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EMPLOYMENT

Georgia Institute of Technology, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs

- *Associate Professor (July 2022 – present)*
- *Assistant Professor (August 2016 – June 2022)*

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International security, international relations, foreign-policy decision-making, nuclear weapons and proliferation, military intervention, U.S. foreign and national security policy, grand strategy, defense policy, qualitative methods

EDUCATION

The George Washington University

- *Ph.D., Political Science (August 2014)*
- Dissertation: “All Options on the Table? Nuclear Proliferation, Preventive War, and a Leader’s Decision to Intervene.”
- Committee: Charles Glaser (Chair), James Goldgeier (American University), and Elizabeth Saunders

Stanford University

- *M.A., International Policy Studies, Conflict and Security Focus (June 2005)*

The George Washington University

- *B.A., magna cum laude, International Affairs and French (May 2003)*

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- *All Options on the Table: Leaders, Preventive War, and Nuclear Proliferation.* (Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2021).
 - Winner of Honorable Mention for the 2022 Robert L. Jervis and Paul W. Schroeder Best Book Award on International History and Politics, American Political Science Association, International History and Politics Section

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Atomic Ambiguity: Event Data Evidence on Nuclear Latency and International Cooperation.” With Rupal Mehta and Eleonora Mattiacci. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66, no. 2 (2022): 272-296.
- “Nuclear Proliferation: The Next Wave in 2020.” With Rupal Mehta. In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. 2021.
- “Nuclear Beliefs: A Leader-focused Theory of Counter-Proliferation.” *Security Studies* 26, no. 4 (2017): 545-574.
 - Winner of the 2019 Best Security Article, International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section.
- “The Benefits and Burdens of Nuclear Latency.” With Rupal Mehta. *International Studies Quarterly* 61, no. 3 (2017): 517-528.
- “‘Imagine a World in Which’: Using Scenarios in Political Science.” With Naazneen Barma, Brent Durbin, and Eric Lorber. *International Studies Perspectives* 17, no. 2 (2016): 117-135.

Other Publications

- “Borders, Blinders, and Mental Maps: Assessing Scenario Analysis in Light of Covid-19.” With Danielle Gilbert. *Duck of Minerva*. June 8, 2020.
- “Should Presidential Command Over Nuclear Launch Have Limitations? In a Word, No.” *Texas National Security Review*. August 1, 2019.
- Book review of *Who Fights for Reputation: The Psychology of Leaders in International Conflict* (by Keren Yarhi-Milo, 2018). *H-Diplo-ISSF*, Roundtable 11-10. 2020.
- “Hedging Our Bets: Why Does Nuclear Latency Matter?” With Rupal Mehta. *The Washington Quarterly* 42, no. 1 (2019): 41-52.
- Book review of *The Logic of American Nuclear Strategy: What Strategic Superiority Matters* (by Matthew Kroenig, 2018). *H-Diplo-ISSF*, Roundtable 10-25. 2019.
- “America’s Word Used to Mean Something. Then Trump Became President.” *The Week*. January 22, 2019.
- “Will Trump be Goaded into Starting a War with Iran?” *The Week*. July 28, 2018.
- Book review of *Unclear Physics: Why Iraq and Libya Failed to Get the Bomb* (by Målfrid Braut-Hegghammer, 2016). *H-Diplo-ISSF*, Roundtable 9-22. 2017.
- “The Iran Deal Isn’t So Great. For Iran.” With Rupal Mehta. *The Monkey Cage*. October 13, 2017.
- “Mr. Trump, Choose Your Own Adventure.” With Rupal Mehta. *Duck of Minerva*. October 11, 2017.
- “Shaping the Next Phase of US Non-Proliferation Policy,” with Rupal Mehta. In Clementi, Marco, Matteo Dian, and Barbara Pisciotta, eds. *US Foreign Policy in a Challenging World: Building Order on Shifting Foundations*. Springer, 2017.
- “Unpacking the Iranian Nuclear Deal: Nuclear Latency and US Foreign Policy.” With Rupal Mehta. *The Washington Quarterly* 39, no. 4 (2016): 45-61.
- “Where Will the Next President Stand on Nuclear Weapons?” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, May 3, 2016.
- “Political Scientists and the Military.” With Paula Thornhill. *War on the Rocks*, August 10, 2015.
- “Getting Involved in Policy: An Overworked Grad Student’s Guide.” With Lena Andrews, Rebecca Friedman Lissner, Julia Macdonald, and Jacquelyn Schneider. *War on the Rocks*, May 6, 2015.
- “The Battle Over America’s Foreign Policy Doctrine.” With Amir Stepak. *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy* 54, no. 5 (2012): 45-66.

Work in Progress

- “Foreign Policy Analysis and Nuclear Weapons.” (Under editorial review with *Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*.) With Molly Berkemeier.
- “Targeted Assassination as a Counterproliferation Strategy.” With Jenna Jordan.
- “Presidential Beliefs in the Efficacy of Nuclear Coercion.” With Julia Macdonald.
- “Leaders and Nuclear Politics.” With Molly Berkemeier.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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- Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Forward Defense Practice (2022 – present)
 - Fellow: The Bridging the Gap Project, School of International Service, American University, Washington DC (2018 – present)
 - IAC Faculty Excellence in Research Award, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Institute of Technology, (\$10,000) (2022)
 - IAC Gold Star Faculty Research Award, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Institute of Technology (\$750) (2022)
 - “Navigating the Nexus: Climate Change, Clean Energy, and Nuclear Nonproliferation.” Office of the Executive Vice President for Research FY21 Seed Grant, Georgia Institute of Technology (\$22,064) (2022)

- IAC Silver Star Faculty Research Award, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Institute of Technology (\$500) (2021)
- “The Role of Leaders in Nuclear Politics,” Nuclear Security Grant Program (Co-Principal Investigator), Stanton Foundation, (\$150,000) (2021 – 2022)
- “Emerging Technology and Strategic Deterrence,” Nuclear Threat Initiative (Principal Investigator), (\$105,000) (2021)
- Thank a Teacher, Georgia Institute of Technology (2022, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2016)
- Best Security Article, International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section (2019)
- Research Grant, Israel Institute (\$8000) (2018)
- Course Development Grant, Stanton Foundation (\$49,829) (2017 – present)
- “Strategies of Nuclear Latency Proliferation.” Georgia Tech Research Institute HIVE IRAD (\$50,000) (2017 – 2019)
- "Assessing the Benefits and Burdens of Nuclear Latency." Approved by the Naval Postgraduate School's Project on Advanced Systems and Concepts for Countering WMD (PASCC) Grant (Co-Investigator), Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) (\$95,000) (September 2015)
- Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Project on Managing the Atom / International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2014 – 2016)
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University (2014, Declined)
- Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2014)
- Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Project on Managing the Atom / International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (2013 – 2014)
- Stanton Nuclear Security Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Security Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2012 – 2013)
- Moody Research Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation (2013)
- Research Grant, Harry S. Truman Library Institute (2013)
- Travel Grant, International Studies Association (2016, 2015, 2013)
- Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, George Washington University (2012)
- University Fellowship, George Washington University (2007 – 2011)

INVITED TALKS

“All Options on the Table: Leaders, Preventive War, and Nuclear Proliferation.”

- George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs. (June 7, 2022)
- Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies. (May 19, 2022)
- University of Pittsburgh, Ridgway Center, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. (April 12, 2022)

“New Topics in Nuclear Studies.”

- University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. (April 14, 2022)
- University of New Hampshire. (March 3, 2022)

“Targeted Assassination as a Counterproliferation Strategy.”

- University of Notre Dame, International Security Center Seminar Series, (Invited, November 15, 2022)

- With Jenna Jordan. University of Virginia, Lansing B. Lee, Jr./Bankard Seminar in Global Politics. *(February 25, 2022)*

“The End of World War II and the Start of the Cold War, Asia-Pacific.” Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Symposium Participant. *(March 31, 2021)*

“Levels of Analysis and Nuclear Issues.” United States Air Force Academy, Department of Military and Strategic Studies, Professor Danielle Gilbert, Social Sciences 311: International Security Studies, virtual *(August 17, 2020 & January 12, 2021)*

“Preventive War as a Counter-Proliferation strategy: Who, What, and Why?”

- University of Southern Maine, Department of Political Science, Professor Rebecca Gibbons, Politics of Nuclear Weapons, virtual *(April 20, 2020)*
- College of William and Mary *(February 20, 2020, cancelled due to snow)*

“Presidential Command Authority and U.S. Foreign Policy.” Williams College *(December 2019)*

“A Commonsense Policy for Avoiding a Disastrous Nuclear Decision.” With Admiral James “Sandy” Winnefeld, USN, Ret., and Dr. Jenna Jordan. Georgia Institute of Technology *(November 18, 2019)*

“All Options on the (Latency) Table: The Impact of Carrots and Sticks on Nuclear Latency Roll-Back.”

- Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation, Vienna, Austria *(June 2018)*

“The Determinants of Nuclear Latency.”

- Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University *(February 2018)*
- Nuclear Weapons Working Group, Massachusetts Institute of Technology *(May 2016)*

“*Dealing with Aspiring Nuclear Powers: Conflict Resolution with Iran & North Korea.*” The Reiff Center, Christopher Newport University *(October 2017)*

“Nuclear Latency: Benefits, Burdens, Drivers, and Implications.”

- Managing the Atom Project Seminar Series, Harvard University, Belfer Center *(May 2016)*
- Nuclear Policy Talks, The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs *(May 2016)*

“Nuclear Proliferation and Nuclear Issues in 2016.” Temple Beth Elohim *(February 2016)*

“The Iran Deal and Its Implications: A Panel.” Boston College *(September 2015)*

“A Hedge Between: Nuclear Latency, Military Security, and Interstate Bargaining.” Managing the Atom Project Seminar Series, Harvard University, Belfer Center *(April 2015)*

“Nuclear Beliefs: A Leader-focused Theory of Counter-Proliferation.” Managing the Atom Project Seminar Series, Harvard University, Belfer Center *(October 2014)*

“All Options on the Table? Nuclear Proliferation, Preventive War, and a Leader’s Decision to Intervene.”

- International Security Program Seminar Series, Harvard University, Belfer Center *(April 2014)*
- Managing the Atom Project Seminar Series, Harvard University, Belfer Center *(November 2013)*
- Strategic Forces Working Group, Security Studies Program, MIT *(October 2013 & September 2012)*

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Targeted Assassination as a Counterproliferation Strategy.” With Jenna Jordan.

- International Studies Association Annual Meeting *(March 2022)*

“New Challenges to the Non-proliferation Regime: Strategic Mimicry and the Nuclear Ban Treaty.”

- International Studies Association Annual Meeting *(April 2021)*
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting *(March 2020, cancelled due to Covid)*

“Atomic Ambiguity: Event Data Evidence on Nuclear Latency and International Cooperation.”

- International Studies Association Annual Meeting (*March 2019*)

“Presidential Beliefs and the Efficacy of Nuclear Coercion.”

- The Role of Leaders in Nuclear Politics, Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich (*June 2020, cancelled due to Covid*)
- International Security Studies Section, Annual Meeting (*October 2019*)
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting (*March 2016*)

“All Options on the (Latency) Table: The Impact of Carrots and Sticks on Nuclear Latency Roll-Back.”

- European Initiative on Security Studies (*June 2018*)
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting (*June 2018*)
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting (*April 2018*)

“The Determinants of Nuclear Latency”

- Deterrence Symposium, Maxwell Air Force Base (*July 2017*)
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting (*February 2017*)
- Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (*October 2016*)
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting (*March 2016*)

“A Hedge Between: Nuclear Latency, Military Security, and Interstate Bargaining.”

- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (*January 2016*)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (*September 2015*)

“Nuclear Beliefs: A Leader-focused Theory of Counter-Proliferation.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (*August 2014*)

“All Options on the Table? Nuclear Proliferation, Preventive War, and a Leader’s Decision to Intervene.”

- Nuclear Scholars Research Initiative (*April 2015*)
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting (*February 2015*)
- Stanton Nuclear Security Conference, Stanton Foundation (*October 2012*)

“JFK and LBJ Confront the Chinese Bomb.”

- Nuclear Studies Research Initiative, University of Texas at Austin (*October 2013*)
- International Relations Work-In-Progress Working Group, MIT (*May 2013*)

“Putting the ‘Public’ in Global Goods: An Empirical Investigation of Global Public Goods Provision.”

- International Studies Association Annual Meeting (*April 2013*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology

- Introduction to International Security (*undergraduate*)
- U.S. Foreign Policy (*undergraduate*)
- Problems of Proliferation (*undergraduate/graduate*)
- Strategic Decisions (*graduate*)
- Pro-Seminar (*undergraduate*)
- Tech, Politics & Proliferation (*graduate*)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

International Fieldwork

- Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel (*December 2018 – January 2019*)

Archival Research

- Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, Independence, Missouri (*September 2014*)
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library, Austin, Texas (*July & October 2013*)
- George Bush Presidential Library, College Station, Texas (*June 2013*)
- William J. Clinton Presidential Library, Little Rock, Arkansas (*June 2013*)
- John F. Kennedy Presidential Library, Boston, Massachusetts (*February 2013*)
- National Security Archive, Washington, DC (*June 2012*)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Georgetown University's Strategic Forces Bootcamp, Sandia National Laboratory, Albuquerque, NM (*August 2019*)
- International Policy Summer Institute, American University, Washington, DC (*June 2018*)
- Philip Merrill Center Teachers' Workshop at Basin Harbor, Basin Harbor, Vermont (*June 2017*)
- New Era International, Conference Participant, Singapore Management University, Singapore (*February 2016*)
- Tabletop Exercise, The RAND Corporation and the Stanton Foundation, Washington, DC (*April 2015*)
- Towards a New Approach to the Advanced Study of Security and International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Cazenovia, NY (*November 2014*)
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY (*June 2011*)
- Nuclear Scholars Initiative, Project on Nuclear Issues, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC (*2011*)
- Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Summer Boot Camp, Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA (*July – August 2011*)
- Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, George Washington University, Washington, DC (*June 2010*)
- The New Era Foreign Policy Conference, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (*February 2008*)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Georgia Institute of Technology

- *Member:* Curriculum Committee (*Fall 2020 – present*); Assessment Committee (*Fall 2019 – present*); Graduate Committee (*Fall 2019 – present*); Post-Doctoral Fellow Search Committee (*Fall 2019*); Cybersecurity Assistant Professor Search Committee (*Fall 2017*); Awards Committee (*2016 – 2020*)
- *Dissertation Committee:* Brian Stewart, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology
- *Outside Reader:* Dissertation committee Andrew Conant, Department of Nuclear and Radiological Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology
- *Independent Study:*
 - Ken Smith, "Comparative Grand Strategy" (*Summer 2022*)
 - Emili Sabanovic, "Blockchain and Nuclear Proliferation" (*Spring 2022*)
 - Murry Smith, "Denuclearization" (*Summer 2018*)

Discipline

- *Associate Editor,* H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum (*2022 – present*)
- *Workshop Organizer:* "Leaders and Nuclear Politics," with Molly Berkemeier and Paige Price Cone, Peace Science Society Annual Conference (*November 2020*)
- *Workshop Organizer:* "Hendricks Symposium: Emerging Nuclear Technology and the Next Wave of Proliferation," with Rupal Mehta and Matthew Fuhrmann, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, IN (*March 2017*)

- *Workshop Organizer*: “A Mixed-Method Approach to the Study of Nuclear Weapons,” Peace Science Society Annual Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (*October 2016*)
- *Conference Co-Chair*: The New Era Foreign Policy Conference, School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC (*2009 – 2018*)
- *Reviewer*: *International Relations*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Journal of International Relations and Development*; *Politics and Life Sciences*; *International Studies Review*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Security*; *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations*; *International Interactions*; *Journal of Politics*; *Security Studies*; *Journal of Strategic Studies*; *Oxford Review of Politics*; *H-Diplo*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *American Political Science Review*; *Contemporary Security Policy*
- *Member*: American Political Science Association (APSA); International Studies Association (ISA); Women in International Politics and Security (WIPS); Women in Conflict Studies (WICS)