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Academic Appointments

U.S. Naval War College

2022-Present Assistant Professor of National Security Affairs

Education

Columbia University

2021 Ph.D. in Political Science (Fields: International Relations; Law)
Dissertation: *No Wider War: Leaders, Advisors, and the Politics of Wartime Decision-Making*
Committee: Richard Betts, Robert Jervis, Michael Doyle, Keren Yarhi-Milo, Tamar Mitts
2017 M.Phil. in Political Science
2016 M.A. in Political Science

King's College London

2012 M.A. in War Studies (with Distinction)
U.S. Fulbright Scholar; Simon O'Dwyer Russell Prize

Stanford University

2009 B.A. in Political Science; History Minor
Phi Beta Kappa; Honors in International Security Studies (CISAC Honors Program)

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2021 "Private Eyes in the Sky: Emerging Technology and the Political Consequences of Eroding Government Secrecy," with Erik Lin-Greenberg, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(6): 1067-97.
2021 "Annotating Without Anxiety: Achieving Adaptability, Accessibility, and Accountability Through ATI," *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54(3): 483-86.

Reports and Monographs

2021 "Command and Control of U.S. Air Force Combat Support in a High-End Fight," *RAND Corporation* (with 7 co-authors).
2021 "Analysis of Global Management of Air Force War Reserve Materiel to Support Operations in Contested and Denied Environments," *RAND Corporation* (with 11 co-authors).
2011 "Sanctioning Iran," GSB Case No. P75, Stanford Graduate School of Business Publishing (with Condoleezza Rice, Charles Nicas, Cameron Bell, and Daniel Slate).

Policy Commentary (Partial List)

2022 "Boots on the Ground, Eyes in the Sky: How Commercial Satellites are Upending Conflict," *Foreign Affairs* Online, May 30 (with Erik Lin-Greenberg).
2021 "Private Eyes in the Sky: How Commercial Satellites Are Transforming Intelligence," *Foreign Affairs* Online, September 23 (with Erik Lin-Greenberg).
2021 "Commercial Satellites – Not U.S. Intelligence – Revealed China's Missile Program," *The Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage, August 3 (with Erik Lin-Greenberg).
2018 "How Close Did the United States Actually Get to Using Nuclear Weapons in Vietnam in 1968?" *War on the Rocks*, October 24.
2017 "Want to Build Support for 'America First'? Try the UN," *Duck of Minerva*, October 9.

Working Papers

No Wider War: Leaders, Advisors, and the Politics of Wartime Decision-Making (Book Project).

“Deference and Defiance: Setbacks, Civil-Military Gaps, and Wartime Decision-Making” (Draft: September 2021).

“Heeding Huntington Halfway: Politics and Professionalism in U.S. Civil-Military Relations” (Draft: July 2021).

“All Popular Means: The UN Security Council, Congress, and Public Attitudes Toward Force” (Draft: May 2018).

Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Scholarships

External

2021-2022 Perry World House Global Order Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
2019-2021 Clements Center for National Security Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2019-2021 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)
2020-2021 International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON) Junior Scholar
2018 LBJ Foundation Moody Research Grant (\$3,000)
2018 Eisenhower Foundation Library Travel Grant (\$1,500)
2018 Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Grant (\$5,000)
2011-2012 J. William Fulbright Scholarship for Study in the United Kingdom

Internal

2019 Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences, with Erik Lin-Greenberg (\$1,000)
2018 Columbia Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Grant (\$3,000)
2017 Columbia Global Policy Initiative Graduate Research Award (\$2,500)
2017 Columbia Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies IQMR Tuition and Travel Grant
2015-2019 Columbia University Teaching/Dissertation Fellowship
2012-2013 Columbia University Dean’s Fellowship
2012 Simon O’Dwyer Russell Prize, Department of War Studies, King’s College London
2008-2009 Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) Honors Program

Conferences, Workshops, Lectures, and Seminars

2022 Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Labs, Livermore, CA (Remote)
2019-2021 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conferences
2018-2021 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conferences
2021 “U.S. National Security Policy” Guest Lecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2021 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (Remote)
2021 Restraint and Emerging Technology, Cato Institute, Washington, DC (Remote)
2021 Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY (Remote)
2020 Strategic and Operational Research Department, Naval War College, Providence, RI (Remote)
2020 Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS), New York, NY (Remote)
2020 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (Canceled)
2020 Restraint and National Security Conference, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
2019 International Studies Association (ISA) International Security Studies Conference, Denver, CO
2019 Security Studies Working Group, Columbia University, New York, NY
2019 Graduate Student Methods Workshop, Columbia University, New York NY
2018 Annotation for Transparent Inquiry Workshop, Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse University
2018 “1968 and the Tet Offensive” Conference, Vietnam Center and Archive, Texas Tech University
2018 Clements Center Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Beaver Creek, CO
2017 Perry World House Graduate Symposium on International Law, University of Pennsylvania
2017 Johns Hopkins/SAIS Summer Study, Phillip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, La Jolla, CA
2017 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
2017 New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap Initiative, American University, Washington, DC
2017 Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Ithaca, NY

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant/Teaching Fellow (Columbia University)

Fall 2013, 2015-2017 “War, Peace, and Strategy,” Prof. Richard Betts
Spring 2016, 2017, 2019 “Introduction to International Politics,” Prof. Robert Jervis

Teaching Assistant (Stanford University)

Winter 2010, 2011 “Challenges and Dilemmas in American Foreign Policy,” Prof. Condoleezza Rice
Fall 2008, 2009 “Technology and National Security,” Prof. William Perry and Prof. Siegfried Hecker

Pedagogical Training

2019-Present Teaching Development Program (Advanced), Columbia Center for Teaching & Learning
2018-2019 Teaching Observation Fellowship, Columbia Center for Teaching & Learning
2018 Inclusive Teaching Seminar, Columbia Center for Teaching & Learning
2017 Innovative Summer Teaching Institute, Columbia Center for Teaching & Learning

Work Experience

2018 – 2019 **RAND Corporation**, *Summer Associate and Adjunct Policy Analyst* Washington, DC
Conducted research on military logistics and command and control of combat support in denied environments to support Defense Department force planning.

2017 – 2018 **Columbia History Lab**, *Research Assistant* New York, NY
Assisted in annotating declassified government documents at Columbia’s History Lab, an NSF-funded interdisciplinary data science and text analysis initiative.

2012 – 2013 **Columbia National Security Law Program**, *Research Assistant* New York, NY
Conducted research for Columbia Law School Prof. Matthew Waxman on the role of coercive threats in international relations.

2011 – 2012 **International Institute for Strategic Studies**, *Research Assistant* London, UK
Conducted research for nonproliferation and disarmament program under the guidance of former State Department official Mark Fitzpatrick.

2009 – 2011 **Hoover Institution, Office of Condoleezza Rice**, *Research Assistant* Stanford, CA
Conducted research full-time for former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as she wrote her memoirs.

Summer 2008 **Center for a New American Security (CNAS)**, *Joseph Nye Research Intern* Washington, DC
Assisted *New York Times* Senior Washington Correspondent David E. Sanger with research on nuclear proliferation, bioterrorism, and cyber security for his first book, *The Inheritance*.

2007 – 2008 **Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)**, *Research Assistant* Stanford, CA
Assisted Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall at the Preventive Defense Project in researching the role of private security contractors in Iraq.

Research Experience

Archival Research: Lyndon B. Johnson Library (2017, 2018, 2019); Dwight D. Eisenhower Library (2018); Richard M. Nixon Library (2018); John F. Kennedy Library (2019); George H.W. Bush Library (2020).

Service to the Profession

Organizer, Perry World House Global Career Week, University of Pennsylvania (2021); *Application Reviewer*, U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission (2020-2021); *Student Convener*, IPSCON (2020).