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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison (expected July 2023)

Subfields: International Relations; Political Theory

Minor: Gender and Women’s Studies

M.S. Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison (2019)

M.A. International Relations, University of Chicago (2014)

B.S. Political Science and Economics, Portland State University (2013)

DISSERTATION

Gender Identity, Public Opinion, and the Use of Military Force in the United States

Committee: Andrew Kydd (chair), Aili Mari Tripp, Yoshiko Herrera, and Jessica Weeks

This project examines the gender gap in support for war in the US. A common finding is that women are roughly ten points less likely than men to support the use of force, although this changes under specific circumstances. While various mechanisms have been suggested to explain this gap, I return to the concept of gender itself. All previous research on this gender gap has relied on a binary concept of gender, but I argue that a more nuanced version of gender (measuring masculinity and femininity) can explain more about conflict preferences than binary gender. I evaluate different ways to measure masculinity and femininity in survey research. I then use surveys and survey experiments, with this masculinity and femininity measure, to reevaluate the gender gap in use of force preferences. This allows for the analysis of differences between, for example, masculine men and feminine men, or masculine women and feminine women.

PUBLICATIONS

2022. “War, Peace, and Security.” In [The Routledge Global History of Feminism](#). Eds. Bonnie G. Smith and Nova Robinson. 414-427. (With Aili Mari Tripp)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

[“Rethinking Gender in Survey Research: Comparison of Four Measures.”](#)

“A War of Their Own? Spectrum Gender and the Gender Gap in Support for War.”

“The Lady’s Not for Turning: Masculinity, Candidate Selection, and Foreign Policy.”
(With Jordan Hsu)

“Phalluses in IR: Or, George Carlin’s ‘Bigger Dick’ Theory of Foreign Policy.”

“Relationships for Dummies.” (With Andrew H. Kydd)

AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

Dissertation Writing Scholarship, (\$3,000) *UW–Madison Political Science* (2022)

Research Grant, (\$9,695 total) *UW–Madison Political Science* (5x awardee 2018-22)

Research Grant, (\$1,500) *Wisconsin Project on International Relations* (2019-2020)

University Housing Honored Instructor Award, *UW–Madison* (Spring 2020)

Future Faculty Partner, [UW–Madison Teaching Academy](#) (Inducted April 2019)

Hanna Pitkin Fellowship, (\$5,000) *UW–Madison Political Science* (Summer 2017)

Hatfield Research Fellowship, (\$20,000) *Portland State University* (2015-2016)

Love of Learning Award, (\$1,000) *Phi Kappa Phi Honor’s Society* (2014-2015)

John Lamar Cooper Scholarship, (\$1,000) *Portland State University* (Fall 2012)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer

[PS 400: Gender in/and International Relations](#) (Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant

PS 400: Comparative Foreign Policy (Fall 2022)

Guest lecture: Feminist Foreign Policy and the WPS Agenda

Guest lecture: Gender and Global Conflict

PS 377: Nuclear Weapons and World Politics (Spring 2021)

PS 359: United States Foreign Policy (Fall 2019)

Guest lecture: Human Rights and Humanitarian Intervention

PS 345: Global Conflict Resolution (Spring 2019; Fall 2020)

PS 160: Introduction to Political Theory (Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018)

PS 140: Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2021)

PS 104: United States Government (Spring 2020)

Grader

PS 343: United States National Security Policy (Spring 2021)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Phalluses in IR: Or, George Carlin’s ‘Bigger Dick’ Theory of Foreign Policy,” *American Political Science Association* (2022)

“A War of Their Own? Spectrum Gender and the Gender Gap in Support for War,” *International Studies Association* (2022)

“Rethinking Gender in Survey Research: Comparing Four Measures of Femininity and Masculinity,” *American Political Science Association* (2021); *International Studies Association* (2021)

“The Lady’s Not for Turning: Masculinity, Candidate Selection, and Foreign Policy,” *International Studies Association* (2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Representative, [APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Research Section](#) Executive Council (Fall 2022 – Fall 2023)

Graduate Student Representative, [Politics & Gender](#) Editorial Board Selection Committee (Winter 2022)

Mentor, UW–Madison Political Science Undergraduate Research Program (Fall 2021)

Advisor, [Wisconsin Union Society & Politics Committee](#) (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022)

Graduate Student Representative, UW–Madison Political Science, Graduate Program Committee (Fall 2019 – Summer 2022)

Discussant

Andrew H. Kydd (UW–Madison), UW–Madison IR Colloquium (Fall 2022)
 Tara Chandra (UC-Berkley), Gender & Politics Working Group (Spring 2022)
 Kanisha Bond (SUNY Binghamton), UW–Madison IR Colloquium (Spring 2022)
 Kelebogile Zvobgo (William & Mary), UW–Madison IR Colloquium (Spring 2021)
 Adom Getachew (Chicago), UW–Madison Political Theory Workshop (Fall 2020)
 Tanisha Fazal (Minnesota), UW–Madison IR Colloquium (Spring 2020)
 International Security Panel, Ideas & Identities, SPSA (Spring 2020)
 Undergraduate Poster Panel, Feminism, MPSA (Spring 2019)
 Jordan Branch (Brown), UW–Madison IR Colloquium (Spring 2018)

RESEARCH AND METHODS TRAINING

Research Assistant, Professor Ben Marquez (Summer 2021)

Qualitative research on Hispanic/Chicanx/Latinx nonprofit fundraising

Participant, Research Methods Conferences

[Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research](#), Syracuse University (2019)

[Qualitative Research Summer Intensive](#), University of North Carolina (2018)

OTHER SKILLS

Spanish, Intermediate

R Studio, Intermediate

Qualtrics, Advanced

REFERENCES

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UW–Madison Political Science and Gender & Women’s Studies

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Jessica Weeks, Professor of Political Science and H. Douglas Weaver Chair in Diplomacy and International Relations

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