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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

- "Informing the Leader: Bureaucracies and International Crises." *Forthcoming at American Political Science Review*.
- "The Character and Origins of Military Attitudes on the Use of Force" with Tyler Jost and Kaine Meshkin. *Forthcoming at International Studies Quarterly*.
- "Alliance Dynamics in the Shadow of Shifting Power" with Colin Krainin. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2021, 65(4), 905-918.
- "Segregation, Integration, and Death: Evidence from the Korean War" with Connor Huff. *International Organization*, 2021, 75(3), 858-879.
- "At War and at Home: The Consequences of US Woman Combat Casualties" with Connor Huff and Dara Kay Cohen. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2021, 65(4), 647-671.
- "When Prospective Leader Turnover Promotes Peace." *International Studies Quarterly*, 2020, 64(3), 510-522.
- "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, Bureaucracies, and Certainty in International Crises.”

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.

“Advisers and Aggregation in Foreign Policy Decision Making” with Tyler Jost, Josh Kertzer, and Eric Min. *Under review*.

“Bureaucracy and Cyber Coercion” with Heidi Demarest and Tyler Jost. *Under review*.

“The Information-Secrecy Tradeoff in Covert Actions.” Working paper.

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

“Commander Biases and Who Dies in War: Evidence from WWI” with Connor Huff and Eric Min. Work in progress.

“Inequality in War” with Connor Huff and Eric Min. Work in progress.

“Advisory Influence in Foreign Policy Decision-Making” with Tyler Jost, Josh Kertzer, and Eric Min. Work in progress.

“Causal Effects of Social Policy on Mortality: Evidence from Randomized Land Redistribution in New Zealand” with Evan Roberts and Henry Thomson. Work in progress.

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Convention: 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022 (scheduled).

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

International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 (and discussant), 2018, 2021, 2022.

Peace Science Society Conference: 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022 (scheduled).

International Studies Association Midwest Convention: 2020 (and discussant).

Invited Workshops and Talks

Weatherhead Research Cluster on International Security, Harvard University, 2022 (scheduled).

Bureaucracy and International Relations, Brown University, 2022.

Institute for Defense Analyses, 2021.

International Relations and America's Rise, University of Chicago, 2020.

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

Fellowships, Honors, and Funding

Layman Seed Grant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2021-2022.

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, International Theory, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Politics, Peace Economics, Political Geography, War in History

Foreign Policy Analysis Book Award Committee, International Studies Association, 2020

Fellowship Review Committee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2020-

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, 2019-

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

Member: APSA, ISA, MPSA

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

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