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**Academic Appointments**

**U.S. Army War College**

Director, USAWC Civil-Military Relations Center July 2022 – present

Chair, Department of National Security and Strategy June 2021 – present

Associate Professor June 2021 – present

**Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs**

Adjunct Professor 2022

**U.S. Air War College, Department of International Security Studies**

Assistant Professor 2017 – 2021

**University of Notre Dame, International Security Center**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Innovative Approaches to Grand Strategy 2016 – 2017

**RAND Corporation, Washington D.C.**

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow 2015 – 2016

**Education**

**Stanford University, Stanford, CA**

Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Political Science (August 2015)

*Fields:* International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

*Committee:* Scott Sagan (Chair), Kenneth Schultz, David Laitin, James Fearon

*Dissertation:* “The Politics of Military Operations”

* Awarded first runner-up, Kenneth Waltz Prize from the American Political Science Association for best dissertation written in the field of security studies.

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA**

Bachelor of Science (S.B.) in Political Science (June 2010)

**Fellowships**

Stephen M. Keller Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations 2023 – 2028

Shawn Brimley Next Generation National Security Leaders Fellowship, 2023

Center for a New American Security

Research Fellow, Modern War Institute 2022 – 2023

Next-Gen Fellow, Foreign Policy for America 2022

Security Fellow, Truman National Security Project 2018 – present

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship (Postdoctoral), RAND Corporation 2015 – 2016

Sakurako and William Fisher Family Graduate Fellowship 2011 – 2015

**Research**

**Books**

*The Politics of Military Operations* (manuscript being revised for Cambridge University Press)

*The Future of the All-Volunteer Force,* co-editor with Jaron Wharton, Katherine Kuzminski, Max Margulies, Keith Carter, and Jason Dempsey. Expected Spring 2024.

**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

2022. “[Technology Acquisition and Arms Control: Thinking Through the Hypersonic Weapons Debate](https://tnsr.org/2022/09/technology-acquisition-and-arms-control-thinking-through-the-hypersonic-weapons-debate/),” *Texas National Security Review* 5:4 (Fall 2022).

2022. “[Polarization, Casualty Sensitivity, and Military Operations](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41311-022-00378-9),” *International Politics* 59 (5), 981-1003.

*Special issue on polarization and foreign policy, Gordon Friedrichs and Jordan Tama (ed)*

2019. “[Electoral Politics, Party Polarization, and Arms Control: New START in Historical Perspective](https://www.fpri.org/article/2019/11/electoral-politics-party-polarization-and-arms-control-new-start-in-historical-perspective/),” *Orbis* 63 (4): 545-564.

2019*.* “[Use It or Lose It: The Political Economy of Counterinsurgency Strategy](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0095327X18790570)” (with LTC John Kendall), *Armed Forces & Society* 43 (3): 399-429.

**Book Chapters**

“Military Politics on the Battlefield: Strategy and Effectiveness in War” in *New Perspectives on Military Politics*, edited by Thomas Crosbie (forthcoming with Berghahn Books).

2020. “Hypersonic Weapons and Deterrence: Asking the Right Questions,” in *NATO Defense College Research Paper 10: Recalibrating NATO Nuclear Policy*, ed. Andrea Gili.

**Monographs**

“Counterinsurgency Myths and Methods: Evidence from Tal Afar” *Forthcoming* with Modern War Institute Reports

2017. “[Hypersonic Missile Nonproliferation: Hindering the Spread of a New Class of Weapons](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR2137.html)” (With Richard Speier, George Nacouzi, and Rich Moore).

2017. “[Reimagining the Character of Urban Operations for the United States Army](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR1602.html)” (With Gian Gentile, David Johnson, Lisa Saum-Manning, Raphael Cohen, Shara Williams, Michael Shurkin, Brenna Allen, and Sarah Soliman).

**Public Engagement Writing**

2023. “Rethinking civil-military relations for modern strategy,” (with Max Margulies) *Modern War Institute* (August 14, 2023)

2022. “What the January 6 hearings did and didn’t say about the military,” Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (July 22, 2022)

2021. “Gen. Milley reportedly tried to work around Trump on nukes. Did he have the authority to do this?” Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (September 15, 2021)

2021. “Education against Extremism: Suggestions for a Smarter Stand-Down,” (with Celestino Perez) *War on the Rocks* (July 16, 2021)

2021. “Democracy at home must be at the forefront of foreign policy,” for *U.S. Army War College Whiteboard Series*: The Administration’s Top Foreign Policy Priority (April 8, 2021)

2021. “The National Guard has been called out in Washington, D.C. Here’s what you need to know” (With Jim Golby). Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (January 7, 2021)

2020. “Sleepwalking into World War III” *Foreign Affairs* (Oct 19, 2020)

2020. “Lt. Col Vindman’s retirement will hurt military effectiveness. This is why.” Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (July 9, 2020)

2020. “Dear Civil-Military Relations Community: The (Retired) Generals are Speaking. We Should Listen,” Commentary, *Duck of Minerva* (June 3, 2020)

2019. “Lie, Damned Lies, and Statistics: The Politics of the Afghanistan Papers.” Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (December 18, 2019)

2019. “Trump overrode the Navy’s plans to discipline a SEAL. That wasn’t as troubling as some think.” Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (December 10, 2019)

2019. “Wargaming Has a Place, but is No Panacea for Professional Military Education,” (with Bill Lewis) Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (August 5, 2019)

2018. “Why Democracy Promotion is in the Strategic Interest of the United States,” *Truman National Security Project* *Doctrine Blog* (September 10, 2018)

2018. “McRaven’s Message, Leadership, and the Profession of Arms,” Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (August 27, 2018)

2018. “Why has Trump been threatening to attack Syria? (Hint: It’s probably not about Syria)” Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (April 13, 2018)

2017. “The military doesn’t love Trump back. This is why.” Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (November 10, 2017)

2017. “Operation Torch at 75: FDR and the Domestic Politics of the North African Invasion.” Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (November 8, 2017)

2016. “Warning Orders: Strategic Reasons for Publicizing Military Offensives.” Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (October 28, 2016)

**Book Reviews**

“Firepower in the Digital Age,” Book review of *Firepower: How Weapons Shaped Warfare* by Paul Lockhart (New York: Basic Books, 2021). *War on the Rocks*, commissioned and forthcoming.

2019. Book Review, *Four Guardians: A Principled Agent View of Civil-Military Relations* by Jeffrey Donnithorne (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018). *Journal of Military History,* July 2019.

2018. Book Review, *Forward with Patton: The World War II Diary of Colonel Robert S. Allen* edited by John Nelson Rickard (Lexington, KY: University Press Kentucky, 2017)*.* H-War, August 2018.

2018. Book Review, *Over the Horizon* by David Edelstein (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2017). *Marine Corps University Journal* 9(3): Fall 2018.

2018. Policy Brief to U.S. Surgeon General, “Appendix: Casualty Sensitivity During War” (with Tanisha Fazal). *SPIRAL II Brief for USAF Surgeon General*. April 2018.

2017. Book Review, *The Mirror Test* by Kael Weston (New York: Knopf, 2016). H-Diplo, May 2017. https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=48784

**Articles Under Peer Review**

“Data and Coercion in the Iraq War” *Under Review*

“Liberation Technologies and Civil-Military Relations: Lessons from the Arab Spring” *Under Review*

“The Role of Race and Religion in Support for Armed Humanitarian Intervention: Evidence from a Survey Experiment” (with Jonathan Chu) *Revise and Resubmit*

* *Winner, best conference paper in Religion and Politics presented at the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)*

**Working Papers**

“Politics and Strategy: A Guide”

*Last presented at IUS on Armed Forces and Society, Ottawa, CA (Oct 2022).*

"Strategy-Making, Diversity, and Military Effectiveness: A Reassessment”

*Last presented at IUS on Armed Forces and Society, Reston, VA (Oct 2021).*

“The Politics of Military Operations: Evidence from Vietnam”

*Last presented at Journeys in World Politics, Iowa City IA (May 2017)*

“Domestic Politics and the Strategic Bombing Campaigns of World War II”

*Last presented at the ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans LA (Feb 2015)*

**Research in Progress**

“The Military, Society, and Propensity to Serve: The All-Volunteer Force Turns 50”

“Polarization, Extremism, and Military Service: The Role of Veterans in Society”

“The New Cult of the Offensive: Civil-Military Relations across the Great Powers”

**Original Datasets**

2018. “Monthly Wartime Casualties in Democracies”

Catalogues month-to-month military service members killed in action (hostile) in major wars fought by: U.S., UK, Australia, and France

2014. “Afghanistan Order of Battle – Province Level”

Locations of maneuver companies in Afg by province-month, Jan ‘05 – Dec ‘12.

2011. “Iraq Order of Battle – District Level”

Catalogues the locations of each combat battalion in Iraq at the district-month level, February 2004 – October 2008.

**Awards**

Madigan Award for Best Article, US Army War College 2023

“Technology Acquisition and Arms Control: Thinking Through the Hypersonic Weapons Debate,” *Texas National Security Review* 5:4 (Fall 2022).

Faculty Award for Best Public Scholarship, US Army War College 2023

“What the January 6 hearings did and didn’t say about the military,” Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (July 22, 2022)

Madigan Award for Best Article, US Army War College 2022

“Polarization, Casualty Sensitivity, and Military Operations: Evidence from a Survey Experiment,” *International Politics* 59:5 (2022), 981-1003.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Service, Air War College 2020

Best Conference Paper in Religion and Politics, APSA Annual Meeting 2019

“The Role of Race and Religion in Support for Armed Humanitarian Intervention: Evidence from a Survey Experiment,” (with Jonathan Chu)

Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences 2018

*Winner*, Young Investigators Competition (with Jonathan Chu)

First Runner-Up, Kenneth Waltz Dissertation Prize in Security Studies 2015

American Political Science Association

**Grants**

U.S. Air Force, Air University Integration Cell Internal Grant ($10,000) 2020

U.S. Air Force, Air University Integration Cell Internal Grant ($1,500) 2017

LBJ Foundation Moody Research Grant ($3,000) 2017

Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity Grant ($5,000) 2014

**Teaching and Education**

**US Army War College Carlisle, PA**

The Military and Society: An Integrated Research Project

**Columbia University New York, NY**

Foundations of International Security Policy

**Air University and US Air War College Maxwell AFB, AL**

*Course Director*, National Security Decision-Making

*Director,* Air University Nuclear Deterrence Working Group

Contemporary Issues in Civil-Military Relations

Regional Security Studies—United States

Regional Security Studies—Middle East

Global Security

Methods in Security Studies (workshop series)

**Guest Lectures and Briefs**

“Hypersonic Weapons and the Future of Deterrence” 2022

*Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Lecture Series, CA*

“Challenges in Civil-Military Relations Today” 2022

*CDSN Summer Institute, Carleton University, Canada*

“Continuity and Change in U.S. Foreign Policy: The Biden Agenda” 2022

*US Army War College Great Decisions Program, Carlisle, PA*

“Understanding Afghanistan” 2021

*Atlanta World Affairs Council, Atlanta, GA*

“The Politics of Military Operations” 2021

*Carleton University, Canada*

“Leading Discussions About Extremism in the Military” 2021

*Town Hall with Lt. Gen Mary O’Brien, Commander USAF A2/6*

“Hypersonic Weapons and Deterrence: Considerations for NATO” 2021

*NATO Nuclear Planning Group Virtual Brief, Brussels, Belgium*

“U.S. Democracy in Crisis: The Coup Attempt and its Consequences” 2021

*Monterrey Institute of Technology, Monterrey, Mexico*

“Crisis or Containment? U.S.-Iranian Relations After Soleimani” 2020

*Monterrey Institute of Technology*, *Monterrey, Mexico*

“The Politics of Military Operations” 2020

*Duke University*, *Durham, NC*

“The Role of Race and Religion in Humanitarian Intervention” 2020

*Air University Faculty Roundtable, Maxwell AFB*

“Civil-Military Relations and the New Cult of the Offensive” 2019

*Air War College* *National Security Forum, Maxwell AFB*

“Civil-Military Relations in the Trump Administration” 2018

*Atlanta World Affairs Council, Atlanta, GA*

“Hypersonic Missiles and Deterrence” 2017

*Air Command and Staff College*, *Maxwell AFB*

“Domestic Politics and Civil-Military Relations” 2014

*University of California*, *San Diego, CA*

**Student Advising Awards**

*Winner,* Human Capital Innovation Award (Air War College) 2021

*Winner*, Best Paper on the Military and Society (Air War College) 2021

*Winner,* Joint Chiefs of Staff Long Essay Competition (National level) 2020

*3rd Place*, Joint Chiefs of Staff Short Strategy Paper (National level) 2020

*Winner*, Best Paper on the Military and Society (Air War College) 2020

*Winner*, Excellence in Writing (Air War College) 2019

**Selected Professional Development Workshops**

Workshop on the Military and Democracy in Uncertain Times March 2023

*Loyola University, Chicago, IL*

Academic Exchange (by invitation) June 2022

*Israel and Palestinian Territories*

New America Workshop on Civil-Military Relations (by invitation) Jan 2022

*Virtual Workshop*

Arms Control Association Virtual Workshop on Hypersonic Weapons Sept 2021

*Virtual Workshop*

Early Career Nuclear Strategists Workshop July 2019

*NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy*

Bridging the Gap International Summer Policy Institute June 2017

*American University,* *Washington, DC*

Journeys in World Politics May 2017

*University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference Sept 2016

*Durham, NC*

Young Turks Civil-Military Relations Conference May 2015

*Duke University, Durham, NC*

**Conferences Organized**

“Military and Society: The All-Volunteer Force Turns 50” May 2023

*Approximately 140 participants across the military, academia, and think tank community to discuss challenges and opportunities in recruiting as the All-Volunteer Force celebrates its 50th anniversary.*

“Diversity in the Military: Key Considerations” Jan 2021

*Approximately 12 participants to workshop papers on diversity issues and military effectiveness.*

**Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

Pritzker Military Museum and Library On War Conference (By invitation) April 2023

*Chicago, IL*

International Studies Association Annual Convention Mar 2023

*Montreal, Canada*

Georgetown University Symposium on the All-Volunteer Force (By invitation) Feb 2023

*Washington, DC*

USMC Talent Management Task Force AVF Symposium (By invitation) Jan 2023

*Annapolis, MD*

Canadian Assn for Security and Intelligence Studies (By invitation) Nov 2022

*Vancouver, Canada*

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society – Canada Oct 2022

*Ottawa, Canada*

New America Workshop on The Military and Democracy (By invitation) Sept 2022

*Washington, DC*

European Initiative for Security Studies Annual Conference June 2022

*Berlin, Germany*

New Perspectives on Military Politics (By invitation) Nov 2021

*Copenhagen, Denmark*

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Oct 2021

*Reston, VA*

USAFA Academy Assembly (By invitation) Oct 2021

*US Air Force Academy, Colorado Spring, CO*

Diversity in the Military: Key Considerations (Co-Organizer) Jan 2021

*Virtual meeting online, sponsored by Air University*

Domestic Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy (By invitation) Nov 2020

*Virtual meeting online, sponsored by American University*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Sept 2020

*Virtual meeting online*

Atlanta World Affairs Council Guest Lecture Series (Moderator) April 2020

*Atlanta, GA*

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting April 2020

*Chicago, IL* (cancelled due to COVID-19)

International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations) March 2020

*Honolulu, HI* (cancelled due to COVID-19)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentation) Sept 2019

*Washington, DC*

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting April 2019

*Chicago, IL*

International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations) March 2019

*Toronto, Canada*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentation) Sept 2018

*Boston, MA*

International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations) Apr 2018

*San Francisco, CA*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentations) Sept 2017

*San Francisco, CA*

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Roundtable) April 2017

*Chicago, IL*

ISSS-ISAC Annual Meeting Nov 2016

*Notre Dame, IN*

Peace Science and Society Annual Meeting Oct 2016

*Notre Dame, IN*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Sept 2016

*Philadelphia, PA*

International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations) Mar 2016

*Atlanta, GA*

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (By invitation) Sept 2015

*Chicago, IL*

Stanford International Relations Workshop (By invitation) Sept 2015

*Stanford University, CA*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentations) Sept 2015

*San Francisco, CA*

Stanford Security Studies Working Group Annual Conference (By invitation) May 2015

*Stanford University, CA*

International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations) Feb 2015

*New Orleans, LA*

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentations) Aug 2014

*Washington, D.C.*

International Studies Association Annual Convention Mar 2014

*Toronto, Canada*

Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Conference (By invitation) May 2013

*Washington, D.C.*

International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations) April 2013

*San Francisco, CA*

PRIO-MIT Conf. on Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism (By invitation) Nov 2011

*Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA*

**Selected Media**

**Video**

2021. British Broadcasting Company, “From Bush to Biden: One war, four presidents on Afghanistan” (2021). Available at <https://youtu.be/yL3E1hUp_kg>

2017. RAND Corporation, “Hypersonic Missile Nonproliferation” (2017). Available at <https://www.rand.org/multimedia/video/2017/09/27/hypersonic-missile-nonproliferation.html>. *YouTube video has received over 3.1 million views and been featured on ABC News and other international media outlets.*

**Print Media and Radio**

Subject Matter Expert for *Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *Military Times*, *The World*, *Yahoo News*, and *Nikkei Asia, The Nation*

Subject Matter Expert for *On Point* (National Public Radio Boston)

**Podcasts**

2023. “Sources of Public Trust in the U.S. Military” (with Peter Feaver) *A Better Peace*, US Army War College War Room (June 21, 2023)

2023. “Civil-Military Relations: Discussing War – Afghanistan Lessons” (with LTG (ret) Douglas Lute and LTC Ranjini Danaraj) *A Better Peace*, US Army War College War Room (May 19, 2023)

2023. “A challenging conversation: The Civil-Military Relations Center” (with Ron Granieri), *A Better Peace*, US Army War College War Room (May 16, 2023)

2022. “No longer skinny, but does the NSS have heft?” (with Ron Granieri and JP Clark) *A Better Peace*, US Army War College War Room (Oct 25, 2022)

**Other Related Appointments and Positions**

RAND Corporation, Washington DC 2016 – 2018

Adjunct Political Scientist

Conflict Dynamics International, Cambridge, MA 2010

Research Assistant, Sudan Referendum and Economic Integration Division

United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC 2009

Research Associate, Education and Training – International Programs

**Additional Skills and Training**

**Foreign Language Training**

Spanish (Basic): Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Arabic (Basic): Harvard University and Stanford University

**Computing:** STATA, LaTeX, ArcGIS, R

**Professional Affiliations and Memberships**

**University Affiliations**

Notre Dame International Security Center (2016 – 2017)

Empirical Studies of Conflict, Princeton University (2011 – 2015)

Stanford Arab Studies Table, Stanford University (2011 – 2015)

**Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association (2011 – present)

- International Security Section

- Foreign Policy Section

- International History and Politics

International Studies Association (2011 – present)

Midwest Political Science Association (2017 – present)

**Other Memberships**

Council on Foreign Relations (2023 – present)

Foreign Policy for America (2021 – present)

Truman National Security Project (2018 – present)

**Service**

**National Security Outreach**

Contributing Editor, *War on the Rocks* 2021

**Political Science**

American Political Science Association

Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2022

Panel/Roundtable Organizer

International Studies Association Annual Convention 2020

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2020

Reviewer for *International Security*, *International Organization, American Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, World Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution, Armed Forces & Society, Journal of Strategic Studies, Policy Sciences,* *Foreign Policy Analysis, Texas National Security Review, Parameters, War on the Rocks*.

Reviewer for Oxford University Press.

**U.S. Army War College**

Faculty Co-Lead, Women of the War College 2022

Gender and Student Inclusion Working Group (WG Lead) 2021

**U.S. Air War College / Air University**

Term Member, Air University Faculty Senate 2020

AWC Coordinator, Defense Contract Audit Agency Leadership Program 2020

Faculty Development Committee, AWC 2020

Presentation, “Unconscious Bias in the Academy”

Search committee, Dept of International Security Studies 2020

Search committee, Space 2020

Jim Thorpe Faculty Sponsor – 5K Team 2018 – 2020

New Faculty Development, Dept of International Security Studies 2019 – 2020

Canvas representative, Dept of International Security Studies 2018 – 2020

Search committee, Dept of International Security Studies 2019

External examiner, School for Advanced Air and Space Studies 2018 – 2019

Academic Prep Committee, Dept of International Security Studies 2018

Appendix on casualty sensitivity, SPIRAL II Brief for USAF Surgeon General 2018

Participant in war game for U.S. Surgeon General, “Medical Support 2017

Operations in a Denied Environment (MS-CODE)”

Search committee, Department of Warfighting 2017

**Additional Activities**

Marathon Running

(2018 London, 2016 Chicago, 2012 Marine Corps, 2009 Cape Cod)

Competitive Triathlete

(2021 Fort Ritchie Olympic, 2018 Renaissance Man Olympic)

Classical Vocalist

(Numerous international and domestic solo performances, concerts)

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