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Research interests international relations, international security, foreign policy decision-making, covert action, intelligence, international law, national security law, constitutional law, qualitative and mixed-method research

Appointments **University of Pittsburgh**, GSPIA Pittsburgh, PA
Assistant Professor 2021 – present

Education **Princeton University** Princeton, NJ
PhD in Politics 2017 – 2021
MA in Politics 2015 – 2017
Committee: Keren Yarhi-Milo (chair), Gary Bass, Aaron Friedberg

University of Pennsylvania Law School Philadelphia, PA
JD, *cum laude* 2008 – 2011
– Executive Editor and Print Contact, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*
– Henry C. Loughlin Prize, for best paper on legal ethics: “Paying for Plaintiffs? A Model Rules Supplement to the PSLRA”

Bucknell University Lewisburg, PA
BA in Mathematics and Political Science, *summa cum laude* 2004 – 2008

Research

Publications

- Melinda Haas and Keren Yarhi-Milo, “To Disclose or Deceive? Sharing Secret Information between Aligned States,” *International Security*, Vol. 45, No. 3 (Winter 2020/21), pp. 122–161, doi.org/10.1162/isec.a.00402
- Paul M. da Costa and Melinda Harris, “Has Expert Adequately Accounted for Obvious Alternative Explanations?,” in *The Daubert Compendium* 301 (Def. Research Inst. 2011)

Works in Progress

- Secrecy and Oversight: U.S. Law and the Domestic Politics of Covert Action (*article and book project based on dissertation*)
 - A Matter of Proportionality? Customary International Law and Public Support for the Use of Force
 - Assassination, Covert Norm Violation, and Customary International Law
 - Sources and Methods: Public Opinion and Intelligence Community Credibility, *with Keren Yarhi-Milo*

Commentary

– Michael Poznansky and Mindy Haas. (2020). “As US-China Competition Grows, Will Covert Regime Change Make a Return?” *The Diplomat*, <https://thediplomat.com/2020/06/as-us-china-competition-grows-will-covert-regime-change-make-a-return/>

Conferences

Annual New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies 2021
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2020, 2021
International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2020, 2021
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2020, 2021
Workshop on New Research on Secrecy in IR, Princeton University 2019
Conference on International Law, Organization, and Politics, University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House 2019

Grants, honors, & fellowships

Research Travel Grant (Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation) 2020
Kenneth W. Gemmill '32 Fellowship in Politics (Princeton University) 2019 – 2020
Center for International Security Studies Fellow (Princeton University) 2019 – 2020
Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Graduate Dissertation Research Grant (Princeton University) 2019
Max Rosenn Law Scholarship (University of Pennsylvania Law School) 2008 – 2011
Presidential Fellowship (Bucknell University) 2004 – 2008

Professional experience

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit,
Judge Marjorie O. Rendell Philadelphia, PA
Law Clerk 2014 – 2015

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania,
Judge Mary A. McLaughlin Philadelphia, PA
Law Clerk 2013 – 2014

Duane Morris LLP, Trial Practice Group Philadelphia, PA
Associate 2011 – 2013, Summer 2010

Service

Reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly* 2019 – 2021
Center for International Security Studies, Princeton University
Coordinator of Security Studies Colloquium 2018 – 2021

Skills

Online survey design and programming (Qualtrics)
R, Python (web scraping)