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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

“A Call to Arms for Climate Change? How military service member concern about climate change can inform effective climate communication,” with Matt Motta and Robert Ralston. *Forthcoming, Environmental Communication*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17524032.2020.1799836>

"When OK is NOT OK: Public Concern About White Nationalism in the U.S. Military (Research Note)," with Robert Ralston and Matthew Motta. April 2020. *Armed Forces & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0095327X20918394>

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

“Divided Priorities: Why and When Allies Differ over Military Intervention.” with Ronald R. Krebs. *Security Studies* 27, no. 4 (2018): 575-606.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2018.1483609>

POLICY AND PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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

“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 Against Arms Embargos, Even for Saudi Arabia." *War on the Rocks*, 16 April 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”

"Promoting Diversity: Public Attitudes toward Diversity, Promotion, and Leadership in the US military." With Robert Ralston

“International Signaling and Alliances”

“Networked Masculinity: The Deployment of Gender in the Conventional Arms Market”

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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: 2019, 2018, 2017

Political Networks Conference (POLNET): 2015

Other conferences/workshops (invited participant)

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

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*

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

Panel Organizer

“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 Oklahoma

MA thesis committee member: Josie Smith, Jackson Stuteville (chair), Annika Edgington, Tasden Ingram (chair), Kinsey Baltzell, Cecelia Cain

Honors research supervisor: Ben Levenson, Kinsey Baltzell

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee

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

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