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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of New Hampshire, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor, August 2020 -

University of Oklahoma, Department of International and Area Studies
Assistant Professor, August 2018 – June 2020

Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding
Fellow, 2019-2020

George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies
Pre-Doctoral Fellow, 2017-2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science. University of Minnesota, May 2018
Dissertation: *Beyond Military Power: The Symbolic Politics of Conventional Weapons Transfers*
*Winner, 2019 Kenneth Waltz Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association

M.A., Political Science. University of Minnesota, 2015

B.A., Peace and Conflict Studies. Colgate University, 2011
Thesis: *Torture, Truth and Intelligence: The United Kingdom's War on Terror*
Awarded Best Paper, Colgate Academic Conference, 2011

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Trump’s Transactional Follies: Why the Arms Trade is Not a Business,” in *The Liberal Order Strikes Back*, Jervis, Labrosse, Goddard, Rovner, eds. Columbia University Press, 2022 (*forthcoming*)

Spindel, J., **Spindel, J.**, Gordon, K., and Koch, J., “The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Primary Prevention,” *American Journal of Medical Sciences*, 8 December 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjms.2021.12.003>

Ralston, R., Motta, M., and **Spindel, J.**, “When OK is NOT OK: Public Concern About White Nationalism in the U.S. Military (Research Note),” *Armed Forces & Society*, 48, no. 1 (2022): 228-239. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0095327X20918394>

Motta, M., Ralston, R., and **Spindel, J.**, “A Call to Arms for Climate Change? How military

service member concern about climate change can inform effective climate communication,” *Environmental Communication* 15, no. 1 (2021): 85-98.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17524032.2020.1799836>

Spindel, J., and Ralston, R., “Taking Social Cohesion to Task: Perceptions of Transgender Military Inclusion and Concepts of Cohesion,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 5, no. 1 (2020): 80-96. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogz045>

Krebs, RR., and **Spindel, J.**, “Divided Priorities: Why and When Allies Differ over Military Intervention.” *Security Studies* 27, no. 4 (2018): 575-606.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2018.1483609>. (Authors in alphabetical order)

POLICY AND PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Nakayama, B., and **Spindel, J.**, “NATO’s help to Ukraine could deter Russia from territorial expansion,” *Defense Post*, 8 March 2022. ([link](#))

Spindel, J. and Ralston, R., “Congress might require women to register for the draft. Where do Republicans and Democrats stand?” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 15 November 2021. ([link](#))

Krebs, R. and **Spindel, J.**, “Did the Afghanistan exit diminish U.S. credibility among its allies. Probably not.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 1 September 2021. ([link](#))

H-Diplo/ISSF roundtable XII-14 of Audrey Kurth Cronin *Power to the People: How open technological innovation is arming tomorrow’s terrorists*. 26 July 2021. ([link](#))

“Trump’s Transactional Follies: The Consequences of Treating the Arms Trade Like a Business,” *H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum*, Policy Series 2021-32, 10 June 2021. ([link](#))

Spindel, J., Ralston, R., and Motta, M., “Americans aren’t worried about white nationalism in the military – because they don’t know it’s there.” *The Conversation*, 8 October 2020. ([link](#)). Reprinted in [Salon](#), [The National Interest](#), and [Business Insider](#); [translated](#) to French

“Artificial Intelligence, Nuclear Weapons, and Strategic Stability.” Introduction to papers commissioned by the Stanley Center, the Stimson Center, and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. June 2020. ([link](#))

"How Not to Ensure Credibility with Allies," *Modern War Institute*, 21 February 2020. ([link](#)). With Ronald R. Krebs.

“Trump’s mismanagement of the withdrawal from Syria hurt alliances — not the withdrawal itself,” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 30 October 2019. ([link](#)). With Ronald R. Krebs.

“What Turkey’s purchase of a Russian air defense system means for the U.S. and NATO.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 23 July 2019. ([link](#))

“Yes, Trump can override Congress and sell weapons to Saudi Arabia – even over Republican objections.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 30 May 2019. ([link](#))

"The Case For Suspending Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia." *War on the Rocks*, 14 May 2019. ([link](#))

- H-Diplo Article Review Forum 855: “Gender and the Canadian Military.” 3 May 2019 ([link](#))
- “Veterans are Concerned about Climate Change. Here’s why.” *The Conversation*, 8 March 2018. with Matt Motta and Robert Ralston. ([link](#))
- “With Arms Sales, ‘It’s Not Just the Economy, Stupid.’” *The Duck of Minerva*, 12 October 2018. ([link](#))
- “The Transgender Ban and the Politics of Exclusion.” *The Duck of Minerva*, 28 July 2017. with Robert Ralston. ([link](#))
- “When Political Science Meets Science Fiction.” *The Minnesota Political Methodology Blog*, October 2015. ([link](#))

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Reverse Leverage and Security Assistance” (*revise & resubmit*)
- “Promoting Diversity: Public Attitudes toward Diversity, Promotion, and Leadership in the US military.” With Robert Ralston (*revise & resubmit*)
- “The Unintended Consequences of Arms Embargoes” With Raymond Kuo (*revise & resubmit*)
- “Certain Uncertainty: Strategic Ambiguity and the Taiwan Strait”
- “In the Shadow of Sex: Gender Signaling and the Conventional Weapons Trade”

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- Global Racial and Social Inequality Lab (GRISL), Small Research Grant (\$5,000), January 2022
- Stanton Foundation Course Development Grant, Summer 2021 (\$50,000), with Madhavi Devasher
- Kenneth Waltz Award, Best Dissertation in International Security, American Political Science Association, 2019
- Invited Member, Accelerator Initiative, Stanley Center, June - December 2019
- Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, Summer 2019 (\$7,000)
- Faculty Support Grant, University of Oklahoma, Spring 2019 (\$1,800)
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, 2018-2019 (declined)
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Sie Center, University of Denver, 2018-2019 (declined)
- Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, 2017 (\$3,000)
- Robert T. Holt Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2016-2017 (competitive, university-wide)
- Larson Graduate Research Fellowship in Political Economy, Summer 2016 & Summer 2017
- Thesis Research Travel Grant, University of Minnesota, June 2016 (\$3,500)
- Dissertation Proposal Fellowship, Mixed Methods Interdisciplinary Graduate Group, University of Minnesota, 2015 (\$1,000)
- Summer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, 2012-2015

Political Networks Conference Travel Grant, Political Networks Section, APSA, Summer 2015
Graduate Research Partnership Program, University of Minnesota, Summer 2015
N. Marbury Efimenco First Year Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2012-2013
Projects for Peace Fellowship, Kathryn W. Davis Foundation, Summer 2011 (\$10,000)
Sterling Prize for Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University, 2011
Peace and Human Security Fellowship, Colgate University, Summer 2010

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Annual Meetings

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015
International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017
Political Networks Conference (POLNET): 2015

Other conferences/workshops (invited participant)

Washington International Security Colloquium (WISC), University of Washington (virtual, May 2021)
Center for International and Security Studies, University of Maryland (virtual, March 2021)
Empirical Approaches to Historical IR, University of Chicago (Chicago, May 2019)
Lone Star National Security Workshop, invited discussant (Dallas, Texas, April 2019)
Security Policy Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University (Washington, DC, April 2016)
New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap Project (Washington, DC, March 2018)
Harvard International Security Conference (Cambridge, MA, October 2017)
Journeys in World Politics Workshop (Iowa City, IA, May 2017)
Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium (Minneapolis, MN, February 2016)
Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Colgate University (Hamilton, NY, February 2016)
Summer Workshop for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, (Ithaca, NY, July 2015)

TEACHING

University of New Hampshire

US in World Affairs; National Security Policy & Strategy; International Security; Global Challenges in International Affairs; Technology & War

University of Oklahoma

Global Security; Technology & War; US Foreign Policy (MA level); National Security Policy

University of Minnesota

Instructor: Theories of International Relations

Teaching Assistant: International Conflict & Security; Theories of International Relations; Technology & War; Global Politics

SERVICE

Manuscript Referee: *International Security*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *American Political Science Review*, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, *Security Studies*, *International Studies Review*

Governing Council Member, International Security Studies Section (ISSS), International Studies Association, 2018-2021

Panel Organizer

“Emerging Technologies and Great Powers,” ISA 2022.

“Taking Alliances Seriously,” ISA 2019.

“Beyond Audience Costs: Signaling in International Security,” APSA 2018.

“Gender and the Arms Trade,” ISA 2018.

“Beyond Military Power: Reconsidering the Global Arms Trade,” ISA 2017.

University of New Hampshire

MA capstone advising: William Chiang (Fall 2021)

Honors Thesis Advisor: Alissa Reiter (Fall 2021); Emory Bayer (Spring 2022)

Co-Organizer, “Russia’s invasion of Ukraine” panel. March 2022.

Gaither Fellowship Review Panel, 2020

Organizer, “Conspiracy Theories, Myth-Making, and the Rise of Extremism,” panel. April 2021

Closing Ceremonies Guest Speaker, UNH Model UN, April 2021

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Member, 2020-present

Scheduling Committee, Member, 2021-present

University of Minnesota

Founder, Steering Committee, Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium, 2016-2017

Steering Committee, Minnesota International Relations Colloquium, 2013-2015

International Relations Search Committee, 2014

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

TV Interview, “Women and the Draft,” Scripps Media. Broadcast on 47 stations across the United States, November 2021.

Live TV Interview, France24, on AUKUS alliance, 16 September 2021 ([link](#))

Live TV interview, Fox 5 DC on white nationalism and the US military, 11 February 2021 ([link](#))

Interview on The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen, 19 January 2021 ([link](#))

Interview on The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen, 14 October 2020. ([link](#))

Interview on NPR Morning Edition segment, “Trump says he won’t scrap arms deal over missing Saudi journalist,” 16 October 2018. National broadcast ([link](#)).

Quoted in “US weapons sales a flashpoint as President Trump presses Saudi Arabia over missing journalist,” in *USA Today*, 16 October 2018. ([link](#))

Quoted in “Trump administration caps turbulent year with government shutdown,” *Globe and Mail*, 21 December 2019. ([link](#)).

FIELDWORK

Defence & Security Equipment International, London, UK, September 2015 & September 2019

Eurosatory Air and Land Exhibition, Paris, France, June 2016

Duluth Air Show, Duluth, MN, June 2017