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Appointments

University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2017-)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Education

Ph.D. Government, Harvard University, 2016.
Subfields: International Relations, Methods
A.M. Government, Harvard University, 2012.
A.B. Political Science and Economics, Brown University, 2006.
Magna cum laude, with Honors in Political Science

Research Interests

International security, leaders, advisers, bureaucracy, uncertainty, costs of war, US foreign policy.

Publications

"Segregation, Integration, and Death: Evidence from the Korean War" with Connor Huff. *Accepted for publication at International Organization*.

"At War and at Home: The Consequences of Woman Combat Casualties" with Connor Huff and Dara Kay Cohen. *Accepted for publication at Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

"When Prospective Leader Turnover Promotes Peace." *International Studies Quarterly*. Forthcoming.

"The Inter-Temporal Tradeoff in Mobilizing Support for War" with Connor Huff. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2018, 62(2), 396-409.

"Accounting for Extra-Dyadic Sources of International Outcomes" with Muhammet Bas and Omer Orsun. *International Interactions*, 2018, 44(4), 777-800.

"Peaceful Uncertainty: When Power Shocks Do Not Create Commitment Problems" with Muhammet Bas. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2017, 61(4), 850-866.

"Theoretical and Empirical Approaches to Uncertainty and Conflict in International Relations" with Muhammet Bas. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, September 2017.

“Unfair Fights: Power Asymmetry, Nascent Nuclear Capability, and Preventive Conflict.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2017, 34(4), 431-455.

“Mutual Optimism as a Cause of Conflict: Secret Alliances and Conflict Onset” with Muhammet Bas. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2016, 60(3), 552-564.

“How Uncertainty about War Outcomes Affects War Onset” with Muhammet Bas. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2016, 60(6), 1099-1128.

Projects and Working Papers

“Wars of Ignorance: Leaders, Advisers, and Certainty in International Politics.”

This book manuscript addresses the causes and consequences of certainty in the decision for war. It emphasizes the informational role of advisers and bureaucracies in shaping leaders’ assessments.

“Dynamic Alliances” with Colin Krainin. *Revised and Resubmitted at International Studies Quarterly*.

“Socialized Hawks? How Selection Explains Military Attitudes on the Use of Force” with Tyler Jost and Kaine Meshkin. *Under Review*.

“Bureaucracies, Information, and International Crises: What You Know Depends on Where You Sit.” Working Paper.

“Cyber and Certainty” with Heidi Demarest and Tyler Jost. Work in Progress.

“The Information-Secrecy Tradeoff in Covert Actions.” Work in Progress.

“Testing Theories of Bias in National Security Decision-Making” with Michael Joseph. Working Paper.

“Are You Certain? Leaders, Overprecision, and War.” Working Paper.

Conferences, Workshops, and Invited Talks

American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Paper: 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (scheduled).

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention, Paper: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019 (and discussant).

International Studies Association Annual Convention, Paper: 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 (and discussant), 2018.

Peace Science Society Conference, Paper: 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019.

New York University Abu Dhabi, 2019.

New Research on Secrecy in International Relations, Princeton University, 2019.

Weatherhead Research Cluster on International Security, Harvard University, 2018.

Advancing the Scientific Study of Diplomacy Workshop at PSSI, 2018.

United States Military Academy, 2017.

Formal Models of IR Conference, University of Southern California, 2016.

Empirical Implications of Bargaining Theory Conference, Princeton University, 2015.

Empirical Implications of Bargaining Models Workshop at PSSI, 2014.

Teaching

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

POLS 160: International Relations

POLS 263: Causes of War

POLS 398: Leaders and World Politics

POLS 463: US Foreign Policy and the Use of Military Force

POLS 860: Core Seminar in International Politics

University of Oxford

Instructor, US Foreign Policy, University of Oxford

Harvard University, Teaching Fellow

Teaching Fellow (for Dustin Tingley), Gov 40 International Conflict and Cooperation, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow (for Stephen Rosen), Gov 1730 War and Politics, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow (for Dustin Tingley), Gov 40 International Conflict and Cooperation, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow (for Beth Simmons), Gov 1740 International Law, Harvard University

Fellowships and Honors

Winant Postdoctoral Research Fellow in US Foreign Policy, University of Oxford, Nuffield College and Rothermere American Institute, 2016-2017.

International Security Program Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, 2014-2015.

Fellow, Program on Global Society and Security, Harvard University, 2012-2014.

Carroll R. McKibben Distinguished Research Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2019.

Charles Sumner Dissertation Prize, Harvard University, 2016.

Parents Recognition Teaching Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Fall 2017 and Fall 2019.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University: Fall 2012, Spring 2013, and Spring 2014.

Presidential Instructional Technology Fellow, Harvard University, 2011-2013.

Raymond Vernon Fellow, Harvard University Department of Government, 2010-2011.

Samuel Lamport Prize for best thesis on international affairs, Brown University, Department of Political Science, 2006.

Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University, 2005.

Service and Memberships

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of International Security*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Geography*

Member: APSA, ISA, MPSA

IR/CP Brownbag Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2019-

Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2018-2019

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2017-2018

Academic Programme Committee, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, 2016-2017.

Research Assistance and Professional Work

Research Assistant for Dustin Tingley, Harvard University, Department of Government, 2010-2013

Research Assistant for Gary Pisano and Willy Shih, Harvard Business School, 2010

Equity Research Associate, Fidelity Management and Research, 2006-2009

References

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