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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Seton Hall University, School of Diplomacy and International Relations
Assistant Professor (August 2015-Present)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Security Studies Program
Stanton Nuclear Security Junior Faculty Fellowship (2017-2018)

Modern War Institute at West Point, U.S. Military Academy
Non-Resident Fellow (June 2017-Present)

George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies
Pre-Doctoral Fellow (August 2013-May 2015)

Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies
Pre-Doctoral Fellow (August 2012-May 2013)

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Department of Political Science, Ph.D. (2016)

Dissertation: "Fighting Friends: Institutional Cooperation and Military Effectiveness in Multinational War"

Committee: Robert Jervis (Chair), Richard K. Betts (Sponsor), Alex Cooley, Austin Long, and Alexander B. Downes

Georgetown University, Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service, Center for Security Studies
M.A., Honors (2006)

Queen's University, Department of Political Studies
B.A., Distinction (2004)

PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED)

"The United States and the Middle East: Interests, Risks, Costs," with Daniel Byman, *Sustainable Security: Rethinking American National Security Strategy*, eds. Benjamin Valentino and Jeremy Suri (Oxford University Press, 2016).

"The Normative Foundations for a New Global Concert," (with Kyle Lascurettes) in *Great Power Multilateralism and War Prevention: Concert or Contest?* (Routledge Press, Forthcoming).

RESEARCH

Book Project

Fighting Friends: Cooperation and Military Effectiveness in Multinational Wars

Working Papers

“What is an Alliance? Understanding Alliance and Coalitions in the 21st Century”

“Alliance and Coalition Choices in International Military Crisis, 1918-2010”

“Talking while Fighting: Coercion and Wartime Negotiations in the Korean War”

“Backsliding into History: Regime Type and ‘Third Wave’ Reversals”

Works in Progress

“Building the Aircraft Whilst Flying’: The New NATO Force Structure in Eastern Europe”

“Benign Neglect? US Disengagement and Civil War Duration since 2001” with Costantino Pischedda (University of Miami)

“Can You Have It Both Ways? Plausible Deniability and Coercive Effectiveness,” with Costantino Pischedda (University of Miami)

COMMENTARY

“Calm Down, Everyone. America is Still Committed to Europe’s Defense,” *War on the Rocks*, May 25, 2017.

“What to Expect at Today’s NATO Leaders Meeting,” *War on the Rocks*, May 25, 2017.

“Worried about NATO? Here are three things to watch.” *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage), January 26, 2017.

“The U.S. and Russia are actually cooperating in Syria. Can it work?” *Washington Post* (Monkey Cage), September 19, 2016.

“Lessons Learned and Unlearned: The Tenth Anniversary of September 11, 2001,” Center for First Amendment Studies (Long Beach, California State University, 2011).

“Abbas’ Misbegotten Peace Bid,” *Boston Globe*, June 11, 2008.

“As Egyptians Go to the Polls, Middle Class Discontent on the Rise,” *World Politics Review*, April 7, 2008.

“Why Arabs Snub Syria,” *Middle East Times*, March 28, 2008.

“The Long Road to Damascus,” *The National Interest* (online), November 2007.

“A Caricature of Respect,” *Los Angeles Times*, February 7, 2006.

TEACHING

Undergraduate: Introduction to International Relations; International Security and Conflict

Graduate: International Security; U.S. Grand Strategy

HONORS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Stanton Nuclear Security Junior Faculty Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2017-2018

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Foreign Policy Program, Brookings Institution, 2017-2018 (*Declined*)

University Research Council Summer Grant, Seton Hall University, 2016

Foreign Policy and Security Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, 2015-2016
(*Declined*)

Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 2015-2016 (*Declined*)

Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity, Earth Institute, Columbia University, 2013-2014

Dissertation Improvement Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, 2013

The General and Mrs. Matthew B. Ridgway Military History Grant, The U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center, U.S. Army War College, 2013

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2012-2013

First Prize, Richard A. Clarke National Scholarly Monograph Contest, California State University at Long Beach, 2011

Summer Teaching Scholar, Columbia University, 2011

Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008-2013

Mackenzie King Traveling Scholarship, The W.L. Mackenzie Scholarships, 2004-2006

Gold Medal in Political Studies*, Queen's University, 2004

*Awarded to the graduating student with the highest GPA

Dean's Honor List, Queen's University, 2000-2004

Dean's Special Award, Queen's University, 2003

The John Rae Prize in Political Science, Queen's University, 2003

Principal's Scholarship, Queen's University, 2000-2002

National Book Prize, University of Toronto, 2000

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

2017

- “Talking while Fighting: Settlement Offers and Battle Outcomes in the Korean War,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, August 31
- “War Contagion: Inferences from the First World War on How Contagion Works,” Author Meets Critics (Discussant), Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, September 2
- “US foreign policy toward Syria in the Obama Administration,” Baruch College, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, February 15
- “Benign Neglect? US Disengagement and Civil War Duration since 2001,” Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), Baltimore, February 25

2015

- “Command and Control in Multinational War: The Central Powers in World War I,” International Studies Association International Security Conference (ISSS-ISAC), Springfield, October 10
- “Institutional Cooperation in Multinational War,” School of Global and International Studies (SGIS), Indiana University, Bloomington, January 16

2014

- “Institutional Change and Success in Multinational War,” Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, Washington D.C., September
- “World War I and the Origins of Modern Coalitional War,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington, D.C., August 28
- “The Central Powers in World War I,” Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, Washington D.C., April 28
- “Institutional Design and Military Effectiveness in Multinational War,” Junior Scholar Symposium, Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, March 27
- “World War I and the Origins of Modern Coalitional War,” Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, March 26

2013

- “Alliances, Capability Aggregation, and Military Effectiveness,” Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, Washington D.C., November 18
- “Alliances, Capability Aggregation, and Military Effectiveness,” Sustaining Peace Conference, Earth Institute, Columbia University, New York, October 24
- “Back to School: International Relations Theory Refresher,” Council on Foreign Relations, Washington D.C., October 3
- “Understanding Military Effectiveness in Multinational War,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, August
- “When the Mission Doesn’t Determine the Coalition: International Security Cooperation in Time of War,” Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, April 3
- “Alliance and Coalition Choices in International Military Crisis, 1918-2007” Mortara Center for International Studies, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., April 16
- “Fighting Friends: Understanding Military Effectiveness in Multinational War,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 13

- “When the Mission Doesn’t Determine the Coalition: International Security Cooperation in the Time of War,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 11

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Middle East, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C.
(May 2006-August 2008)

Research Assistant, Center for Security Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
(May 2005-April 2006)

Researcher (Intern), Center on the U.S. and Europe, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
(January 2006-May 2006)

Researcher (Intern), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.
(May 2005-August 2006)

Researcher (Intern), Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.
(September 2005-January 2006)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Philip Merrill Center Teachers’ Workshop (Basin Harbor), Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University (2017)

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap Initiative, American University (2016)

Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Summer Boot Camp, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2014)

West Point Summer Seminar in Military History, United States Military Academy (2012)

Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR), George Washington University (2012)

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University (2010)

FIELD RESEARCH

Belgium: NATO Headquarters and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), Brussels and Mons (2013)

Latvia: NATO Force Integration Unit (NFIU-LAT), Riga (2017)

Lithuania: NATO Force Integration Unit (NFIU-LTU), Vilnius (2017)

Poland: NATO Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE), Szczecin; NATO Force Integration Unit (NFIU-POL), Bydgoszcz (2017)

ARCHIVES

UK: Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, King's College London (2012); National Archives, Kew Gardens, London (2012)

US: National Archives at College Park (2012); Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania (2014)

SERVICE

Referee: Cambridge University Press; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *International Studies Quarterly*