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CURRENT POSITION

PhD Candidate in Residence
Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS),
George Washington University 2018-present

EDUCATION

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

PhD in Political Science May 2022 (expected)
International Relations (Major), Research Methods (Minor)
Dissertation: “Why Businesses Oppose War”
Committee: Charles Glaser (co-chair), Yon Lupu (co-chair), Adam Dean
Readers: Benjamin Fordham (Binghamton University, external reader)

MPhil in Political Science 2020
M.A. in Political Science 2019

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

M.A. in International Relations (w/ Honors) 2014

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

B.A. in Political Science 2013
Other Majors: Sociology, Religion (Triple Major)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Why Businesses Oppose War,” Revise and Resubmit at *International Security*
- “Interest or Ideology? Why Business Leaders Opposed the Vietnam War,” under review
- “Building a Diverse, Virtual, Junior Scholar Community: The Graduate Student International Political Economy Workshop,” invited contribution to *PS: Political Science and Politics* symposium w/ Cleo O’Brien Udry and Paul Ko
- “Sovereign Bond Prices and Interstate War”

CONFERENCES & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2021: Catholic University (Center for the Study of Statesmanship), University of Glasgow (Political Economy of the Security-Development Nexus Workshop), APSA*
2020: Boston University (Political Economy of Security Workshop), Cornell University (Reppy Institute Graduate Student Conference) †, APSA, ISA†, MPSA†
2019: Peace Science, ISA, MPSA
2018: Cato Institute (Junior Scholar Symposium), APSA, ISA, MPSA

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- The Political Economy of War, (Undergraduate seminar, Spring 2020)

TEACHING ASSISTANT, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- International Affairs Cornerstone, (Master’s level, Fall 2018) w/ Henry Farrell
- International Affairs Cornerstone, (Master’s level, Fall 2017) w/ Charles Glaser

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FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

- Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) Dean's Graduate Instructorship, 2020
- GW-Center for International Business Education and Research (GW-CIBER), 2020
- CCAS Dean's Graduate Conference Travel Grant, 2020
- PhD Candidate in Residence Fellowship, ISCS, 2019-2020
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Grant, 2018
- ISCS Summer Research Fellow, 2017-2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-organizer, Graduate Student International Political Economy (GSIPE) Virtual Workshop Series (w/ Cleo O'Brien Udry and Paul Ko), 2020-2021
- Co-organizer, Virtual Political Economy of Security Workshop Series (w/ Kaija Schilde, Rosella Cappella Zielinski, and Ben Fordham), 2020-2021
- Events Secretary, GW Political Science Graduate Caucus, 2018-20
- Coordinator, ISCS Research in Progress Workshop, 2018-20
- Coordinator, GW Research Methods Workshop, 2018-19
- Mentor-in-Residence, University of Chicago (Committee on International Relations), 2015, 2019

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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