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### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

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Associate Professor	2016 –
Director of Graduate Studies Department of Politics University of Virginia	2017 –
Director National Security Policy Center Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy University of Virginia	2017 –
Adjunct Scholar Modern War Institute West Point	2018 – 2019

### **PAST POSITIONS**

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Assistant Professor Department of Politics University of Virginia	2014 – 2016
Assistant Professor Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Department of Political Science University of Michigan	2009 – 2014
Postdoctoral Fellow Christopher H. Brown Center for International Politics University of Pennsylvania	2008 – 2009
Predocctoral Fellow Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Harvard University	2006 – 2008

### **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	2009
M.A., Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	2005
B.A., Honors, Political Science and Economics, McGill University	2001

## BOOK

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*War and Democratic Constraint: How the Public Influences Foreign Policy* (2015), Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (with Matthew Baum)

**Reviews:** *Foreign Affairs*, *Journal of Politics Perspectives on Politics*, *The RUSI Journal*, *Ethics and International Affairs*, *Political Studies Review*, *European Review of International Studies*

**Awards:** CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title 2015

**Roundtables:** H-ISSF(<http://tiny.cc/ISSF-Roundtable-9-18>), APSA 2016 Authors Meet Critics

## ARTICLES

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1. "Sizing Up the Adversary: Leader Attributes, Credibility, and Reciprocation in International Conflict" (with Michael Horowitz, Todd Sechser, and Allan Stam) *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2018) vol. 62, no. 10, pp.2180-2204.
2. "Tactical Diversity in Militant Violence" (with Michael Horowitz and Evan Perkoski) *International Organization*, (2018) vol. 72, no. 1, pp. 139-171.
3. "Lame-Duck Foreign Policy" *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, (2016) vol. 46, no. 4, pp. 849-867.
4. "Explaining Terrorism: Leadership Deficits and Militant Group Tactics" *International Organization*, (2015) vol. 69, no. 02, pp. 311-342 (with Max Abrahms).
5. "Looking for Audience Costs in all the Wrong Places: Electoral Institutions, Media Access and Democratic Constraint" *Journal of Politics*, (2014) vol. 76, no. 1, pp. 167-181 (with Matthew Baum).
6. "Allying to Kill: Terrorist Intergroup Cooperation and the Consequences for Lethality" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, (2014) vol. 58, no. 2, pp.199-225 (with Michael Horowitz).
7. "Electoral Margins and American Foreign Policy" *International Studies Quarterly* (2013) vol. 57, no. 3. pp. 505-518.
8. "Terrorism in China: Growing Threats with Global Implications" *Strategic Studies Quarterly* (2013) vol. 7 no. 4, pp. 61-83.
9. "Trade and Volatility at the Core and Periphery of the Global Economy" *International Studies Quarterly* (2012) vol. 56 no. 4, pp. 793-800 (with Julia Gray).
10. "Media, Audience Costs and the Democratic Peace" *Political Communication* (2010), vol. 27, no. 4, pp. 453-470 (with Matthew Baum).
11. "The Relationship Between Mass Media, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: Toward a Theoretical Synthesis" *Annual Review of Political Science* (2008) vol. 11, pp. 39-65 (with Matthew Baum).
12. "Does Experience Matter? American Presidential Experience, Age, and International Conflict" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2007) vol. 51, no. 3, pp. 351-78.

## CHAPTERS

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1. "Presidential Leadership in American Foreign Policy" (2017) in *Leadership in American Politics*, Jeffrey Jenkins and Craig Volden, Editors. University of Kansas Press.

2. “Globalization, Interdependence, and Major Power Accommodation” (2016) in *Accommodating Rising Powers: Past, Present and Future*, T.V. Paul, Editor. Cambridge University Press.
3. “Methods of Foreign Policy Analysis” (2010) in *International Studies Compendium Project*, R.A. Denmark, Editor. Blackwell: Oxford.

## REVIEWS, POLICY PAPERS, AND POPULAR PRESS

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1. “Democracy, Public Opinion, and Half Measures” (with Matthew Baum) in “Roundtable on Public Opinion and the Trump Administration’s Foreign Policy” H-Diplo/ISSF Policy (2017).
2. Review of “*Sailing the Water’s Edge: The Domestic Politics of American Foreign Policy*” by Helen Milner and Dustin Tingley H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences (2017).
3. Review of “Why Leaders Fight” by M. Horowitz, A. Stam, and C. Ellis. *Perspectives on Politics*, (2017).
4. “ISIL’s Network of Regional and International Relationships” in *White Paper on SMA Support to SOCCENT: ISIL Influence and Resolve*, Allison Astorino-Courtois and Sarah Canna, Editors. (2015) Department of Defense: Washington, DC.
5. “No one talks about democratization any more. Is there a better policy?” *The Washington Post* [The Monkey Cage] July 5, 2015 (with Matthew Baum).
6. “ISIL’s Inter-Organizational Relationships: Conflict and Cooperation” in *Multi-Method Assessment of ISIL*, Hriar Cabayan and Sarah Canna, Editors. (2014) Department of Defense: Washington, DC.
7. “In Democracies an Effective Media and Opposition are Both Needed to Sanction Leaders’ foreign policy missteps.” (2014) *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Bulletin* (With Matthew Baum).
8. “Terrorism in China: the global dimension,” *The Guardian*, May 6, 2014.
9. “Q. & A.: Philip Potter on the Growing Risk of Terrorism in China” *The New York Times*, October 31, 2013.
10. “The Next Four Years: How the Election Will Shape Foreign Policy” (2012) *The Monkey Cage*.
11. “Signaling in Elections” (2008), *BCSLA Paper Series*, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, no. 3 (with Julia Gray).

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. “The Direct Election of Senators and the Emergence of the Modern Presidency” (with Thomas Gray and Jeffrey Jenkins) ***Under Review***
2. “Diplomacy and the Settlement of International Disputes” (with Julia Gray) ***Under Review***
3. “Political Violence in China: Terrorism, Official Media, and Political Priorities” (with Chen Wang) ***Under Review***
4. “Balancing the Books: How Militant Organizations Compensate for Weaknesses with Alliances” (with Sam Plapinger)

5. *Elections and American Foreign Policy*, book manuscript
6. “The Life-Cycle of Terrorist Tactics: Learning from the Case of Hijacking” (with Michael Horowitz and Evan Perkoski).
7. “Who Cares About Bluffing? An Observational and Experimental Assessment of Reactions to Risk” (with Matthew Baum)

## GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

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Hacking for Defense, MD5, Department of Defense (\$60,000)	2018
Intelligence Analysis Workshop Series, NGIC (\$50,000)	2017-18
Office of Naval Research, Department of Defense (\$75,345)	2015-16
Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia (\$6,000)	2015
Minerva Research Initiative, Department of Defense (\$468,632)	2012-2015
Experiential Learning Grant, International Institute, UMich (\$30,000)	2010-2012
Seed Research Grant, International Policy Center, UMich (\$7,500)	2010-2012
Teaching with Technology Grant, University of Michigan (\$2,500)	2011
University of Michigan, Office for the Vice President for Research (\$6,400)	2010

## AWARDS

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CHOICE Academic Title for “War and Democratic Constraint”	2015
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Dean’s Teaching Honors	2010, 2012-13
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA	2007
Blouin-MacBain Scholarship, McGill University	1998

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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University of Oxford	2006
Naval Postgraduate School	2007
University of Pennsylvania	2007
Princeton University	2008
University of Minnesota	2008
Harvard University	2008
Peking University, Beijing	2009
Renmin University, Beijing	2011
University of Pennsylvania	2012
University of California, Los Angeles	2013
Tsinghua University, Beijing	2013
University of Virginia	2013
University of Southern California	2013
University of Texas, Austin	2013
Department of Defense, SOCCENT, Strategic Multilayer Assessment	2014
University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Contemporary China	2015
Princeton University	2015
Brown University	2015
University of Denver	2016
London School of Economics	2016
Dartmouth	2017

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of Virginia**

Public Policy 7050, "National Security"  
Politics 3500, "Terrorism and Political Violence"  
Politics 3500, "The Domestic Politics of International Relations"  
Politics 4500, "Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy"  
Politics 7500, "Domestic Politics and International Relations"  
Politics 7500, "Terrorism and Political Violence"

### **University of Michigan**

Political Science 760, Political Science, Ph.D. Level, "Research Design"  
Public Policy 560, MPP Level, "Foreign Policy"  
Public Policy 716, MPP Level, "Problems in Chinese Policy"  
Public Policy 624, MPP Level, "Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy"  
Political Science 363, "Globalization and International Security"

### **University of Pennsylvania**

Political Science 354 "Globalization and International Security"

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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**Networks in Political Science Workshops** 2008  
Harvard University, Cambridge  
National Science Foundation funding recipient

**Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)** 2006  
University of Michigan  
National Science Foundation funding recipient

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION**

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Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump, University of Southern California 2018  
APPAM, 2018, *National Security and Homeland Security Program Sub-Committee Chair*  
Reconsidering Regime Type in International Relations, Yale University 2015  
Leadership in American Politics, University of Virginia 2014  
Accommodating Rising Powers, McGill University 2013  
Political Networks Conference, University of Michigan, 2011, *Conference Chair*  
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association 2004-2010, 2012-2016, 2018  
International Studies Association Annual Convention 2004-11, 2016  
Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association 2004-2010, 2012-2013  
International Political Economy Society 2008, 2014  
Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, 2014  
Southern Political Science Association, 2016

## SERVICE

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### Editorial Board Member:

*Journal of Politics*, 2015-present

*Journal of Global Security Studies*, 2015-present

### Article Reviewer (selected):

*American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *World Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *International Interactions*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Political Communication*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Polity*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Terrorism and Political Violence*, *International Journal of Public Opinion*, *Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *Journal of Experimental Politics*

### University of Virginia

Director of Graduate Studies 2016 –

Placement coordinator 2016 – 2017

PhD Admissions Committee 2016 – 2017

International Relations Self Study Group 2016-

Global Studies Advisory Board 2014-

Co-director Lansing Lee/Bankard Seminar Series 2014-2017

Comparative Politics Search Committee 2015

Undergraduate Committee 2014-2015

### University of Michigan

Co-director, Ford Security Seminal 2009-2014

Curriculum Review 2010-2011

PhD Admissions Committee 2011, 2013

### Miscellaneous

Associate PI, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS)

## PHD DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

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### Ongoing Dissertation Committees

#### Chair

Rafael Lopez, Politics *expected 2018*

Carl Huang, Politics *expected 2019*

Chen Wang, Politics *expected 2021*

John Robinson *expected 2021*

#### Committee Member

Aycan Katitas, Politics *expected 2019*

### Completed Dissertation Committees

**Chair**

Everett Peachey, 2017, Public Policy and Sociology (University of Michigan)

**Committee Member**

Yaping Wang, 2018, Post Doctoral Fellow, Notre Dame

Matt Scroggs, 2017, Visiting Assistant Professor, Christopher Newport University

Matthew Wells, 2015, Assistant Professor, Wabash College

Vincent Arel-Bundock, 2014, Assistant Professor, University of Montreal

Lisa Langdon Koch, 2014, Assistant Professor, Claremont McKenna

Sasha Kimmel, 2013, Fellow, Harvard University

Andrea Jones-Rooy, 2011, Assistant Professor, NYU Shanghai

Dominick Wright, 2010, Institute for Defense Analysis

**SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND MENTIONS**

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*The Atlantic*, “To Kill a Terrorist”, September 7, 2014

CCTV, “Philip Potter on Urumqi Terror Attack,” June 2014

*The Washington Post*, “China police call Tiananmen Gate suicide attack an act of terrorism, arrest 5 suspects”, October 30, 2013

*National Public Radio*, “Uighurs Facing New Police Scrutiny In Beijing”, October 30, 2013

*Seattle Times*, “Chinese police seek 8 following Tiananmen attack”, October 30, 2013

WDET, “The Craig Fahle Show” On domestic terrorism, April 19, 2013

WEMU “The Lynn Rivers Show” – On US foreign policy in the Middle East, February 28, 2011