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Professional Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Miami, 2019 –

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, 2020-2021.

US Foreign Policy and International Security Postdoctoral Fellow, John S. Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, 2018-2019.

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University, 2018.

Dissertation: *Promises under Pressure: Reassurance and Burden-Sharing in Asymmetric Alliances*

Committee: Robert Jervis (Sponsor), Richard Betts (Chair), Jack Snyder, Allison Carnegie, Keren Yarhi-Milo

Major Field: International Relations

Minor Field: Quantitative Methods

M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University, 2015.

M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, 2014.

B.A., Political Science (with honors); and B.A., History, Indiana University, 2012.

Granted with Highest Distinction, Honors, and Phi Beta Kappa

Thesis: "Dropping the Bomb: Explaining Nuclear Reversal"

Committee: Dina Spechler (Sponsor) and Sumit Ganguly

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Books

The Burden-Sharing Dilemma: Coercive Diplomacy in US Alliance Politics. Releasing on November 15, 2023, with Cornell University Press's *Cornell Studies in Security Affairs* series.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

The Market for Foreign Bases. Forthcoming in *Security Studies*. [With Renanah M. Joyce].

Trivial Tripwires? Military Capabilities and Alliance Reassurance, *Security Studies* 31:1 (2022), 92-117. [With Erik Lin-Greenberg.]

Correspondence: Tripwires and Alliance Reassurance: An Exchange, *Security Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2022.2140599>. [With Erik Lin-Greenberg, Oriana Mastro, James Goldgeier, and Lily Wojtowicz.]

Deterrence and Restraint: Do Joint Military Exercises Escalate Conflict?, *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66:1 (2022), 3-31. [With Raymond Kuo.]

The Price of Protection: Explaining Success and Failure of U.S. Alliance Burden-Sharing Pressure, *Security Studies* 30:5 (2021), 691-724.

Perceptions and Acceptability of Electricity Theft: Towards Better Public Service Provision, *World Development* 140 (2021), 105301. [With Jason Chun Yu Wong, Johannes Urpelainen, Karthik Ganesan, Kapardhi Bharadwaj, and Kanika Balani.]

Promises under Pressure: Statements of Reassurance in U.S. Alliances, *International Studies Quarterly* 64:4 (2020), 1017-1030.

Barking Up the Wrong Tree: How Political Alignment Shapes Electoral Backlash from Natural Disasters, *Comparative Political Studies* 54:7 (2020), 1163-1196. [With Ryan Kennedy, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joonseok Yang.]

Purchasing Power: U.S. Overseas Defense Spending and Military Statecraft, *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64:2 (2020), 545-573. [With Renanah M. Joyce.]

Is America Prepared for Great-power Competition?, *Survival* 61:5 (2019), 43-64. [With Benjamin Denison.]

Explaining Willingness to Pay for Pricing Reforms that Improve Electricity Service in India, *Energy Policy* 128 (2019): 459-469. [With Jason Wong and Johannes Urpelainen.]

How Do Sectoral Interests Shape Distributive Politics? Evidence from Gasoline and Diesel Subsidies, *Review of Policy Research* 36:4 (2019), 420-447. [With Johannes Urpelainen.]

When Do States Take the Bait? State Capacity and the Provocation Logic of Terrorism, *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62:2 (2018), 381-409.

A Deceptive Estimate? The Politics of Irregular Troop Numbers in Vietnam, *Journal of Intelligence History* 12:2 (2013), 93-112.

Other Publications

Will NATO Military Exercises Deter Russian Expansion?, *Political Violence at a Glance*, February 1, 2022.

Biden's in Europe to Reassure Nervous Allies. When Does Reassurance Work? *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, June 11, 2021.

Biden Wants to Reassure Allies that the U.S. is Still Interested in Their Security. *Washington Post* Monkey Cage, March 4, 2021.

Access Denied? The Future of U.S. Basing in a Contested World, *War on the Rocks*, February 1, 2021. [With Renanah M. Joyce.]

Does the Pentagon's Checkbook Diplomacy Actually Work?, *Defense One*, June 23, 2020. [With Renanah M. Joyce.]

"Money as a Weapons System": The Promises and Pitfalls of Foreign Defense Contracting, Cato Institute, Policy Analysis No. 892, June 3, 2020. [With Renanah M. Joyce.]

Rethinking Reassurance, *Political Violence at a Glance*, November 13, 2018. [With Erik Lin-Greenberg.]

Control vs. Cost-Sharing: The Dilemma at the Heart of NATO, *War on the Rocks*, August 7, 2018.

Can Obama Play the Trump Card with Allies?, *War on the Rocks*, August 15, 2016.

The Risks of U.S. Allies Going Rogue, *National Interest*, January 22, 2016. [With Renanah M. Joyce.]

Djibouti's First, But Will It Last?, *Lawfare*, January 3, 2016. [With Renanah M. Joyce.]

Book and Article Reviews

Review of *Reputation for Resolve: How Leaders Signal Determination in International Politics*, by Danielle Lupton. H-Diplo RJISF Roundtable 14-12, February 10, 2023.

Review of *The Supply Side of Security*, by Tongfi Kim, *Political Science Quarterly* 132:2 (2017), 360-361.

Review of "Status Competition and Territorial Aggression: Evidence from the Scramble for Africa" (*Security Studies* 25:3 (2016), 385-419), by Joslyn Barnhart. H-Diplo ISSF, November 11, 2016.

Review of *Theory of Unipolar Politics*, by Nuno Monteiro, *Political Science Quarterly* 130:1 (2015), 157-158.

Works in Progress

Working Papers

Do Threats or Shaming Increase Public Support for Defense Spending? Coercion and Burden-Sharing in U.S. Alliances, under revise and resubmit at *International Studies Quarterly*.

Message Sent, Message Received? Sender-Receiver Gaps and Reassurance in NATO [With Erik Lin-Greenberg].

Does the US Public Support Foreign Bases? Evidence from a Survey Experiment [With Renanah M. Joyce].

Between Competition: Comparative Perceptions of U.S. and Chinese Military Presences in Kenya [With Michael Allen, Michael Flynn, Renanah Joyce, and Carla Martinez Machain].

Energy Transition Risks are Beginning to Constrain Petrostate Sovereign Credit Ratings [With Indra Øverland, Johannes Urpelainen, and Joon Yang].

When Do Oil Producers Diversify their Exports? The Role of Shocks and Policy Design [With Christian Lisko, Indra Øverland, Johannes Urpelainen, Roman Vakulchuk, and Joon Yang].

Oil Prices and International Conflict: Why Low Oil Revenue May Not Pacify Petrostates [With Qarman Hasan, Soran Mohtadi, Indra Øverland, and Johannes Urpelainen].

Datasets

U.S. Alliance Reassurance, 1950-2010. A dataset of all instances in which a U.S. president issued a statement of reassurance that the United States was committed to an ally's defense. Available at <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/6O3Q3W>.

U.S. Overseas Defense Procurement, 2000-2015. [With Renanah M. Joyce.] A dataset containing records of all overseas U.S. defense-related procurement of goods and services. Includes data on dollar amounts, country of performance, vendor, and purpose of contract. Available at <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/TSBHIC>.

U.S. Military Access in Africa, 2000-2015. [With Renanah M. Joyce.] A dataset that includes new coding of U.S. military facilities on the African continent, as well as access-related treaties between the United States and African states. Available at <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/TSBHIC>.

Awards and Grants

Awards

Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarly and Creative Activities. College of Arts and Sciences, University of Miami, May 2, 2023.

Awarded to three untenured faculty.

Grants and Fellowships

Nuclear Security Grant, Stanton Foundation, 2023-2025: "Nuclear Nonproliferation and Defense Burden-Sharing in U.S. Alliances." (\$107,000).

PI: Brian Blankenship (University of Miami).

Summer Research Grant, University of Miami Political Science Department, 2022, 2023 (\$2,500).

Project for Scientific Renewal Research Grant, Research Council of Norway, 2021-2025: "Understanding Oil Producers' Responses to the Renewable Energy Transition (OPRET)." (11,002,000 NOK, or ~1,000,000 USD, with Johannes Urpelainen, Indra Øverland, Joonseok Yang, Stella Tsani, and Nina Poussenkova.)

PIs: Indra Øverland (Norwegian Institute for International Affairs); Johannes Urpelainen (The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies).

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship, Council on Foreign Relations, 2020-2021.

Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University Political Science Department, 2017-2018 (\$2,800).

Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia University, 2016-2017 (\$10,000, with Johannes Urpelainen and Jason Wong).

PI: Johannes Urpelainen (Columbia University).

World Politics and Statecraft Grant, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2016-2017 (\$7,500).

PI: Robert Jervis (Columbia University).

Ph.D. Training Grant, Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, Summer 2016 (\$1,000).

Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2017-2018.

Lynn S. Weiss Memorial Fellow, Columbia University Political Science Department, 2014-2015.

Travel Grant, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2014, 2016, 2017.

Travel Grant, Columbia University Political Science Department, 2014, 2016, 2017.

Dean's Fellow, Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2012-2013.

Teaching

University of Miami

U.S. Defense Policy, Fall 2022

American Foreign Relations, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2020, Fall 2022

International Cooperation and Institutions, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022

Theories and Debates in International Relations, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2023

International Relations Methodology, Fall 2019, Fall 2021

Columbia University

Instructor for *Topics in International Security*, Summer 2018.

Teaching Assistant for Benjamin Goodrich, *Data Analysis and Statistics for Political Science Research*, Spring 2016.

Teaching Assistant for Richard Betts, *War, Peace, and Strategy*, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2017.

Teaching Assistant for Robert Jervis, *Introduction to International Relations*, Spring 2015, Spring 2018.

Teaching Assistant for Eric Blanchard, *Introduction to International Relations*, Spring 2014.

Teaching Assistant for Tonya Putnam, *Introduction to International Relations*, Fall 2013.

Conference Presentations

Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022).

Annual Meetings of the International Studies Association (2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023).

Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association (2016, 2017).

Invited Talks and Briefings

Guest lecture, Transatlantic and Intra-European Burden Sharing, SS377 European Politics, March 1, 2023, U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Instructor: Jordan Becker, Academy Professor, Department of Social Sciences.

Roundtable, The War in Ukraine One Year On: Implications for Regional and Global Politics, University of Miami, February 24, 2023.

Podcast guest, Social Science of War, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, February, 6, 2023.

Presentation, U.S. State Department, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, March 11, 2022.

Podcast guest, Conversation Six, The Ambassador's Brief, January 21, 2022.

Presentation, U.S. Department of the Navy, May 6, 2021.

Panelist, The Future of U.S. Alliances, New Voices in National Security, The Brookings Institution, April 30, 2021.

Presentation, U.S. Strategic Command, December 1, 2020.

Roundtable, Germany, the United States, and the Challenges of the Pandemic, University of Miami, October 15, 2020.

Presentation, New Wave Realism Conference, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, September 26-28, 2019.

Presentation to U.S. Department of Defense, January 25, 2018.

Professional Activities

Participant

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap Project, Washington, DC, June 11-15, 2023.

New Era Foreign Policy Conference (NEFP), Bridging the Gap Project, Washington, DC, March 6-8, 2016.

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Ithaca, NY, July 5-19, 2015.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse, NY, June 15-26, 2015.

Professional Service

Ad hoc undergraduate engagement committee member, University of Miami Political Science Department, 2021-present.

Selection committee member for University of Miami's Provost Research Awards, 2022.

Selection committee member for Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Prize, International Security and Arms Control Section 19, American Political Science Association, 2021.

President, Columbia University Political Science Graduate Student Council, 2013-14.

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science

International Security

Security Studies

International Studies Quarterly

Journal of Strategic Studies

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Peace Research

Journal of Global Security Studies

Conflict Management and Peace Science

International Interactions

International Studies Review

International Relations

International Political Science Review

Polity Press

Palgrave Macmillan

Professional Experience

Graduate Student Summer Associate, RAND Corporation, Washington, DC, Summer 2016.

PR-2644-AF: An Analysis of the Potential Benefits and Risks of U.S. Military Presence

Mentor: Stacie Pettyjohn

Editorial Assistant, *Political Science Quarterly*, September 2012 - May 2018.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Professional Skills

Stata (proficient)

R (proficient)

L^AT_EX (proficient)

Languages

English (native)

French (intermediate proficiency)

References

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