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Academic Appointment

Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin

2019-2021 Pre-Doctoral Fellow

Education

Columbia University

2021 (Expected) Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science
Fields: International Relations (Major); Law (Minor)
Committee: Richard Betts, Robert Jervis, Michael Doyle, Tonya Putnam
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)

Research Interests

International security; strategic studies; civil-military relations; military strategy and operations; bureaucratic politics; foreign policy decision-making; Congress and foreign policy; Bayesian process tracing; survey experiments.

Publications

Reports and Monographs

Forthcoming "Command and Control of U.S. Air Force Combat Support in a High-End Fight," *RAND Corporation* (with 7 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)

2018 "How Close Did the United States Actually Get to Using Nuclear Weapons in Vietnam in 1968?" *War on the Rocks*, October 24.
2017 "Clausewitz as 'The Last Jedi'? Culminating Points of Victory, Civil-Military Relations, and Strategy in *Star Wars*," *War on the Rocks*, December 25.
2017 "Want to Build Support for 'America First'? Try the UN," *Duck of Minerva*, October 9.
2014 "Why Bombing to Win in Iraq Will Fail," *The National Interest*, August 14.

Working Papers

Under Revision or Review

"Private Eyes in the Sky: Emerging Technology and the Political Consequences of Eroding Government Secrecy," with Erik Lin-Greenberg (Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*)

"Annotating Without Anxiety: Achieving Adaptability, Accessibility, and Accountability Through ATP" (Under Review)

Works in Progress

“No Wider War: Civil-Military Relations, Wartime Decision-Making, and the Politics of Victory, Stalemate, and Defeat,” (Dissertation Project)

“Deference and Defiance: Commitment Traps, Credibility Gaps, and Presidential Decision-Making During Wartime,” (Latest Draft: September 2020)

“All Popular Means: The Impact of UN Security Council Authorization and Domestic Political Cues on Public Attitudes Toward the Use of Force” (Latest Draft: April 2018)

Awards, Fellowships, Grants, and Scholarships

External

2019-2021 Clements Center for National Security Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2020-2021 International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON) Junior Scholar
2019-2021 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)
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
2012-2019 Columbia University Dean’s/Teaching 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

Conference and Workshop Presentations

2020 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
2020 Columbia University International Politics Seminar, New York, NY
2020 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, IL*
2020 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI*
2020 Restraint and National Security Conference, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
2019 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Washington, DC
2019 International Studies Association (ISA) International Security Studies Conference, Denver, CO
2019 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, Toronto, ON
2019 Student-Run Methods Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY
2019 Security Studies Working Group, Columbia University, New York, NY
2018 Annotation for Transparent Inquiry Workshop, Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse University
2018 Graduate Student Symposium, Cato Institute, Washington, DC
2018 “1968 & the Tet Offensive” Conference, Vietnam Center & Archive, Texas Tech University
2018 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
2017 Perry World House Graduate Symposium on International Law, University of Pennsylvania

Specialized Training

2018 Clements Center Summer Seminar in History & Statecraft, Beaver Creek, CO
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
2017 New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap Initiative, American University, Washington, DC
2016 Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations & Strategy (SWAMOS), Ithaca, NY

Teaching Experience

University of Texas at Austin (Teaching Assistant)

Fall 2020 “International Security,” Dr. Jim Golby

Columbia University (Teaching Assistant)

2013-2017 “War, Peace, and Strategy,” Prof. Richard Betts

2016-2019 “Introduction to International Politics,” Prof. Robert Jervis

Stanford University (Teaching Assistant)

2010-2011 “Challenges and Dilemmas in American Foreign Policy,” Prof. Condoleezza Rice

2008-2009 “Technology and National Security,” Prof. William Perry & Prof. Siegfried Hecker

Pedagogical Training

2019-Present Teaching Development Program, Columbia Center for Teaching and Learning

2018-2019 Teaching Observation Fellowship, Columbia Center for Teaching and Learning

2018 Inclusive Teaching Seminar, Columbia Center for Teaching and Learning

2017 Innovative Summer Teaching Institute, Columbia Center for Teaching and 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 & 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

Application Reader, U.S.-U.K. Fulbright Commission Summer Institute (2020); *Student Convener*, IPSCON (2020)