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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Pittsburgh. 2016–Present. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science.
Stanford University. 2015–2016. Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation.

EDUCATION

University of Rochester

PhD, Political Science. Conferred August 2015.
MA, Political Science. May 2013.
Fields: International Relations, Formal Theory, and Political Methodology.

University of California, San Diego

BA, Political Science (International Relations). High Honors. September 2009.

BOOK

Bargaining over the Bomb: The Successes and Failures of Nuclear Negotiations. In production, Cambridge University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Credible Commitment in Covert Affairs. With Michael Poznansky. Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.

Terrorism, Wealth, and Delegation. Forthcoming, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.

Rational Overreaction to Terrorism. Forthcoming, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Getting a Hand by Cutting Them Off: How Uncertainty over Political Corruption Affects Violence. With Paul Zachary. Forthcoming, *British Journal of Political Science*.

Slow to Learn: Bargaining, Uncertainty, and the Calculus of Conquest. With Peter Bills. Forthcoming, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Introducing ν -CLEAR: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring Nuclear Capability. With Brad Smith. Forthcoming, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Only Here to Help? Bargaining and the Perverse Incentives of International Institutions. 2018. *International Studies Quarterly* 62 (1): 14-22.

Policy Bargaining and Militarized Conflict. With Peter Bills. 2017. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 29 (4): 647-678.

How Uncertainty about the Legal Views of Judicial Nominees Distorts the Confirmation Process. With Maya Sen. 2017. *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 29 (1): 22-47.

Multi-Method Research: A Case for Formal Theory. With Hein Goemans. 2016. *Security Studies* 25 (1): 25-33.

Sanctions, Uncertainty, and Leader Tenure. With Bradley C. Smith. 2015. *International Studies*

Quarterly 59 (4): 735-749.

Arms Negotiations, War Exhaustion, and the Credibility of Preventive War. 2015. *International Interactions* 41 (5): 832-856.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW, REVISION, OR RESUBMISSION

Leaders, Uncertainty, and War. With Brad Smith. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

How Fast and How Expensive? Uncertainty and Incentives in Nuclear Negotiations.

Cornering the Market: Optimal Governmental Responses to Competitive Political Violence.

Outbidding as Deterrence: Endogenous Demands in the Shadow of Group Competition.

Bribery and Fair Representation on the United Nations Security Council.

Does Increasing the Costs of Conflict Decrease the Probability of War? With Iris Malone.

Nuclear Latency and Defensive Alliances. With Brad Smith.

Competition, Government Enforcement and Political Violence. With Justin Conrad.

Resolving Uncertainty: How Lower Costs of Nuclear Weapons Can Cause Less Proliferation. With Rupal Mehta.

WORKING PAPERS

You Get What You Give: A Model of Nuclear Reversal.

Why Give Nuclear Assistance to Would-Be Proliferators?

Power Transfers, Military Uncertainty, and War

Power to the People. With Iza Ding.

Deterring Intervention: The Civil Origins of Nuclear Proliferation. With Zachary Taylor.

IN PREPARATION

Competition, Terrorism, and the Outbidding Puzzle. Book project with Justin Conrad.

Moderation in Coercive Bargaining. Book project with Peter Bills and Brad Smith.

Atomic Uncertainty. Book project with Rupal Mehta.

Estimating the Effectiveness of Nuclear Agreements. With Brad Smith.

Stalling. With Peter Bills and Gleason Judd.

The Peacekeeper's Dilemma. With Burcu Savun and Dongju Lee.

Adverse Selection and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. With Brad Smith and Dongju Lee.

Calming the Markets: When Technocratic Appointments Signal Credibility. With Despina Alexiadou and Hakan Gunaydin.

OTHER PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Responsible Sourcing, Corporate Citizenship, and Baseball: A Framework for Labor Procurement

Negotiations in the Talent Supply Chain. With Adrien Bouchet and Mike Troilo. 2015. *Corporate Governance* 15 (2): 214-228.

Breaking Balls with a Runner on Third: A Game Theoretical Analysis of Optimal Behavior. 2012. *The Baseball Research Journal* 41 (1): 32-36.

INVITED TALKS

“Why Give Nuclear Assistance to Would-Be Proliferators?” University of Texas, September 2018 (Scheduled).

“Power to the People.” Workshop on Chinese Politics and Society, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. July 2017.

“Nuclear Proficiency and Defensive Alliances.” Nuclear Latency in International Relations Workshop, University of Nebraska. March 2017.

“Subsidizing Moderation? Terrorism, Signaling, and Principal-Agent Problems.” Formal Models of International Relations Conference, University of Southern California, February 2016.

“The Invisible Fist: How Potential Power Coerces Concessions.” University of Buffalo, October 2012.

TEXTBOOKS

Game Theory 101: Bargaining

Published August 2014.

The Rationality of War

Published August 2012.

Game Theory 101: The Complete Textbook

Published September 2011.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017 MPSA Award for Best Paper in International Relations for “Competition, Government Enforcement and Political Violence,” with Justin Conrad.

2016 Outstanding Dissertation Award for the Social Sciences, University of Rochester.

Nominated for University of Rochester’s Professor of the Year Award, 2015.

2014 Edward Curtis Peck Award Winner for Excellence in Teaching.

2014 New Faces Fellow. Triangle Institute for Security Studies.

Graduate Instructor Fellowship. University of Rochester, Spring and Fall 2014.

Charles E. Lanni Research Assistant Fellowship with Maya Sen. University of Rochester, 2014.

Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Award. University of Rochester, Spring 2014.

W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy Fellowship. University of Rochester, 2013-2014.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award. 84th Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference, 2013.

Charles E. Lanni Research Assistant Fellowship with Maya Sen. University of Rochester, 2012.

Charles E. Lanni Research Assistant Fellowship with Mark Fey. University of Rochester, 2012.

Charles E. Lanni Second Year Paper Fellowship. University of Rochester, 2012.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

[The Politics of Nuclear Proliferation](#). University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2018.

[Introduction to World Politics](#). University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2017, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018.

[Political Strategy in International Relations](#). University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.

[Introduction to International Relations](#). University of Rochester: Fall 2014 and Spring 2015.

[Civil War and International Systems](#). University of Rochester: Spring 2014 and Spring 2015.

Game Theory 101

Creator of the [Game Theory 101 YouTube Channel](#). 450 videos; 40,000 subscribers; 7.6 million lifetime video views.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association: 2018, 2016, 2014, 2013

Midwest Political Science Association: 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013

Southern Political Science Association: 2013

Peace Science Society: 2016, 2014, 2013

Peace Science Society Online Colloquium: 2016

International Studies Association: 2017, 2014

Los Alamos National Laboratory: 2016

REFEREEING

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, International Theory, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Review of International Studies, Stability: International Journal of Security and Development, The Baseball Research Journal, World Politics

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Washington Post: The Monkey Cage

[Here's What Could Happen If a President Trump Tore up the Iran Nuclear Deal](#). July 2016.

BBC World Service: The Why Factor

[World War I: Sacrifice](#). September 2015.

BBC World News

Mathematician John Nash Dies. May 2015.

The New York Times: Freakonomics

[Game Theory TV](#). May 2010.

REFERENCES

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