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Appointments

University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs:
Associate Professor of International Affairs, September 2018 – present
Assistant Professor of International Affairs, September 2011 – August 2018

University of Chicago, Department of Political Science
Visiting Scholar, January – June 2026

United States Military Academy, Modern War Institute
Fellow, September 2020 – August 2022

University of Oxford, Nuffield College
Academic Visitor, January – June 2019

Education

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA:
PhD in Political Science, 2011
Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics
MA in Political Science, 2008

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL:
BA with Honors in Political Science, 2005

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Books:

Understanding Battlefield Coalitions, New York: Routledge, 2023. (edited, with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

Commanding Military Power: Organizing for Victory and Defeat on the Battlefield, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

Articles:

"When Do Militaries Fight Battles Together?" *Security Studies* 32, no. 2 (2026): 340-375. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

"The Democratic Embargo: Regime Type and Proxy War," *European Journal of International Relations* 48, no. 2 (2022): 444-470. (with Dominic Tierney)

"Understanding Battlefield Coalitions," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 45, no. 2 (2022): 177-185. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)
- Republished in *Understanding Battlefield Coalitions*, eds. Rosella Cappella Zielinski and Ryan Grauer, New York: Routledge, 2023.

"A Century of Coalitions in Battle: Incidence, Composition, and Performance, 1900-2003," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 45, no. 2 (2022): 186-210. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)
- Republished in *Understanding Battlefield Coalitions*, eds. Rosella Cappella Zielinski and Ryan Grauer, New York: Routledge, 2023.

"Initiative and Military Effectiveness: Evidence from the Yom Kippur War," *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6, no. 2 (2021): ogaa018. (with Stephen Quackenbush)

"Organizing for Performance: Coalition Effectiveness on the Battlefield," *European Journal of International Relations* 26, no. 4 (2020): 953-978. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

"The Arsenal of Insurrection: Explaining Rising External Support for Rebels," *Security Studies* 27, no. 2 (2018): 263-295. (with Dominic Tierney)

"Uncertain Victory: Information Management and Military Power," *Journal of Global Security Studies* 2, no. 1 (2017): 18-38.

"Moderating Diffusion: Military Bureaucratic Politics and the Implementation of German Doctrine in South America, 1885-1914," *World Politics* 67, no. 2 (2015): 268-312.

"Why Do Soldiers Give Up? A Self-Preservation Theory of Surrender," *Security Studies* 23, no. 3 (2014): 622-655.

"What Determines Military Victory? Testing the Modern System," *Security Studies* 21, no. 1 (2012): 83-112. (with Michael C. Horowitz)

Book Chapters:

"Technology and Warfare," in *Strategy in the Contemporary World*, 8th edition, eds. John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, Jeannie L. Johnson, and Danielle F.S. Cohen, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2026.
- Update of "Technology and Warfare," published in *Strategy in the Contemporary World*, 7th edition, eds. John Baylis, James J. Wirtz, and Jeannie L. Johnson, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2022: 125-144.

"The Logistical Underpinnings of Combined Operations: Lessons from Burma," in *Evolution on Demand: The Changing Roles of the US Marine Corps in Twenty-First Century Conflicts*, ed. Joanna Siekiera, Quantico, VA: Marine Corps University Press, 2025. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

"Regime Type, War Aims, and Coalition Member Effort," in *Understanding Battlefield Coalitions*, eds. Rosella Cappella Zielinski and Ryan Grauer, New York: Routledge, 2023. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski and Alastair Smith)

"Conventional Interstate War," in *The Handbook of European Defence Policies and Armed Forces*, eds. Hugo Meijer and Martin Wyss, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018: 461-475.

Other Writing

"Supplying and Sustaining Security Assistance in Wartime: Contested Logistics in the Indo-Pacific and Fighting with Allies and Partners," prepared for the Gates Forum, William & Mary College, 2025 (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski).

Introduction to roundtable on Tanisha M. Fazal, *Military Medicine and the Hidden Costs of War* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024). Introduction as part of a roundtable in *H-Diplo*, Vol. XVI, no. 41 (2025).

Review of Mara Karlin, *The Inheritance: America's Military after Two Decades of War* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2021). Reviewed as part of a roundtable in *Texas National Security Review*, 30 May 2024.

Review of Andrea Bartoletti, *Escaping the Deadly Embrace: How Encirclement Causes Major Wars* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2022). H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews, July 2023.

"Dataset Building by Qualitative Scholars," *International History and Politics Section Newsletter* 8, no. 2 (Fall, 2022): 8-10. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

"Practice Makes Perfect for Battlefield Coalitions," *Military Strategy Magazine* 8, no. 2 (Summer, 2022): 28-34. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

"The Evolution of Coalitions Warfighting Since 1900: Implications for the United States and Its Partners Moving Forward," prepared for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2021. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

"Organizing Operationally: Fighting with Coalition Partners in the 21st Century," prepared for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, 2021. (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

Review of Lindsey O'Rourke, *Covert Regime Change: America's Secret Cold War* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2018). Reviewed as part of a roundtable in *H-Diplo*, Vol XIII, no. 3 (2021).

Introduction to roundtable on Jon R. Lindsay, *Information Technology & Military Power* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2020). Introduction as part of a roundtable in *H-Diplo*, Vol. XII, no. 9 (2021).

"The Austin 'problematique'," *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, 17 December 2020.

Review of the Special Issue, "Emerging Technologies and Strategic Stability," edited by Todd Sechser, Neil Narang, and Caitlin Talmadge, *Journal of Strategic Studies* 42, no. 6 (September 2019). Reviewed for *H-Diplo*, ISSF Article Review no. 137 (2020).

Review of M. Taylor Fravel, *Active Defense: China's Military Strategy since 1949* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019). Reviewed as part of a roundtable in *H-Diplo*, Vol. XI, no. 12 (2020). (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski)

Review of Caitlin Talmadge, *The Dictator's Army: Effectiveness in Authoritarian Regimes* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2015). Reviewed as part of a roundtable in *H-Diplo*, Vol. VIII, no. 17 (2016).

Review of Antulio J. Echevarria II, *Reconsidering the American Way of War: U.S. Military Practice from the Revolution to Afghanistan* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2014), in *Political Science Quarterly* 130, no. 4 (2015-2016): 806-807.

"Old Wine in New Bottles: The Nature of Conflict in the 21st Century," *The Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations* 14, no. 1 (2013): 9-23.

Data Sets

Belligerents in Battle v1.0
Measures participation, effort, and performance in 492 major battles fought during 62 interstate wars waged between 1900 and 2003. Available at: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/CB0LKE.

Determinants of Military Victory Project: 1917-2003
Measures characteristics of belligerents' operational and tactical-level force employment practices in decisive battles fought between 1917 and 2003. Available at: https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/YAKVTB.

Working Papers

Books:

Quitting War (in progress)

Sharing the Foxhole (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski; in progress)

Articles/Chapters:

Organizing Abuse: Military Decision-Making Structures and Prisoner of War Treatment (in progress)

Democracy and the Hierarchy of Violence (with Stephen Quackenbush and Dominic Tierney; in progress)

Fighting with Friends: Co-Belligerent Management of Cooperation during Multilateral Wars (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski and Eric Min; in progress)

Coalition Battlefield Logistics: Lessons from Native Americans at War (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski; in progress)

The Case for Dataset Building by Qualitative Scholars (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski; in progress)

External Grants

Defense Security Cooperation University Security Cooperation Research Grant, "When and How Contested Logistics Constrain Combined Operations: Security Cooperation Lessons to Be Learned from Executed and Abandoned Allied Operations in World War II," 2024.

Stanton Foundation Course Development Grant, "Choosing Nuclear Weapons," 2021.

Reviewing Activities

Books:

Cambridge University Press; Cornell University Press; De Gruyter; Georgetown University Press; Oxford University Press; Rowman & Littlefield; Routledge; University of Oklahoma Press

Articles:

American Journal of Political Science; Asian Security; Canadian Military Journal; Civil Wars; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Contemporary Security Policy; Defence Studies; European Journal of International Relations; European Journal of International Security; Foreign Policy Analysis; International Interactions; International Organization; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Presidential Studies Quarterly; Research and Politics; Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) Journal; Security Studies; Terrorism and Political Violence; Texas National Security Review; World Politics

Invited Conferences/Presentations

Mariya Grinberg Book Workshop, Discussant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2026.

Erik Sand Book Workshop, Discussant, Naval War College/Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2025

Rachel Metz Book Workshop, Discussant, George Washington University, 2025

"The Logistical Drivers of Combined Operations: Evidence from the Burma Campaign," United States Government Accountability Office, 2025

National Security Scholars and Practitioners Program, Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, Johns Hopkins University, 2023

"Fighting Together: Allied Logistics and Motivation in Burma," Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Future Warfare, United States Marine Corps University, 2023

"The United States' Dangerous Lead Nation Obsession," Security Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2021.

"A Century of Coalitions in Battle," International Relations Workshop, Wilf Family Department of Politics, New York University, 2021.

Intelligence Analysis Workshop, Presenter, University of Virginia and the National Ground Intelligence Center, 2019.

Peter Bils, Bradley C. Smith, and William Spaniel Book Workshop, Discussant, University of Pittsburgh, 2019.

Michael Hunzeker Book Workshop, Discussant, George Mason University, 2019.

Sara Bjerg Moller Book Workshop, Discussant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2018.

"U.S. Global Engagement and the Military," Lecture, North Hills AAUW Great Decisions Program, 2018.

"Strategic Studies: An American Perspective," Lecture, University of Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany, 2016

"War, Coercion, and Intelligence" Eight-class seminar offered at the University of Augsburg, Augsburg, Germany, 2016

"Organizational Humanity: Institutional Influences of Prisoner of War Treatment" Security Policy Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University, 2014

Workshop on Teaching International Humanitarian Law; International Committee of the Red Cross, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 2013

Basin Harbor Teacher's Workshop; Merrill Center for Strategic Studies
Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, 2013

"Civil-Military Relations in Crises"
"The Cuban Missile Crisis – Lessons Learned"; Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project
American University School of International Service, 2012

"American Grand Strategy in the 21st Century"
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

"Commanding Victory: Organizational Sources of Martial Capability in the Korean War"
Second Annual SNU-Pitt Research Workshop, Seoul National University, 2011

"A New Grand Strategy for America"
"September 11th: Ten Years Later"; Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2011

Courses Taught

Advanced Seminar on Security and Intelligence Studies (graduate)

Choosing Nuclear Weapons (graduate)

Civil-Military Relations (graduate)

Field Seminar in International Affairs (graduate)

How to Make War (graduate)

International History (graduate)

Introduction to Security and Intelligence Studies (graduate)

War, Coercion, and Intelligence (graduate, at University of Augsburg)

PhD Advising

Current:

Katie Whipkey, "Three Papers on Feminist Foreign Policy" (Committee Member)

Completed:

Gabriel Cedeno Monce, "Organizational Culture and Military Power" (Committee Chair; degree awarded December 2022)

Alexander Halman, "Policymaker Attitudes towards Intelligence and National Security" (Committee Chair; degree awarded May 2020)

Robert Kozloski, "Imagining China" (Committee Member; degree awarded December 2024)

Ryan Loomis, "Escalate-to-Deescalate as Nuclear Strategy" (Committee Chair; degree awarded December 2022)

Raymond Ruscoe, "Nuclear Weapons and Strategic Stability" (Committee Chair; degree awarded May 2020)

Wo Liu, "Militia and Civilian Deaths in Civil Wars" (Committee Member; degree awarded May 2024)

Jonathan Shine, "Educating American Generals" (Committee Chair; degree awarded December 2025)

Stephen Worman, "The Grand Strategies of Middle Powers" (Committee Chair; degree awarded May 2021)

Huseyin Zengin, "Civil-Military Relations and Authoritarian Politics" (Committee Member; degree awarded August 2023)

Awards and Honors

William and Flora Hewlett Faculty Research Grant, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 2024.

William and Flora Hewlett Faculty Research Grant, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 2023.

Donald Goldstein Teacher of the Year, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 2022

William and Flora Hewlett Faculty Research Grant, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 2022.

Hewlett International Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2022

Global Studies Center Conference Travel Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2019

Hewlett International Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2018.

Hewlett International Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2017.

Global Studies Center Conference Travel Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2017

Global Studies Center Conference Travel Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2016

Central Research Development Fund Grant for *Quitting War*, University Research Council, University of Pittsburgh, 2015

Global Studies Center Conference Travel Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2015

Global Studies Center Faculty Research Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

Global Studies Center International Conference Travel Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2014

Matthew B. Ridgway Center Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Global Studies Center Faculty Research Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Matthew B. Ridgway Center Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

Global Studies Center Faculty Research Grant, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2012

Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics Dissertation Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2010

Pew Presidential Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2010

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2009

Penfield Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2009

Pew Presidential Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2008

Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics Dissertation Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2008

Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2008

School of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, 2007 – 2008

Pew Presidential Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2007

Benjamin Franklin Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, 2005 – 2010

Service to the Discipline

Associate Editor, H-Diplo| Jervis Forum, 2024 – present

Host and Program Chair, ISSS-IS Annual Conference, International Studies Association and American Political Science Association, 2024.

Section Program Co-Chair, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association, 2023-2024

Member, Governing Council, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association, 2023-2026

Co-Section Head, "Section 44. International Conflict Processes," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2022.

Member, American Political Science Association, International Security and Arms Control Section, Best Article Award, 2019

External Dissertation Reader, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2019

Member, American Political Science Association, International Security and Arms Control Section, Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Award Committee, 2018

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association: 2013 – 2016, 2018 – 2020, 2022, 2024 – 2026

International Studies Association: 2007 – 2009, 2011 – 2018, 2021 – 2026

ISSS-IS Annual Conference: 2014, 2017, 2023 – 2026

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society: 2009

Midwest Political Science Association: 2010, 2021

Peace Science Society: 2016, 2020

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Peace Science Society; Society for Military History