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Academic Appointments

Harvard University

2021-Present

- Predoctoral Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Education

The George Washington University

2016-Present



- Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of Political Science
- Fields: International Relations (Major), Comparative Politics (Minor)
- Dissertation: Military Technology: Measure and Countermeasure in International Politics
Committee: Alexander B. Downes, Charles L. Glaser (Chair), Mike Mochizuki

Trinity College, University of Toronto

2011-2015

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Relations (Specialist), Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (Major), and History (Minor)
- Graduated "With High Distinction"

Publications

- 2021 "Do China's New Islands Allow it to Militarily Dominate the South China Sea?" *Asian Security* 17(1): 1-24. 
- 2019 "The End of the 'INF Treaty' and the U.S.-China Military Balance" *The Nonproliferation Review* 26(3-4): 267-287. 

Papers Under Review

- "Is India Pursuing Counterforce Capabilities?" (Conditionally Accepted at *The Nonproliferation Review*).
- "How Effective are Anti-Access Capabilities? Technological Change and the Projection of Military Power" (Revise & Resubmit at *International Security*)

Papers in Progress

- "The Rise of China and the Durability of American Military-Technological Superiority"
- "How Survivable are Nuclear Weapons? Technological Change and the Nuclear Revolution Thesis"
- "Revolutionary Unmanned Aircraft? The Novelty-Maturity Trade-off and the Advancement of Military Technology"

Grants & Awards

2020	Mobilizing Insights in Defence and Security (MINDS) Initiative Doctoral Award
2020	Smith Richardson Foundation – World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship
2018	The Simons Foundation Graduate Research Award
2016-2021	The George Washington University “University Fellowship”
2015	Trinity College (University of Toronto) Provost’s Scholar
2015	Trinity College (University of Toronto) Provost Delworth Graduation Scholarship
2012-2015	Dean’s List, University of Toronto
2012-2014	Trinity College (University of Toronto) Chancellor’s Scholarship
2011-2015	Queen Elizabeth II Reaching for the Top Scholarship
2011	University of Toronto President’s Scholarship

Presentations


- 2021 “How Effective are Anti-Access Capabilities? Technological Change and the Feasibility of Power Projection” Research in Progress Workshop, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, May 10, 2021.
- 2020 “How Effective are Anti-Access Capabilities? Technological Change and the Feasibility of Power Projection” Junior Scholar Symposium, Cato Institute, October 11, 2010.
- “Revolutionary Unmanned Aircraft? The Novelty-Maturity Trade-off and the Advancement of Military Technology” Canadian Defence and Security Network Seminar, July 20, 2020.
- 2019 “Revolutionary Unmanned Aircraft? The Novelty-Maturity Trade-off and the Advancement of Military Technology” Research in Progress Workshop, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, October 14, 2019.
- “The Rise of China and the Durability of American Military-Technological Superiority” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 31, 2019.
 - “U.S.-China Military Competition: Will Russia Be Left Behind?” U.S.-Russia Security Analysis Workshop, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York City, NY, June 24, 2019
 - “How Survivable are Nuclear Weapons? Technological Change and the Nuclear Revolution Thesis” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 5, 2019.
 - “How Powerful is China Militarily? Assessing the Assessments of Chinese Military Power” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, March 30, 2019.
 - “Is the Defence Becoming Dominant? Assessing the Impact of Anti-Access Capabilities on the Projection of Military Power” Research in Progress Workshop, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, March 4, 2019.
- 2018 “How Powerful is China Militarily? Assessing the Assessments of Chinese Military Power” University of Pennsylvania China & International Relations Graduate Student Workshop, Philadelphia, PA, November 3, 2018.
- “How Powerful is China Militarily? Assessing the Assessments of Chinese Military Power” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 2, 2018.
 - “The Global Arms Trade in Flux: Implications for International Security” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 4, 2018.






- "Does Deterrence Theory Still Apply in the Current Context of Relations Between NATO and Russia?" Global Affairs Canada [i.e., Canada's ministry of foreign affairs], Ottawa, Canada, March 1, 2018.
- 2016 "Assessing Conventional Counter-Force Capabilities in the China-India-Pakistan Nuclear Nexus" Presented at the Project on Nuclear Issues Summer Conference, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, July 12, 2016.
- "Cross-Domain Deterrence between Iran and the Gulf Arab States" Presented at the Workshop on Cross-Domain Deterrence, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, March 30, 2016.
- 2015 "The Ottoman Empire's Entry into World War I" Presented at the Seminar in Ottoman and Turkish Studies, Departments of History and Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, April 29, 2015.
- 2014 "Operation Dynamo/Dunkirk Evacuation" Co-Presented with Lieutenant-Colonel Dr. Angelo Caravaggio (Canadian Army) at Great Sieges of the Twentieth Century, Massey College, University of Toronto, February 9, 2014.

Workshops

- The Geo-Economic and Geostrategic Dimensions of Great Power Competition in the 21st Century Summer Training Course, University of California, San Diego (August 2019)
- Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, Ithaca, New York (July 2019)
- U.S.-Russia Security Analysis Workshop, Columbia University, New York City (June 2019)
- Public Policy & Nuclear Threats Workshop, University of California, San Diego (July-August 2018)

Other Publications (Selected)

- 2019 "Correspondence: Military-Technological Imitation and Rising Powers" *International Security* 44(2): 185-192. 
- "China's Military Advances Take Center Stage at the 70th Anniversary Parade," *World Politics Review*, October 10, 2019. 
- "Under the Radar, Iran's Cruise Missile Capabilities Advance," *War on the Rocks*, September 25, 2019. 
- "Saudi Oil Attacks Point to More Advanced Iranian Missiles and Drones," *World Politics Review*, September 20, 2019. 
- "Iran's Space Program Won't Get Off the Ground While Under Sanctions," *World Politics Review*, September 5, 2019. 
- "U.S.-China Military Competition: Will Russia Be Left Behind?" U.S.-Russia Security Analysis Workshop, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, New York City, NY, July 8, 2019. 
- "China's Fleet Review Showcased Its Naval Achievements, and Some Enduring Weaknesses," *World Politics Review*, May 10, 2019. 
- 2018 "China's Emergence as a Defence Industrial Power on Display at the 2018 Zhuhai Airshow" *World Politics Review*, December 7, 2018. 
- "Less Visible Aspects of Chinese Military Modernization" *The Diplomat*, September 21, 2018. 

- "Does Deterrence Theory Still Apply in the Current Context of Relations Between NATO and Russia?" The Simons Foundation & International Security Research and Outreach Programme of Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Canada, March 1, 2018. 
- 2017 "Recent Tests Show Iran Making Progress on Meeting Its Missile and Space Ambitions" *World Politics Review*, November 3, 2017. 
- 2015 "Iran's Missile Forces Are Increasing in Range, Accuracy and Lethality," *World Politics Review*, October 14, 2015. 
- 2014 "Iran Boosts Its A2/AD Capabilities," *The Diplomat*, May 23, 2014. 
- "Beyond the Numbers: Bean Counting and the Russia-NATO Balance of Power," *NATO Council of Canada*, April 23, 2014. 

Teaching & Research Experience

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, GWU

- Spring 2020 PSC1003 Introduction to International Relations – with Henry Farrell
- Fall 2019 PSC1003 Introduction to International Relations – with Alexander B. Downes
- Fall 2016 PSC1003 Introduction to International Relations – with Rachel M. Stein

Teaching Assistant, Elliott School of International Affairs, GWU

- Fall 2018 IAFF1005 Introduction to International Affairs – with Michael E. Brown
- Fall 2017 IAFF1005 Introduction to International Affairs – with Michael E. Brown
- Spring 2017 IAFF1005 Introduction to International Affairs – with Michael E. Brown

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, GWU

- For Charles L. Glaser, Dept. of Political Science, GWU (Spring & Summer 2018, Spring & Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Fall 2020)
- For James H. Lebovic, Dept. of Political Science, GWU (Summer 2017)

Service to the Discipline

Journal Reviewer: *International Affairs, Asian Security, International Security, Journal of Politics*

References

Charles L. Glaser, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, The George Washington University; Co-Director, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs.

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Alexander B. Downes, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, The George Washington University; Co-Director, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs.

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