

"Reassessing the Democratic Advantage in War." With Alexander Downes.

"Spatiotemporal Causal Inference with Spillover and Carryover Effects: Airstrikes and Insurgent Violence in Vietnam and Afghanistan." With Kosuke Imai, Mitsuru Mukaigawara, and Georgia Papadogeorgou.

"Dynamic Policy Evaluation and Learning with Spatio-temporal Data." With Lingxiao Zhou, Kosuke Imai, and Georgia Papadogeorgou.

"Airstrikes, Resolve, and Insurgent Violence During the Iraq War." With Mitsuru Mukaigawara, Kosuke Imai, and Georgia Papadogeorgou.

Work In Progress

I. Book Manuscript

Good War Gone Bad: Lessons from the American War in Afghanistan. Under contract with Princeton University Press.

II. Inequality and War

"Inequality, Regime Type, and the Wartime Fate of Political Leaders."

"When Armies Break: Inequality and Mass Desertion in Modern War."

"Inequality, Social Structures, and the Battlefield Effects of Modern Technology."

"Inequality and Victory in Modern War."

"Inequality and Political Violence: A Review of the Evidence."

III. Aid and Violence in Conflict Settings

"Bombing to Lose? Airpower, Civilian Casualties, and the Dynamics of Violence in Counterinsurgency Wars."

"Growing Sideways: The Problem of Aggregation in Microlevel Studies of Political Violence."

"Public Support for Post-Harm Compensation After Drone Strikes: A Cross-National Experiment" With Elsa Voytas. IRB: #00032652 (pilot), #00032848 (full study).

"Trauma and Civilian Decision-Making in Wartime"

"Aid Decay: Assessing the Spatio-Temporal Effects of Overlapping Aid Programs in Conflict Settings." With Kosuke Imai, Mitsuru Mukaigawara, and Georgia Papadogeorgou.

"Mapping Civilian Displacement and Optimizing Post-Harm Aid Locations Using Call-Display Records: Evidence from Ukraine." With Kosuke Imai, Mitsuru Mukaigawara, and Georgia Papadogeorgou.

Experiments In Progress

"Prejudice and Unit Cohesion in the Estonian Defense Forces." With Christofer Berglund. IRB: #00032905. 5/5 waves completed.

"Discrimination and Combat Motivation in the Estonian Defense Forces." With Christofer Berglund, Kairi Kasearu, Eleri Lillemae. IRB: #00032905. 5/5 waves completed.

"Aid Withdrawals and Communal Violence in Fragile and Violent Settings: Experimental Evidence from South Sudan." With Gabriella Levy and Mara Revkin. IRB: #00033725. Ministry of Health-RERB, Juba: A-117/2026.

"Trauma and Decision-Making Among Ukrainian Veterans."

"Social Structures and Threat Perceptions of Adversary Capabilities in Wartime"

Datasets

Project Mars. New dataset of 252 conventional wars (1800-2011) with new measures of war- and battlefield-level outcomes, including desertion, defection, and use of blocking detachments, for 229 belligerents. Version 1.3 (2026)

Air Operations Over Iraq, 2006-09. Combines declassified and open source material to identify nearly 13,000 USAF airstrikes and shows of force over Iraq, 2006-09. Includes data on location, platform, date, and satellite imagery for target type.

Air Operations Over Afghanistan, 2006-11. Combines declassified and open source material to identify nearly 23,000 USAF airstrikes and shows of force over Afghanistan, 2006-11. Includes data on location, platform, date, and satellite imagery for target type.

Correlates of Insurgency. Records outcomes and duration for 286 insurgencies between 1800-2005. Also includes new measures of mechanization for all state combatants since 1917.

The Chechen Insurgency. New data collection effort consisting of 3000 insurgent attacks mapped at the village level; a new GIS template of all known populated centers in Chechnya; and a dataset of 800+ Russian- and Chechen-led sweep operations (2000-05).

Statistical Software

Mitsuru Mukaigawara, Georgia Papadogeorgou, Jason Lyall, and Kosuke Imai. `geocausal`: Causal Inference with Spatio-Temporal Data. Version 0.34.0. (2023–25).

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025 IDERD Keynote Speaker, National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ), Ottawa
2024 Reappointed James Wright Chair in Transnational Politics (10 year term)
2023 Dean of Faculty Award for Outstanding Mentoring and Advising; Glyn R. Berry Memorial Lecture, Dalhousie University, Canada; Keynote Address, National Defense University
2022 APSA Conflict Processes Section Best Book Award; Edgar S. Furniss Book Prize; Modern War Institute (West Point) Research Fellow, 2022-23
2021 Peter Katzenstein Book Prize; Joseph Lepgold Book Prize
2020 Andrew Carnegie Fellow, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2020-22
2019 James Wright Chair in Transnational Politics, Department of Government, Dartmouth
2018 The Nils Petter Gleditsch *Journal of Peace Research* Article of the Year Award for "Can Civilian Attitudes Predict Insurgent Violence?"
2013 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best paper presented in the previous year at the annual Midwest Political Science Association for "Measuring Support for Combatants in Wartime"
2009–10 Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Political Science, The MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, and the Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS), Yale University
2009 Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in comparative politics presented in the previous year at the annual Midwest Political Science Association for "How Ethnicity Shapes Insurgent Violence"
2009 Ralph O. Glendinning University Preceptorship, Princeton University (declined)
2007–08 Postdoctoral Fellow in National Security, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University
2007 Helen Dwight Reid Award for the best dissertation in the field of international relations, law, and politics, the American Political Science Association
2007 Stanley Kelley, Jr., Teaching Award, Politics Department, Princeton University
2006 Milton and Janice Esman Prize for Best Dissertation in Government Department, Cornell
2004 Joshua Aron '94 Fellow, John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell
2003–04 Mellon Foundation Completion Fellowship, Cornell University
2001–02 Luigi Einaudi Dissertation Fellowship, Cornell University
2001 Kahin Prize in International Relations for "most promising dissertation in International Relations," Department of Government, Cornell University
2001 MacArthur Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, Cornell University
2000 MacArthur Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Cornell University
2000 Michele Sicca Summer Grant, Institute for European Studies, Cornell University
1999 Peace Studies Program Graduate Summer Fellowship, Cornell University
1998-99 Russell Sage Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University
1998-99 Mackenzie King Traveling Fellowship (declined)
1998 Delivered first Graduand Address at Simon Fraser University
1993–98 Six-time Dean's Honour Roll

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2026 Duke University PIVOT Grant: "Redesigning U.S. Foreign Aid: Evidence and Policy Guidance from South Sudan" $60,000. Co-PI with Mara Revkin and Gabby Levy.
2021–23 National Science Foundation: "Causal Inference with Spatio-Temporal Data on Human Dynamics in Conflict Settings" (Algorithm for Threat Detection Program; DMS-#2124323), $485,343. Co-PI with Georgia Papadogeorgou and Kosuke Imai.
2020–21 Folke Bernadette Academy: "How Coethnic and Gender Biases Affect Citizen-Police Interaction in Fragile and Violent Contexts" (#20-00255), $42,000. Co-PI with Travis Curtice, Hilary Matfess, and Mara Revkin.

2020–22 Carnegie Foundation Fellowship: "Improving Humanitarian Assistance in Violent Settings" (R-F-20-57728), $200,000.

2015 AidData and USAID: "Unemployment and Violence in Afghanistan: Evidence from the Community Development Program" (#AID-OAA-A-12-0096), $120,000. Co-Principal Investigator w/ Kosuke Imai.

2015 United States Institute of Peace: "Assessing the Links between Economic Interventions and Stability: An Impact Evaluation of Vocational and Skills Training in Kandahar, Afghanistan" (#SG-446-15), $144,494. Co-Principal Investigator w/ David Haines, Kosuke Imai, and Jon Kurtz.

2014–17 Air Force Office of Scientific Research: "Assessing the Coercive Effects of Advanced Weaponry in Civil Wars and Asymmetric Conflicts," (#FA9550-14-1-0072), $1.8 million. Co-Principal Investigator w/ Todd Sechser.

2009–14 Air Force Office of Scientific Research ("Minerva Initiative"): "Terrorism, Development, and Governance" (#FA9550-09-1-0314). $1.2 million.

2007–08 United States Institute of Peace: "The Dynamics of Violence in Russia's Northern Caucasus" (USIP-042-06F). $50,000.

INTERNAL GRANTS

2023 Ethics Institute Faculty Grant ("The Moral Hazard of Aid Provision After Civilian Harm"), w/Elsa Voytas

2022 Wright Center for the Study of Computation and Just Communities' JustX Grant ("A Multiplatform Evaluation of Counter-Radicalization Messages in Bangladesh") w/Brendan Nyhan

2022 Dartmouth Initiative for Global Security (DIGS) Faculty Grant for "The Moral Hazard of Humanitarian Aid" w/ Elsa Voytas

2018 MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant, for "The Dynamics of Blame Attribution in Wartime"

2018 Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund for graduate student conference "New Frontiers in Peacekeeping"

2015 Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund for book manuscript conference (*Divided Armies*)

2015 MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant, for "Explaining Wartime Desertion and Defection"

2014 Director's Award, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

2014 Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund for conference "Communication Technology and Political Conflict," w/ Allan Dafoe and Nils Weidmann

2011 ISPS Field Experiment Initiative Grant for "Coethnicity and Information-Sharing in Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan"

2011 MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant for "Changing Patterns of Warfare"

2011 ISPS Field Experiment Initiative Grant, for "Blame Attribution and Wartime Political Attitudes: Evidence from an Experiment in Afghanistan"

2008 University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Grant (UCRHSS), Princeton, for "Explaining Noncombatant Fatalities in Iraq, 2003-07," Princeton University

2006 UCRHSS Faculty Grant for "Mapping the Iraqi Insurgencies," Princeton University

2006 UCRHSS Faculty Grant for "Pocket Protests," Princeton University

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2027 UW-Madison (Comparative Politics Colloquium + CREECA, April), Columbia University (CUIPS)

2026 Simon Fraser University (February);

2025 USAID MEPA, Frankfurt, Germany (January, postponed); Dartmouth College (February); Canadian Armed Forces and Department of National Defence, Ottawa (March)

2024 US Military Academy-West Point (February); Panel on Ukraine-Russia War, Bates College (February); UK Secretary of State's Office of Net Assessment and Challenge (March); Keynote Address, National Defense University (February); University of California-National Labs Postdoc Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (April); UK Secretary of State's Office of Net Assessment and Challenge (SONAC) Speaker Series (May); Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institution (DEOMI), US Department of Defense (June)

2023 Center for Conflict and Violence Prevention, USAID (February); US Military Academy-West Point (February); Dalhousie University (Annual Glyn Berry Lecture, March); Duke Law School (September); Department of Defense (December)

2022 World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (2nd Research Conference on Forced Displacement, Jan); Keynote Address (Four Corners Conflict Network, USAFA, April); Multi-Method Conflict Consortium (Peace Science Society, November); the Ohio State University (Annual Furniss Prize Lecture, November); International Republican Institute (December)

2021 Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School (Civ-Mil Working Group, Feb); Joint Special Operations University (March); Université de Montréal (March); Harvard University (IR Speaker Series; April); Duke University (Security, Peace & Conflict; April); University of Denver (Co-Instructor, Workshop on Ethical Engagement with Policymakers); MIT (SSP; May); Bridging the Gap (IPSI, June); National Ground Intelligence Center (August); US Military Academy (October); Lepgold Lecture at Georgetown University (November)

2020 Young Foreign Policy Professionals (July); New York University (Armed Forces & Society; November); GWU (Speaker Series; Dec); University of Michigan (Conflict Working Group; Dec); Joint Special Operations University (Diversity & Inclusion Speakers' Series; Dec)

2019 Stanford University (IR Colloquium, Mar); University of Michigan (Rubin Speaker Series, April); University of Denver (Workshop on Ethical Engagement with Policymakers); Harvard Kennedy School (Workshop on Ethical Engagement in Conflict Research, July); George Washington University (November); American Academy of Arts and Sciences (November)

2018 Joint Staff (J-5, U.S. Department of Defense; Feb); New America Foundation (ISP; Feb), Texas A&M University (PEPV; Jan)

2017 New York University–Abu Dhabi (Political Science Seminar; Dec); Harvard University (Comparative Politics Seminar; Nov); Brown University (Watson Institute Security Studies Workshop; Sept); Air Force Office of Scientific Research (USAF Academy; June); University of Zurich-ETH Zurich Joint Workshop (May); University of Konstanz (May); University of Rochester ("In The Field: Political Science" Conference; May); University of British Columbia, Vancouver School of Economics (April)

2016 University of Notre Dame (International Security Center; Nov); Columbia University (International Politics Seminar; Oct); University of Essex Government Department/ ESSEXLab (Aug); University of Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis ("Field Experiments" module; Aug); Air Force Office of Scientific Research (Arlington, VA; June); University of Chicago, Becker-Friedman Institute (May); University of Wisconsin-Madison (IR-CP Workshop; April); Yale University, U.N. Global Colloquium of University Presidents, "How Antiquities Fuel Modern Conflicts," (April); University of Rochester (Comparative Politics Workshop; March)

2015 University of Alabama-Huntsville, AFOSR Wargaming Group (July); Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento, Italy (June); Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), Washington, D.C., (May); ISA-AidData-Georgetown-Niehaus Center Workshop, "Foreign Aid and Government Legitimacy" Workshop (April); University of Denver (Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy; April)

2014 London School of Economics (Political Science and Political Economy Seminar; March); Boston College, "Afghanistan after 2014" Speaker Series (January)

2013 USAID Mission, Kabul, Afghanistan (November); USAID Stabilization 6th M&E Summit, Kabul, Afghanistan (November); University of Michigan (Seminar on Disaggregated Conflict Studies; November); Yale University, Seventh Annual India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program (June); Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, Germany (June); USAID Stabilization 4th M&E Summit, Kabul, Afghanistan (May); UCLA (Department of Political Science; May); Columbia University (International Politics Seminar; May)

2012 Uppsala University (Department of Peace and Conflict Research; November); Princeton University (Experimental Research Workshop; Sept); Yale University, Sixth Annual India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program (June); University of Toronto, (International Relations Seminar; March)

2011 MIT-PRIO Workshop on Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism (November); Cornell University (Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies; October); University of Virginia (Lansing-Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics; October); Princeton University (International Relations Colloquium; September); University of British Columbia (Liu Institute for Global Affairs; September); Simon Fraser University (Simons Lecture in Dynamics of Conflict; September); Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), University of Chicago (July); Air Force Office of Scientific Research ("Effects to Influence" Workshop; June); Harvard University (National Security Studies Program; April); University of Washington (International Security Colloquium; April); Columbia University, "Human Rights in the Post-Communist World" Lecture Series (April); Juan March Institute (CEACS), Madrid (March); UC-San Diego (International Relations Workshop; February); University of Pennsylvania (Browne Center for International Politics, February); PRIO (Social Dynamics of Civil War Workshop, Oslo, Norway; February); Duke University (Security, Peace and Conflict Workshop; January)

2010 Ohio State University (Mershon Center for International Security Studies; November); Columbia University (Harriman Institute; October); George Washington University (Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Workshop; October); Wesleyan University (Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research; September); Yale University, Fourth Annual India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program (May); Harvard University (Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies; May); University of Ottawa (Centre for International Policy Studies; February); Emory University (Department of Political Science Speaker's Series; January)

2009 Social Science Research Council, Eurasia Program (December); Georgetown University (International Theory and Research Seminar; December); Harvard University, Second Annual Columbia-Harvard Russia/Eurasia Forum (October); UC-San Diego (Governance, Development, and Political Violence Workshop; June); Columbia University (Workshop on Civil War Data; May)

2008 Dartmouth College (International Relations/Foreign Policy Working Group; April); University of Chicago (PISP; February); Cornell University (Peace Studies Program; February); Harvard University (Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop; February)

2007 Harvard University (Olin Institute for Strategic Studies; October); US Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), Component Commanders' Conference (June); University of Maryland (CISSM, May); Defense Science Board (April); U.S. Military Academy at West Point (Social Sciences Department; March)

2006 Columbia University (International Politics Seminar; November); Yale University (Comparative Politics Seminar; November)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting: 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2024, 2025
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference: 2006, 2008, 2013
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting: 2003, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2019, 2021
ISSS-IS Annual Conference: 2019
Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Meetings: 2015, 2016, 2023, 2024
Peace Science Society: 2022
European Consortium on Political Research (ECPR): 2018
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN): 2008
Council for European Studies: 2002
Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference: 2024

Panel Chair/Discussant/Roundtable

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting: 2005 (D), 2007 (D), 2008 (D), 2009 (C,D), 2010 (D), 2014 (C/D), 2016 (C), 2017 (C/D), 2018 (D), 2019 (C/D), 2020 (R), 2021 (C), 2022 (D), 2024 (D), 2025 (C/D)
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting: 2008 (C/D), 2009 (C/D), 2012 (C), 2013 (D), 2019 (R), 2021 (R), 2023 (R/C/D)
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference: 2021
ISSS-IS Annual Conference: 2019 (C/R)
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR): 2018 (C/D)

TEACHING

Dartmouth College

GOV 50.19: Development Under Fire (Spr 2020, Winter 2021, Winter 2023, Spr 2023, Winter 2024, Spr 2024, Winter 2025, Spr 2025, Fall 2025)

GOV 50.22: Civil War and Political Rebellion (Spr 2024, Spr 2025, Winter 2026)

GOV 85.41: Political Violence (Spr 2020, Winter 2023)

GOV 85.43: Advances in the Study of International Conflict (Fall 2020)

GOV 85.44: War and Society (Winter 2021, Spr 2022, Spr 2023, Winter 2024, Winter 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026)

Yale University

PLSC 111/GLBL 268: Introduction to International Relations (Spr 2017, Spr 2018, Spr 2019)

PLSC 128/GLBL 247: Development Under Fire (Spr 2013, Spr 2016, Spr 2017, Fall 2018)

PLSC 134: Airpower in Modern War (Fall 2017)

PLSC 144/INTS 260: Topics: International Security (Spr 2011)

GLBL 275: Approaches to International Security (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)

INTS 472: Directed Research (Spr 2011)

PLSC 694: Field Seminar: International Security (Graduate) (Spr 2011)

PLSC 696: International Relations II (Graduate) (Spr 2013, Spr 2015, Spr 2016, Spr 2017)

PLSC 745: Political Violence (Graduate) (Spr 2018, Spr 2019)

PLSC 926: International Relations Workshop (Graduate) (AY 2015-16)

PLSC 943: Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop (Graduate) (AY 2018-19)

GLBL 999: Directed Reading (Graduate) (Spr 2018)

Princeton University

POL 240: Introduction to International Relations (Spr 2006, Spr 2007, Fall 2008)

POL 397: National Security (Fall 2005, Spr 2005, Fall 2006)

WWS 401: Junior WWS Taskforce: The Chechen Wars (Fall 2005)

WWS 459: Junior Workshop: Order and Change in World Politics (Fall 2004)

WWS/POL 477: The Dynamics of Violence in Civil Wars (Fall 2008)

WWS 549: Emerging National Security Challenges (MA) (Spr 2005)

SERVICE

Expert Testimony

1. Students for Fair Admissions *v.* United States Naval Academy, *et al.*, United States District Court for the District of Maryland Northern Division, 1:23-cv-02699-RDB.

2. Students for Fair Admissions *v.* United States Military Academy at West Point, *et al.*, United States District Court — Southern District of New York, 2023V01722, 23 Civ. 8262.

Service to the Profession

Advisory boards

APSA EPOVB Early Career Mentoring Program, 2023-24.
APSA International Security Section Board Member, 2022—.
EGAP's Displacement, Migration, and Integration Steering Committee, 2022–24.
President's External Advisory Board, Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), 2020-23.
Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy's Responsible Engagement Board, University of Denver, 2019-23.
APSA/ISA Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS) Program Officer, 2009-2011.

Editorial boards

American Journal of Political Science, 2025–2027.
International Journal, 2016–2023.
World Politics, 2005-09.

Prize Committees

APSA International Security Section Kenneth Waltz Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee, 2025.
APSA Conflict Processes Section Best Book Award Committee (Chair), 2023.
APSA International Security and Arms Control Section 19 Joseph Kruzel Memorial Award for Distinguished Public Service Committee (Chair), 2023.
Peter Katzenstein Book Prize Award, 2023.
APSA International Security and Arms Control Section 19 Best Article Award, 2019.
CAMOS-*Journal of Strategic Studies* Graduate Paper Prize Committee, 2008-09.

Reviewer (Manuscripts)

American Political Science Review, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Cornell University Press, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economics & Politics*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, Harvard University Press, *International Interactions*, *International Journal*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, *Military Psychology*, *Nature Communications*, *Nature Human Behavior*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*, Oxford University Press, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (*PNAS*), RAND, *Review of Development Economics*, Routledge, *Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies*, *Science*, *Security Studies*, *Social Science and Medicine*, Stanford University Press, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *War in History*, *World Politics*, and Yale University Press.

Reviewer (Grants)

American Academy in Berlin, Carnegie Corporation of New York, European Research Council, Harry Guggenheim Foundation, National Science Foundation, Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Swiss National Science Foundation.

Reviewer (Tenure and Promotion)

Tenure: 7
Promotion: 1

Dartmouth

Ad Hoc Committee for Visiting Scholar from Israel, 2026
Committee on Standards/Organization Adjudication Committee (COS/OAC), 2023–2025
John Sloan Dickey Center Post-Doctoral Fellowship Committee, 2025, 2022, 2020
Search Committee Member, Junior Comparative Politics, 2024
Search Committee Member, Junior Comparative Politics, 2023

Dartmouth Initiative for Global Security (DIGS) Distinguished Visiting Fac. Committee, 2023, 2022
Govt. Dept. Junior Faculty Mentor Coordinator, 2022-24
Search Committee Chair, Globalization Search, 2022
Search Committee Member, Dickey Center Director, 2020-21
Search Committee Member, Globalization Chair, 2020-21
Senior Theses: Fiona Hood (2025-26, Middle Eastern Studies); Armita Mirkarimi (2024-25); Ciara Comerford (2020-21); Olivia Gresham (2021-22, Rockefeller Prize in Comparative Politics); Anya Sorensen (2021-22)

Yale

Steering Committee, Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop, 2018-19.
ROTC Advisory Committee, 2016-18.
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Human Subjects Committee (IRB), 2016-18.
Director and Founder, Political Violence FieldLab, Macmillan Center Program, 2015-19.
IR Graduate Field Examination Committee: Spring 2018 (Chair), Fall 2017 (Chair), Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2011.
James Gordon Bennett Prize in Int'l Relations Committee, Department of Politics, 2017, 2013.
Jackson Institute Global Affairs MA Selection Committee, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015.
Department of Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016.
Sophomore Advising, 2015-19.
MacMillan Fox Fellowship Review Committee, 2015.
Department of Political Science Faculty Reappointment Committee, 2015.
International Relations Field Coordinator, Spring 2013.
Pierson College Freshmen Advisor, 2012-18.
Senior Service College Military Fellow Faculty Mentor, 2011-19.
Jackson Institute Global Affairs Selection Committee, 2011.
OCV Fellowship Selection Committee, 2011.
Director of Undergraduate Studies for the International Studies Major, 2010-11.
Political Science—Jackson Institute Int'l Relations Junior Search Committee Member, 2010-11.
Committee for the Creation of a Global Affairs Major, 2010.
Henry Hart Rice Prize Committee, 2010-11.
Ph.D. Examiner, 2010-19.
Pierson College Fellow, 2010-19.
Senior Advising, 2010-19.

Princeton

Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Politics, September 2006-July 2007.
Faculty Committee, Princeton Russian and Eurasian Studies Center, September 2006-July 2009.
Woodrow Wilson School Undergraduate Committee, September 2006-July 2007.
Thesis Advisor, Department of Near East Studies, Princeton, September 2005-July 2009.
Whig-Clio Society, 2005-2009.
Field I Committee, Woodrow Wilson School, September 2004-July 2009.
Butler College Faculty Fellow, 2008-09.
Senior Thesis Advisor (14).

ADVISING

PhD students (and initial placement)

Julia Raven 2025 (UC Berkeley)
Pedro Accorsi 2023 (University of Minnesota; Notre Dame Int'l Security Center)
Mara Revkin, 2020 (Yale; Duke Law School)
Karen Albert, 2020 (University of Rochester; Joint Warfare Analysis Center)
Louis Wasser, 2019 (Yale; Lecturer, Yale)
Chris Price, 2019 (Yale; James Madison University)
Jiyoung Ko, 2017 (Yale; Bates College), Chair
Niloufer Siddiqui, 2017 (Yale; SUNY-Albany)
Francesca Grandi, 2016 (Yale; IISS)
Shivaji Mukherjee, 2013 (Yale; University of Toronto—Mississauga)
Matthew Zais, 2016 (Princeton; US Army)
Jeanne Hull, 2014 (Princeton; US Army)
Andrea Everett, 2012 (Princeton; Visting Scholar, Stanford)
Eva Kaye, 2011 (Princeton; AI4ALL)
Christopher Darnton, 2009 (Princeton; University of Washington)
Lyudmila Krytynskaia, 2008 (Princeton; Independent Analyst)

External Examiner

Stephen Rangazas (GWU), 2025
Felipe Cruvinel (University of St. Andrews), 2022, 2023
Laura Courchesne (Oxford), 2022
Jasmine Bhatia (Oxford), 2018
Cyrus Samii (Columbia), 2011

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Methods interests

Experimental design in conflict settings, survey experiments, causal inference, data visualization, archival methods, integrating quantitative and qualitative methods in a potential outcome framework, spatio-temporal causal inference

Computer skills

LaTeX, R, Stata, ArcGIS

Languages

Russian (Proficient), French (Reading), Spanish (Reading), German (Reading), Italian (Reading), Nokhchiin/Chechen (Novice), Persian/Dari (Novice).

Fieldwork

Estonia: November 2024, March 2025.
Russia: July 2000, September-December 2001, September 2002-February 2003, August 2005.
Afghanistan: July-August 2009, August 2010, September 2011, April 2012, October 2012, May 2013, November 2013. No longer updating due to security risk.

Qatar: October 2011.

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