

ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science	
Professor	2022 –
Associate Professor & Glenn B. and Cleone Orr Hawkins Chair	2019 –2022
Associate Professor & Trice Faculty Scholar	2017 – 2018
Assistant Professor & Trice Faculty Scholar	2013 – 2017
Naval Postgraduate School, Department of Defense Analysis	
Post-doctoral Fellow	2012-13

EDUCATION

Harvard University	
Ph.D., Government	2012
– Harvard’s 2012 Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize	
– 2013 Best Dissertation Award, International Society of Political Psychology	
London School of Economics & Political Science	
M.S.c., International Relations	2005
Wesleyan University	
B.A. (High Honors), Government	2004

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Abstraction in Survey Experiments: Testing the Tradeoffs*. In press, publication in Fall 2022. Cambridge University Press (Elements in Experimental Political Science series).
[Ryan Brutger, Josh Kertzer, **Jonathan Renshon** & Chagai Weiss]
2. *Fighting for Status: Hierarchy and in World Politics*, Princeton University Press, (2017).
 - winner of the 2018 Lepgold Prize for best book in International Relations (Georgetown University, Mortara Center)
 - winner of the 2019 Best Book Award from the International Studies Association
 - reviewed in: *Perspectives on Politics*, *World Politics*, *International Studies Review*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Psychology* and subject of an H-DIPLO/ISSF roundtable
3. *Why Leaders Choose War: The Psychology of Prevention* [Foreword by Alexander L. George] (2006), Westport, Connecticut: Praeger Security International. Adapted from undergraduate/MSc theses.
 - reviewed in: *Political Psychology*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *International Studies Review* & *Journal of Strategic Studies*

**Peer-
Reviewed
Articles**

1. Democratic Reputations in Crisis and War, forthcoming at *Journal of Politics*
[**Jonathan Renshon**, Keren Yarhi-Milo & Josh Kertzer]
2. Abstraction and Detail in Experimental Design, forthcoming at *American Journal of Political Science*
[Ryan Brutger, Josh Kertzer, **Jonathan Renshon**, Dustin Tingley & Chagai Weiss]

3. International Status and Domestic Support for Political Leaders, forthcoming at *American Journal of Political Science*.
[Ryan Powers & **Jonathan Renshon**]
4. Surveys and Experiments on Political Elites (2022), *Annual Review of Political Science* 25: 529-550.
[Josh Kertzer & **Jonathan Renshon**]
5. How Do Observers Assess Resolve? (2020), *British Journal of Political Science* 51/1: 308-330.
[Josh Kertzer, **Jonathan Renshon** & Keren Yarhi-Milo]
6. Tying Hands, Sinking Costs and Leader Attributes (2018), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62/10: 2150-2179.
[Keren Yarhi-Milo, Josh Kertzer & **Jonathan Renshon**]
– 2018 Bruce Russett Award for best paper published in *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
– 2017 Best Paper Award, Foreign Policy Section of APSA
7. Leader Influence and Reputation Formation in International Politics (2018), *American Journal of Political Science* 62/2: 325-339.
[**Jonathan Renshon**, Allan Dafoe & Paul Huth]
8. Emotions and the Micro-Foundations of Commitment Problems in International Politics (2017), *International Organization* 71/S1: 189-218.
[**Jonathan Renshon**, Julia J. Lee & Dustin Tingley]
9. Status Deficits and War (2016), *International Organization* 70/3: 513-550.
– recipient of 2011 Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award (ISA)
10. The Interaction of Testosterone and Cortisol is Associated with Attained Status in Male Executives (2016), *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 110/6: 921-929.
[Gary D. Sherman, Jennifer S. Lerner, Robert A. Josephs, **Jonathan Renshon** & James J. Gross]
11. Physiological Arousal and Political Beliefs (2015), *Political Psychology* 36/5: 569-585.
[**Jonathan Renshon**, Julia J. Lee & Dustin Tingley]
12. Losing Face and Sinking Costs: Experimental Evidence on the Judgment of Political and Military Leaders (2015), *International Organization* 69/3: 659-695.
– recipient of *IO's* Robert O. Keohane award for best research article published by an untenured scholar
13. Perceiving Others' Feelings: The Importance of Personality and Social Structure (2015), *Social Psychological and Personality Science* 6/5: 559-569.
[Gary D. Sherman, Jennifer S. Lerner, **Jonathan Renshon**, Christine Ma-Kellams, & Samantha Joel]
14. Modeling "Effectiveness" in International Relations (2015), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59/2: 207-238.
[**Jonathan Renshon** & Arthur Spirling]

15. Reputation and Status as Motives for War (2014), *Annual Review of Political Science* 17: 371-393.
[Allan Dafoe, **Jonathan Renshon** & Paul Huth]
16. Leadership and Stress: Leadership is Associated with Lower Levels of Stress (2012), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 109/44: 17903-17907.
[Gary Sherman, Julia J. Lee, Amy Cuddy, **Jonathan Renshon**, Chris Oveis, James Gross & Jennifer Lerner]
17. When Public Statements Reveal Private Beliefs: Assessing Operational Codes at a Distance (2009), *Political Psychology* 30/4: 649-661.
Reprinted:
– A *Political Psychology* special virtual issue, “The Psychology of Political Leadership”
18. Mirroring Risk: The Cuban Missile Estimation (2009), *Intelligence & National Security* 24/3: 315-338.
19. Assessing Capabilities in International Politics: Biased Overestimation and the Case of the Imaginary “Missile Gap” (2009), *Journal of Strategic Studies* 32/1: 115-147.
20. Stability and Change in Belief Systems: The Operational Code of George W. Bush from Governor to Second Term President (2008), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52/8: 820-849.
Reprinted:
– *Rethinking Foreign Policy Analysis: States, Leaders and the Microfoundations of Behavioral International Relations* (2010), Stephen G. Walker, Akan Malici and Mark Schafer, eds. (New York: Routledge Press), 169-188.
21. The Theory and Practice of Foreign Policy Decision Making (2008), *Political Psychology* 29/4: 509-536.
[**Jonathan Renshon** & Stanley Renshon]

Policy and Opinion

1. Why don't Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum Just Quit? (It's hard to say goodbye) (April 8, 2012), *Washington Post*: B3.
[**Jonathan Renshon**, Jennifer S. Lerner & Philip E. Tetlock]
2. The FP Debate: Should Hawks Win? Kahneman and Renshon Weigh In (January 9, 2007), *ForeignPolicy.com*.
[Daniel Kahneman & **Jonathan Renshon**]
3. Why Hawks Win (2007), *Foreign Policy* 158: 34-38.
[Daniel Kahneman & **Jonathan Renshon**]
Reprinted:
– *Conflict After the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace*, 3rd and 4th eds. (2007 & 2012), Richard K. Betts, ed. (UK: Longman/Pearson Press).
– *The Best American Political Writing* (2007), Royce Flippin, ed. (New York: PublicAffairs Press), 258-266.

- as Hawkish Biases (2009) in Trevor Thrall and Jane Cramer (eds.) *American Foreign Policy and The Politics of Fear: Threat Inflation Since 9/11* (New York: Routledge Press), 79-96 [this is a longer and slightly modified version of original article].
- as Hawkish Biases and the Interdisciplinary Study of Conflict (2017) in Steve Yetiv and Patrick James (eds.) *American Foreign Advancing Interdisciplinary Approaches to International Relations* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), 51-81 [this is a longer and slightly modified version of original article].

Chapters

1. Immigration and Foreign Policy (2018) in Patrick Haney, Sebastian Harnish, Juliet Kaarbo, Kai Oppermann and Atsushi Tago (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*.
[Anna Oltman & **Jonathan Renshon**]
2. The Role of Emotions in Foreign Policy Decision Making (2012) in Daniel J. Christie and Cristina Montiel (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Peace Psychology* (NJ: Wiley-Blackwell Press), 313-317.
[**Jonathan Renshon** & Jennifer S. Lerner]
3. Psychological Dimensions of Foreign Policy Decision Making (2012) in Daniel J. Christie and Cristina Montiel (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Peace Psychology* (NJ: Wiley-Blackwell Press), 308-312.
4. The Psychological Origins of Preventive War (2007) in Stanley A. Renshon and Peter Suedfeld (eds.) *Understanding the Bush Doctrine: Psychology and Strategy in an Age of Terrorism* (New York: Routledge Press), 201-230.

Working Papers and Projects

1. The Polarization of Politics and Public Opinion and their Effects on Racial Inequality in COVID Mortality
[Adeline Lo, Hector Pifarré i Arolas, **Jonathan Renshon** & Siyu Liang]
2. Are Red Lines Red Herrings?
[Josh Kertzer, **Jonathan Renshon** & Keren Yarhi-Milo]
3. Praise from Peers Promotes Empathetic Behavior
[Adeline Lo, **Jonathan Renshon** & Lotem Bassan-Nygate]
 - recipient Best Faculty Poster, 2021, Society for Political Methodology
4. Political Empathy
[Adeline Lo, **Jonathan Renshon** & Lotem Bassan-Nygate]
5. Putting Things in Perspective: Mental Simulation in Experimental Political Science
[Josh Kertzer & **Jonathan Renshon**]
6. The Discursive Origins of International Reputations
[Ryan Powers & **Jonathan Renshon**]
7. The Generalizability of IR Experiments and Theories
(with Lotem Bassan-Nygate & Chagai Weiss)

8. A Practical Guide to Dealing with Attrition in Experiments

[Adeline Lo, **Jonathan Renshon** & Lotem Bassan-Nygate]

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Best Faculty Poster, Society for Political Methodology, 2021
- UW-Madison Faculty Development Grant, 2021
- Best Book Award (International Studies Association), 2019
- 2018 Bruce Russett Award for best paper published in *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- Leggold Prize for best book in International Relations (Georgetown University, Mortara Center), 2018.
- Best Paper Award, Foreign Policy Section (American Political Science Association), 2017.
- Stanton Foundation Course Development Grant (for a course on the subject of international and nuclear security), 2017.
- *International Organization's* Robert O. Keohane award for best research article published by an untenured scholar (for “Losing Face and Sinking Costs”), 2016.
- Graduate Fall Competition (UW-Madison), 2013, 2014.
- Best Dissertation Award, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), 2013.
- Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize, Harvard University (for best dissertation on a subject relating to the promotion of world peace), 2012.
- Research Grant, Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (LEAP) (awarded jointly with Nate Hillger), 2012.
- Conference Travel Grant (IQSS), 2012.
- Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2011-2012.
- Research Grant, Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), 2011.
- National Security Graduate Fellowship (The Tobin Project). 2011.
- Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award (International Studies Association), 2011.
- Pre-doctoral Fellowship (International Security Program), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, 2010-2012.
- Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, 2010-2011.
- Miller Center Fellowship in Politics and History, University of Virginia, 2010-2011.
- World Politics and Statecraft Dissertation Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2010.
- Next Generation Grant, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, 2010.
- National Security Studies Program Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2009-2012.
- Bradley Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2008-2010.
- Graduate Student Award, Mind/Brain/Behavior Initiative, Harvard University, 2008.
- Graduate Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2008.
- White Fellowship for Excellence in Government, Wesleyan University, 2005.
- High Honors (Undergraduate Thesis), Wesleyan University, 2004.

Invited Lectures

- Pennsylvania State University Political Science Colloquium, scheduled for Spring 2022
- UC Berkeley International Relations Workshop, February 2021.
- Political Economy Workshop, University of Tokyo, December, 2018.
- Mortara Center, Georgetown University, October, 2018.
- George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, November 2017.
- University of Haifa, School of Political Science, March 2017.
- London School of Economics & Political Science, Department of International Relations, July 2016.
- Oxford University, Department of Politics & International Relations, July 2015.
- Columbia University, Department of Political Science, March 2015.
- Dartmouth College, Department of Government, November 2014.
- University of Virginia, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, November 2014.
- Harvard University, Department of Government, September 2014.
- University of Montreal, Cérium Diplomatic and Statecraft Program, June 2014.
- Stanford University, Center for International Security and Arms Control (CISAC), June 2013.
- “Political Psychology of International Relations” workshop, Nordic International Studies Association/Finnish POLITU Graduate School in Political Studies, Helsinki, August 2012.

Workshops

- Atomic Experiments: Public Opinion, Political Psychology, and the Use of Nuclear Weapons, Stanford University, November 2020.
- Wargaming and International Relations, MIT/Naval War College, July, 2019
- Academic Exchange Alumni workshop, Ojai, CA, June 2017.
- Teaching, Research & International Policy (TRIP) workshop, College of William & Mary, May 2017.
- Co-organizer of invited full-day workshop, “Survey Experiments in IR,” Peace Science Society/University of Notre Dame, October 2016.
- “Leaders and Military Conflict,” Peace Science Society/University of Notre Dame, October 2016.
- “Reassessing Strategic Threat Assessment,” Tobin Project, Washington, DC, May 2016.
- “Leaders and Military Conflict,” Peace Science Society/University of Mississippi, November 2015.
- “Origins of Preferences” hosted by UCLA Political Science, January 2015.
- “Survey Experiments in Peace Science,” Peace Science Society/University of Pennsylvania, October 2014.
- “Innovations in International Relations” hosted by GWU Political Science, August 2014.
- “Behavioral Revolution in International Relations II” hosted by UCSD Political Science, June 2014.
- “Behavioral Revolution in International Relations” hosted by UCSD Political Science, January 2014.
- “Emotions and International Relations” hosted by University of Helsinki, August 2012.
- “Beyond American Hegemony: Rising Powers, Status and the World Order” hosted by Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, October 2010 (discussant).

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
(last 5 years)

- Praise from Peers Can Promote Empathetic Behavior (with Adeline Lo & Lotem Bassan-Nygate)
– PolMeth 2021 (poster), EPSA 2020, MPSA 2020
- Abstraction and Detail in Experimental Design (with Josh Kertzer, Dustin Tingley, Chagai Weiss & Ryan Brutger)
– NYU Experiments Conference 2020, APSA 2020
- Are Red Lines Red Herrings? (with Josh Kertzer & Keren Yarhi-Milo)
– APSA 2018, ISA 2019
- International Status and Presidential Approval (with Ryan Powers)
– APSA 2016; MPSA 2017; APSA 2019
- Tying Hands, Sinking Costs and Leader Attributes (with Josh Kertzer & Keren Yarhi-Milo)
– APSA 2016, APSA 2017
- Democratic Leaders, Crises and War: Paired Experiments on the Israeli Knesset and Public (with Josh Kertzer & Keren Yarhi-Milo)
– MPSA 2016; ISPP 2016; APSA 2016; ISA 2017, APSA 2018

TEACHING

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Research Methods in Political Science (170), *Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Fall 2019.*
- International Relations Colloquium, *Fall 2015, Spring 2016.*
- Experimental Methods (919), *Spring 2018, Fall 2019.*
- Eye to Eye: The Cuban Missile Crisis in Perspective (601), *Fall 2015.*
- Decision-making in World Politics (601), *Spring 2015.*
- Introduction to Political Psychology (267/206), *Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2018.*
- Co-Organizer, Experimental Politics Workshop, *2014 - present.*
- Psychological Approaches to International Relations (960), *Fall 2013, Spring 2017, Spring 2019.*

Naval Postgraduate School

- National Security Decision-Making, Department of Defense Analysis, *Spring 2013.*
- Research Design & Methods, Department of Defense Analysis, *Winter 2013.*

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

- Section Chair for Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2021
- Editorial Board, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*, 2019-.
- Section Chair (Leadership & Political Personality) for 2016 Annual Meeting of International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP).
- Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), 2015-16.
- Chair, Roberta Sigel Best Paper Award, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), 2007-8.

Associate Editor, *The Experimental Political Scientist* (newsletter of APSA's Experimental Section), 2012-2013.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Intelligence & National Security*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Political Psychology*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Research & Politics*, *Security Studies*, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS, National Science Foundation).