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## CURRENT POSITION

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Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin–Madison Department of Political Science, 2015–current

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor and Trice Family Faculty Scholar, University of Wisconsin–Madison Department of Political Science, 2013–2015

Assistant Professor, Cornell University Department of Government 2009–2013  
(Lecturer 2008-2009 until completion of PhD)

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Political Science, Stanford University, June 2009

*Dissertation Title:* “Leaders, Foreign Policy, and Accountability in Non-Democracies”

*Dissertation Chair:* Kenneth Schultz

M.A., International History and Politics, Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva), June 2003

B.A., Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, The Ohio State University, June 2001

## BOOK

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*Dictators at War and Peace*. 2014. Cornell Studies in Security Affairs, Cornell University Press.

-selected by Foreign Affairs as one of the best books in International Relations in 2014

-Focus of H-Diplo roundtable, and reviewed in *Foreign Affairs*, *Choice*, *Political Science Quarterly*,  
*International Studies Reviews*, *Perspectives on Politics*

## ARTICLES

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“Hawks, Doves, and Peace: An Experimental Approach” (with Michaela Mattes) (forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*)

“Human Rights and Public Support for War” (with Michael Tomz) (forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*)

“War Outcomes and Leader Tenure” (with Sarah Croco), *World Politics*, October 2016 (68:4)

“Revolution, Personalist Dictatorships, and International Conflict” (with Jeff Colgan), *International Organization* Winter 2015 (69:4)

“Making it Personal: Regime Type and Nuclear Proliferation” (with Christopher Way). *American Journal of Political Science* July 2014 (58:3)

Reprinted in *Nonproliferation Policy and Nuclear Posture: Causes and Consequences for the Spread of Nuclear Weapons*; Routledge (2016)

“Public Opinion and the Democratic Peace” (with Michael Tomz), *American Political Science Review* November 2013 (107:4)

“Strongmen and Straw Men: Authoritarian Regimes and the Initiation of International Conflict,” *American Political Science Review* May 2012 (106:2)

“Autocratic Audience Costs: Regime Type and Signaling Resolve,” *International Organization*, Winter 2008 (62:1)

-Winner of the Robert O. Keohane Award for best research article by an untenured scholar

## **SELECTED WORKING PAPERS/UNDER REVIEW**

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“Public Opinion and Decisions about Military Force in Democracies” (with Michael Tomz and Keren Yarhi-Milo) (under review)

“Military Alliances and Public Support for War” (with Michael Tomz) (under review)

“Lost in Translation: Academics, Policymakers, and Research about Interstate Conflict” (with Sarah Kreps) (under review)

“Uniters or Dividers? External Threats and the Domestic Political Incentives of Leaders”

“Human Rights, Democracy, and Alliance Formation” (with Michael Tomz)

## **SELECTED OTHER WRITINGS**

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“Power, Institutions, and Issues as Causes of Conflict” (with Michael Masterson). 2017. *Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory*.

“Domestic Constraints on Foreign Policy in Authoritarian Systems” (with Cody Crunkilton). 2017. *Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy Analysis*.

Book review, Michael Horowitz, *Why Leaders Fight*. 2017. *International Politics Reviews*.

Book review, Jonathan Caverley, *Democratic Militarism*. 2017. *Perspectives on Politics*.

Book review, Caitlin Talmadge, *The Dictator's Army*. *H-Diplo Roundtable*, Spring 2016.

“How to Get Tenure (If You’re a Woman)” with Erica Chenoweth, Page Fortna, Sara Mitchell, Burcu Savun, and Kathleen Cunningham, *Foreign Policy* April 2016.

## **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND RESEARCH GRANTS**

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International Studies Association Karl Deutsch Award. 2018. (Presented annually to a scholar under age 40, or within ten years of defending his or her dissertation, who is judged to have made, through a body of publications, the most significant contribution to the study of international relations and peace research.)

Vilas Associates Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2018.

Hoover Institution, Visiting Fellow (Summer 2015)

Book *Dictators at War and Peace* selected by Foreign Affairs as one of the best books in International Relations in 2014

PI, National Science Foundation Grant #1226855, *The Causal Mechanisms of the Democratic Peace*. (with Michael Tomz co-PI).

University of Wisconsin–Madison Fall Research Competition, “How External Threats Shape Domestic Politics.” 2014-2015.

Smith Richardson Foundation Junior Faculty Research Grant 2011-2014 for book project *Dictators at War* (\$60,000)

Affinito-Stewart Grant 2011-2012, “The Causal Mechanisms of the Democratic Peace”

LaFeber Grant for Faculty-Graduate Student Collaborative Research on Gender and Foreign Policy Preferences, 2011

Einaudi Center Seed Grant 2010-2011, “The Causal Mechanisms of the Democratic Peace”

2008 Robert O. Keohane Award (for the best research article published in *International Organization* by an untenured scholar)

Cornell Institute for the Social Sciences Grant 2008-2009, “Authoritarian Domestic Political Institutions and International Conflict”

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2007-2008, “Leaders, Accountability, and Foreign Policy in Non-Democracies”

Zukerman Fellow (Predoctoral Fellowship), Center on International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), 2007-2008

Graduate Fellow, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, 2006-2007

Stanford Richard S. Goldsmith Writing Award in Dispute Resolution, 2006

Morris Abrams Award in International Relations, 2006 (national competition)

Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University, June 2006 (given once every two years)

Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association Graduate Fellowship, June 2006

Department of Political Science, Stanford University, Graduate Fellowship, 2003 – 2008

Tokyo Foundation Scholarship at Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, 2002-2003

National Merit Scholar, 1997; Ohio State University Distinguished Scholarship, 1997-2001

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### *Recent Invited Talks:*

- University of Zurich/ETH, May 2018
- University of Konstanz, May 2018
- University of California, Merced, May 2017
- University of Texas-Austin, April 2017
- University of Kentucky, March 2017
- University of Pennsylvania, March 2017
- University of California, Berkeley, Feb 2017
- University of Pittsburgh, January 2017
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, April 2016
- University of Miami, February 2016
- Northwestern University, May 2015
- Notre Dame University, April 2015
- Princeton University, December 2014
- University of Michigan Ford Center, September 2014
- University of California San Diego IR/PS, May 2014
- University of Chicago, May 2014
- Georgetown University, March 2014
- University of Southern California, February 2014
- Harvard University PGSS Seminar, February 2014
- MIT, November 2013
- Uppsala University (Sweden), October 2013
- Duke University, April 2013

### *Selected Invited External Conferences*

- Conference on Policy Levers for Great Power Peace, Yale University 2017
- Conference on New Directions for Research on Domestic Politics and International Conflict, Yale University 2015
- TRIP (Theory and Practice of International Relations) Conference, William and Mary 2015
- Conference on Economic Sanctions, Rice University 2013
- Conference on The International Politics of Autocracies, Rice University 2012
- Conference on Non-Democracies, Yale University 2011

## **TEACHING**

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### *University of Wisconsin—Madison:*

Research Methods in Political Science (undergraduate lecture)  
Comparative Foreign Policy (undergraduate lecture)  
The Causes of War and the War in Iraq (undergraduate seminar)  
Domestic Politics and International Relations (graduate seminar)  
International Relations Colloquium (graduate)  
Honored Instructor Award, UW Residential Housing, Spring 2015

### *Cornell University:*

Graduate Field Seminar in International Security  
Comparative Foreign Policy (undergraduate lecture)  
The Causes of War and the War in Iraq (First-Year Writing Seminar)  
Graduate Research Colloquium

### *Stanford University:*

Awarded Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University  
-University award given once every two years to outstanding Teaching Assistants

## **DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### *University of Wisconsin—Madison*

- Chair, Retention and Recruitment Committee (Political Science, 2018-2019)
- Faculty Senator (2014-2017)
- Commission on Faculty Compensation and Economic Benefits (2014-present)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (2013-2014, 2014-2015)
- Faculty mentor (2016-)
- Speaker in International Relations Colloquium (2014), Experimental Politics Workshop (2014 and 2015), and PS800 (2014)

### *Cornell University*

- Co-Director, International Political Economy Program (Einaudi Center), 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011
- Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society, 2010-2011

- Faculty Advisor, Cornell Debate Association, 2010-2011
- Foreign Policy Network, Einaudi Center (2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011)
- Freshman Book Project Discussion leader (2009, 2010)
- ISS Small Grant Proposal Reviewer (2010 and 2011)
- Undergraduate Studies Committee (2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Heinz I. Eulau Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2018

International Studies Association Committee on the Status of Women, 2016-present

Editorial Board, *International Organization* 2018-present

Editorial Board, *British Journal of Political Science* 2014-present

Editorial Board, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2015-present

Correlates of War Advisory Board, 2013-2017

International Security Division Co-Chair, 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Organization*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Security Studies*, *International Interactions*, *International Security*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Political Psychology*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Research and Politics*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *National Science Foundation*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Time Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*