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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

The George Washington University

Assistant Professor of Political Science & International Affairs, The George Washington University (2024-)
Assistant Professor of International Affairs, Elliott School of International Affairs (2021-2024)
Associate Director of the M.A. International Affairs Program, Elliott School of International Affairs (2021-2024)
Predoctoral Fellow, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs (2019-20)

Harvard University

Predocctoral Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, International Security Program, Harvard Kennedy School (2018-19)

EDUCATION:

Yale University

Ph.D. (with Distinction), Political Science (2021)

Dissertation: “Inadvertent Expansion in World Politics”

Dissertation Committee: Nuno P. Monteiro, Frances M. Rosenbluth, Jack L. Snyder (Columbia)

- Honorable Mention, 2022 Kenneth N. Waltz Award, American Political Science Association

Georgetown University

M.A. (Honors), Security Studies (2012)

University of British Columbia

B.A. (Honours), Political Science with International Relations (2010)

PUBLICATIONS:

Book

Inadvertent Expansion: How Peripheral Agents Shape World Politics (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2024).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Access Denied? The Sino-American Contest for Military Primacy in Asia,” with Daryl G. Press, (forthcoming) *International Security*, Vol. 50, No. 1 (Summer 2025), pp. 118-151.

“Lost Seoul? Assessing Pyongyang’s Other Deterrent,” with Daryl G. Press, *The Texas National Security Review*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (Summer 2025), pp. 9-27.

“Introducing the Warring-States Japan Battle Data,” *International Interactions*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (2023), pp. 146-162.

“Push and Pull on the Periphery: Inadvertent Expansion in World Politics,” *International Security*, Vol. 47, No. 3 (Winter 2022/23), pp. 136-173.

- Winner, 2021 Barbara W. Tuchman Prize, International Studies Association.

“General Nuclear Compellence: The State, Allies, and Adversaries,” with Alexandre Debs and Nuno P. Monteiro, *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (Fall 2019), pp. 93-121.

- “The Case of the Pivot to Asia: System Effects and the Origins of Strategy,” with Victor D. Cha, *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 132, No. 4 (Winter 2017-18), pp. 595-617.
- “Explaining North Korea’s Nuclear Ambitions: Power and Position on the Korean Peninsula,” *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 71, No. 6 (2017), pp. 621-641.
- “Anarchic Threats and Hegemonic Assurances: Japan’s Security Production in the Postwar Era,” *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (January 2017), pp. 101-135.

Other Journal Articles

- “America’s North Korean Nuclear Trilemma,” *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 40, No. 4 (Winter 2017), pp. 153-164.
- “Correspondence: Perspectives on the Pivot,” *International Security*, Vol. 41, No. 3 (Winter 2016/17), pp. 201-203.
- “A North Korean Spring?” with Victor D. Cha, *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (January 2012), pp. 7-24.
- “‘Re-redefining’ International Security: Bringing Intent Back In,” *Joseph K. Corbell Journal of Advanced International Studies*, Vol. 4 (Summer 2012), pp. 27-47.

Book Chapter

- “North Korea After Kim Jong-Il,” with Victor D. Cha, in Kyung-Ae Park and Scott Snyder, eds., *North Korea in Transition: Politics, Economy, and Society* (Landham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2012), pp. 91-116.

Book Reviews

- “Review of *American Grand Strategy and East Asian Security in the Twenty-First Century* by David C. Kang,” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 133, No. 4 (Winter 2018-19), pp. 753-754.
- “Review of *Worse than a Monolith: Alliance Politics and Problems of Coercive Diplomacy in Asia* by Thomas J. Christensen,” *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (2014), pp. 461-463.
- “Review of *East Asia before the West: Five Centuries of Trade and Tribute* by David C. Kang,” *Journal of East Asian Studies*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (2013), pp. 173-175.

CURRENT RESEARCH/WORKING PAPERS:

- “Quagmire: Explaining Costly Great Power Military Intervention,” work-in-progress.
- “Do Diplomatic Sanctions Work?” (with Michael A. Goldfien) work-in-progress.
- “Why do States Bandwagon?” working paper.

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS:

- Honorable Mention, Kenneth N. Waltz Award for Best Dissertation in Security Studies, American Political Science Association (2022)
- Faculty Supplemental Research Funding Award, The Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University (2022, 2023)
- Winner, Barbara W. Tuchman Prize for Best Paper in Historical International Relations by a Graduate Student, International Studies Association (2022)
- Fellow (*declined*), Harvard Kennedy School-MIT Security Studies Program Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft Fellowship Program (2018-20)
- Fellow, Yale University MacMillan Center Program on Japanese Politics and Diplomacy (2015-20)
- Doctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2015-18)

ACADEMIC EXCHANGES/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Participant, Program on Grand Strategy, Texas A&M University (2025-2027)
- Participant, International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University (2023)

Participant, Military Force Analysis Seminar Series, Dartmouth-Georgetown-Cincinnati (2021-22)
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs (2020-21)
Participant, International Relations Theory Colloquium, Yale-Notre Dame-Cornell (2020-21)
Audited “U.S. Military Power” Course with Barry R. Posen, MIT Security Studies Program (Spring 2019)
Exchange Scholar, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley (2016-17, 2017-18)
Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University (2017)
Visiting Researcher, Government Department, Georgetown University (Spring-Summer 2016)

TEACHING:

Instructor

The Analysis of Military Operations (MA), The George Washington University (2024, 2022)
Cyberspace, Conflict, and War (MA), The George Washington University (2023, 2022, 2021)
Great Power Competition (MA), The George Washington University (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021)
International Affairs Cornerstone (MA), The George Washington University (2023)
Theories of International Security (PhD), The George Washington University (2025)

Teaching Assistant

Security Policy Analysis (MA), The George Washington University (2021)
International Security (MA), The George Washington University (2020)
The Balance of Power (BA), Yale University (2020)
Introduction to International Relations (BA), Yale University (2015)
Student Coordinator, MacMillan International Relations Seminar Series, Yale University (2014-15)

PRESENTATIONS:

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024
Bridging the Gap, New Voices in National Security Workshop, 2023
Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA), 2023
The George Washington University, Sigur Center for Asian Studies, 2021
The George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS), 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025
International Studies Association (ISA), 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2023, 2025
International Studies Association-Northeast (ISA-NE), 2013, 2014, 2015
International Security Studies Section-International Security and Arms Control (ISSS-ISAC), 2013, 2017
Harvard University, Belfer Center, International Security Program, 2018
Military Force Analysis Seminar Series, 2021, 2022, 2024
MIT (virtual), Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference, 2020
NSI (virtual), Strategic Multilayer Assessment (SMA) Speaker Series, 2022, 2024
RAND Corporation (virtual), Arroyo SDR Seminar Series, 2022
U.S. Department of Defense, Joint Staff J5: Directorate for Strategy, Plans, & Policy, 2022, 2025
U.S. Department of State (virtual), Center for Analytics, 2024
University of Southern California (virtual), Korea Studies Institute, 2021
University of Virginia, Lansing Lee/Bankard International Relations Speaker Series, 2024
United States Naval War College, 2023

Waseda University (virtual), School of Political Science and Economics, 2023

Yale University, International Security Studies, Colloquium on Grand Strategy and Security, 2018

Yale University, International Security Studies Research Workshop, 2018

Yale University, MacMillan Center, Japanese Politics and Diplomacy Conference, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Reviewer: *Asian Security*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *The Pacific Review*, *Security Studies*, *World Politics*

Co-organizer, Military Force Analysis Seminar Series, Dartmouth-GWU (2023-24)

Award Committee Member, Kenneth N. Waltz Award for Best Dissertation in Security Studies, American Political Science Association (2023).

MEMBERSHIPS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Political Science Association (APSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS:

Language: Japanese (low-intermediate), Korean (low-intermediate)

Software: R, QGIS

ACADEMIC REFERENCES:

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