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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D., Political Science, 2012

University of North Texas

M.S., Political Science, 2007
B.A., Political Science, 2005

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Arizona State University

Associate Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2018–

Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2012–2018

ASU Academic Lead, Security and Defense PLuS (S&D+), January 2023–June 2026

Associate Director for Graduate Studies, School of Politics and Global Studies, January 2020–June 2023

Faculty Affiliate, Center on the Future of War/Future Security Initiative, 2014–

Senior Global Futures Scholar, Global Futures Laboratory, 2023–

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026. "Dynamics of Deadly Loyalist Militia Violence in Northern Ireland." *International Interactions*, Available Ahead-of-Print

2025. "The Catch 22 of Conflict and Women's Candidacy: Evidence from Afghanistan." *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*, 46 (3): 187-206. (with Victoria Stratton [student co-author] and Magda Hinojosa)

2023. "International Conflict Involvement, State Repression, and the Escalation of Civil Conflict." *Political Research Quarterly*, 76 (4): 2004-2017, (with Heather M. Kopp [student co-author] and Bryce W. Reeder)

2023. "Disease and Dissent: Investigating How Epidemics Contribute to Social Unrest," *Global Studies Quarterly*, 3 (2) (with Rebecca Cordell and Reed M. Wood)

2022. "Disaggregating Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Annual Country Human Rights Reports." *International Studies Quarterly*, 66 (2), (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)

2021. "Extant Commitment, Risk, and UN Peacekeeping Authorization" *International Interactions,* 47 (1): 135-160. (with Rebecca Cordell and Paul F. Diehl)

2020. "Changing Standards or Political Whim? Evaluating Changes in the Content of US State Department Human Rights Reports following Presidential Transitions." *Journal of Human*

Rights, 19 (1): 3–18. (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)

2020. "Revisionist Conflict and State Repression." *International Area Studies Review*, 23 (1): 49-72.

2018. "Refugees, Economic Capacity, and Host State Repression." *International Interactions*, 44 (1): 132-155. (with Shweta Moorthy)

2016. "Responding to Catastrophe: Repression Dynamics following Rapid-onset Natural Disasters." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 60 (8): 1446-1472 (with Reed Wood)

2016. "A Conditional Defense of the Dyadic Approach." *International Studies Quarterly*, 60 (2): 363-368 (with Paul Diehl)

2016. "Unpacking Territorial Disputes: Domestic Political Influences and War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 60 (4): 645-669 (with Paul Diehl)

2014. "Territorial Revision and State Repression." *Journal of Peace Research.* 51 (3): 375-87

2014. "Disputed Territory, Defensive Alliances, and Conflict Initiation." *Conflict Management and Peace Science.* 31 (2): 119-44. (with Toby Rider)

2012. "Staying the Course: Assessing the Durability of Peacekeeping Operations." *Conflict Management and Peace Science.* 29 (2): 127-47. (with J. Michael Greig)

Book Chapters

"Environmental Factors Influence on State Repression.", forthcoming *What Do We Know About Human Rights?*, edited by Courtenay Hillebrecht and Jillienne Haglund (in press).

"Thinking about Deterrence in the AUKUS Context." (with Noelle Troutman), forthcoming in *AUKUS and Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific*, edited by Sarah Tzinieris, Craig Stockings, and Thorin Wright (under contract)

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

2026. *AUKUS and Maritime Security in an Era of Strategic Competition*, Editor (with Sarah Tzinieris and Craig Stockings). Manchester University Press, under contract.

2026. *International Interactions*, special issue of Repertoires of Repression. Guest Editor (with Rachel Van Nostrand, Margaret Frost, Roya Izadi, and Santiago Sosa), currently under review.

Selected Working Projects

"Comparing State Repressive Actions: Classifying the Content of Physical Integrity Rights Abuse Allegations using Machine Learning Methods" (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood), invited to revise and resubmit at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

"Who Does What to Whom? A Framework for Studying Repertoires of Repression" (with Rachel Van Nostrand, Margaret Frost, Roya Izadi, and Santiago Sosa), invited to revise and resubmit at *International Interactions*.

"Coercive Dilemmas for Democracy: The Problem of Militias", working paper.

"Deadly Loyalist Violence in Northern Ireland" monograph manuscript in development.

"Bombs, Bullets, and Ballots: Impact of Election Participation on Paramilitary Violence in Northern Ireland from 1981 to 1998" (with Dale Pankhurst), working paper.

"Measuring Intensity Levels of Repression Using a Large Language Model" (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood), working paper.

"Defense Cooperation Networks and Strategic Alignment." (with Joshua Garland, Noelle Troutman, and Peggy-Jean Allin), working paper.

Coercive Dilemmas in Statecraft, book project (with Heather M. Kopp and Bryce W. Reeder), book manuscript in development.

Funding Awards

Awarded:

2025. "Micro-Foundations of the US-Japan Security Relationship", PI (with Cana Kim and Fabian Neuner). US-Japan Foundation. $29,999.

2024-2026. "Integrated Deterrence in the Age of AUKUS", PI (with Sally Burt and Andrew Corbett). Security & Defence PLuS Seed and Bridge Grant Program. $55,000 ($15,000 in 2024, $30,000 in 2025, $10,000 in 2026).

2016-2022. *Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project*, Co-PI. (with K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood [Co-PIs], and Rebecca Cordell [Post-Doctoral Researcher]). National Science Foundation, October 2016-July 2022. $513,434 ($211,422 to ASU. Award #1626775)

Recent Unfunded Proposals:

2024. "An Issue Network Approach to Understanding Cooperation/Contention Dynamics and the Impact of AUKUS in the Indo-Pacific", external grant proposal (with Nicola Leveringhaus, Joshua Garland, Cana Kim, and Noelle Troutman). Submitted White Paper in November 2024; Submitted revised White Paper in March 2025 to US Department of Defense's DSCU Young Fund ($799,000 proposed, unfunded)

2024. *Understanding Integrated Deterrence: A Framework for the AUKUS Context*, Co-PI (with Wyn Q. Bowen, Sally Burt, Andrew Corbett, Joshua Garland, [Co-PIs], and Noelle Troutman [Post-Doctoral Researcher]). Security & Defence PLuS Seed Grant, PLuS Alliance, Fall 2024. $14,650. White Paper for $2.5 million requested for DoD's Minerva Program, unfunded)

Invited Presentations and Workshops

University of Essex (2026)
Queen's University, Belfast (2025)
University of Rhode Island (2023)
University of North Texas (2019)
University of Texas–Dallas (2019)
Washington State University (2017)
University of Arizona (2017)

Peace Science Society (International), invited workshops in 2018, 2023, 2024
University of Arizona, workshop on Conflict, Aid, & Refugees, 2017
Stanford University, workshop of the future of data, May 2026

Public Scholarship, Presentations and Service

Public Presentations

2026. "US Foreign Policy and the Stability of the World Order" Unviersity of Essex, Colchester, UK. Panelist.

2025. Indo-Pacific Security Forum, Security & Defence PLuS, Honolulu, HI. Panel moderator.

2024. Integrated Deterrence Forum, Security & Defence PLuS, Arizona State University. Organizer and panelist.

2022. "ASU Roundtable: Russia's Invasion of Ukraine.", ASU School of Politics and Global Studies, moderator.

2017. "Refugees, State Repression, & Political Violence" Genocide Awareness Week, Scottsdale Community College, April 17.

Public Scholarship and Media Commentary

2023. *AUKUS Briefing Book*, December 2023 update. Co-editor (with Jada Fraser, Jan Gleiman, Cana Kim, David Lee, Nicole Magney, Noelle Troutman, and Sarah Tziernis), published by the PLuS Alliance.
2020. "Pandemics and Political Violence." *Political Violence @ a Glance*, April 8, 2020. (with Reed M. Wood)
2018. "How Does the Trump Administration Think About Human Rights? Evidence from the State Department Country Reports." *Political Violence @ a Glance*, June 1, 2018, (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)
2017. "Refugees, Host Country Politics, and Human Suffering." *Political Violence @ a Glance*, February 10, 2017, (with Shweta Moorthy)

Recent Conference Presentations

2026. "Bombs and Ballots: Impact of Election Participation on Paramilitary Violence in Northern Ireland " (with Dale Pankhurst) to be presented at the European Political Science Society conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK, June 19, 2026.

2026. "Coercive Dilemmas in Statecraft: External Threat and Internal Conflict" (with Heather Kopp and Bryce Reeder) Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 24, 2026, Columbus, OH.

2026. "Coercive Dilemmas for Democracy: The Problem of Militias' Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 24, 2026, Columbus, OH.

2025. "Dynamics of Deadly Loyalist Violence During the Troubles" Presented at the Consortium on Rights Analysis and Measurement conference, University of Rhode Island, May 13-16.

2025. "Impact of AUKUS on Security Cooperation: Strategic Culture in the Indo-Pacific." (with Joshua Garland, Noelle Troutman, and Peggy-Jean Allin). Presented at the APSA Virtual Conference, Section on Advancing the Use of Computational Tools in Political Science, April 10-11.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University:

Graduate:

- POS 598: Political Violence, Fall 2020; Spring 2023.
- GSC 512: Global Trends, Summer 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022.
- POS 560: International Relations (graduate proseminar), Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2023, Spring 2025, Fall 2025.
- POS 664: War, Peace, and Conflict Processes, Spring 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2024, Spring 2026
- POS 596: Graduate Professionalization Seminar, Fall 2021, Fall 2022.
- International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee: Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2024

Undergraduate:

- POS/SGS 494: Politics and Culture of Ireland (study abroad), Summer 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026
- SGS 340: Violence, Conflict, and Human Rights, Spring 2021, Spring 2022
- POS 467: International Security, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016.
- POS 360: World Politics, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2024.
- POS 305: Conflict & Film, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
- INR 205: Principles of International Relations, **newly developed for** Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Ph.D. committee service:

- Christopher Davis (defended 2019)
- Nathan Tarr (defended 2022)
- Pablo Ortega-Poveda (defended 2022; co-chair)
- Anggun Sari (defended 2022; co-chair)
- Samuel Goldenberg (defended 2023; co-chair)
- Jonathan Turner (defended 2024; co-chair)
- Julianne Windham (defended 2025; chair)
- Maral Sabeti (defended 2025; co-chair)
- Richie Romero (ABD; co-chair)
- Emily Singer (ABD; chair)
- Peggy-Jean Allin (ABD; chair)

Master's committee service:

- Victoria Stratton (chair) (2021)

- Aryanna Chutkan (2021)
- Camila Paez Bernal (2021)
- Jillian Courey (2021)
- Bartia Cooper (2020)
- Ryan Deutsch (2020)
- Michaela McNaughton (2020)
- Peggy-Jean Allin (2020)
- Trenton Moore (2021)
- Charlotte Sandy (2022)
- Grace Timpany (2022)
- Lizette Cervantes (2022)
- Tatum Erwin (2026)

Undergraduate:

- POS/SGS 494: Politics and Culture of Ireland (study abroad), Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Summer 2025
- SGS 340: Violence, Conflict, and Human Rights, Spring 2021, Spring 2022
- POS 467: International Security, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016.
- POS 360: World Politics, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2024.
- POS 305: Conflict & Film, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.
- INR 205: Principles of International Relations, **newly developed for** Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025

Directed Readings Courses:

- International Conflict (Graduate, Spring 2013, Spring 2018)
- Peacekeeping and Conflict Management (Undergraduate, Spring 2014).
- Human Rights and International Politics (Graduate, Spring 2021)
- Conflict Management (Graduate, Spring 2022)
- Diplomacy during the Troubles (Graduate, Summer 2025)

Barrett Honors College Thesis Committees:

- Rohit Rajan (chair, 2014-2015)
- Yonit Upart (second reader, 2014-2015)
- Connor Sonksen (second reader, 2016)
- Sierra Winans (chair, 2017).
- Margaret Tucker (chair, 2018).

- Nicole Floda (chair, 2019).
- Madison Jacks (chair, 2021).
- Emma Lydick (chair, 2026)
- Ryan Sweeney (second reader, 2026)

Junior Fellows research supervision:

- Fall 2014: Weston Aviles, Brendan Porter, Zalman Stern-Zapad
- Fall 2015: Julio Cuen
- Spring 2016: Sari Inaba, Che Forgeron, Sarah Atchinson
- Fall 2016: James Peru
- Spring 2017: Lubaba Ahmed, Samantha Mohn, Madelyn Nelson, Margaret Tucker
- Fall 2017: Piper Nelson, Shenika Butler
- Spring 2018: Esther Choe, Kathryn Ziglin
- Fall 2022: Dominic Elliot, Brianna Masel, Grace Turner
- Spring 2025: Maggie Moore and James Africano
- Spring 2026: Jenna Skavdahl and Ellery Kaye

Recent Professional Service: Arizona State University

Academic year 2025-2026:

- Academic Lead, Security & Defence PLuS at ASU
- Member, S&D+ Research Working Group
- Graduate College Enrichment Fellowship Award Committee

Academic year 2024-2025:

- Academic Lead, Security & Defence PLuS at ASU
- Member, S&D+ Research Working Group

Academic year 2023-2024:

- Academic Lead, Security & Defence PLuS at ASU
- Member, S&D+ Research and Education Working Groups
- Search Committee, Deputy Director search, S&D+
- Note: on parental leave, Spring 2024

Academic year 2022-2023:

- Academic Lead, Security & Defence PLuS at ASU
- Search Committee, Program Manager search, S&D+
- Search Committee, University Affairs Program Coordinator

Academic year 2021-2022:

- Search Committee, Dean of Social Sciences

Recent Professional Service: School of Politics and Global Studies

Academic year 2025-2026:

- Chair, SPGS Security Lab

Academic year 2024-2025:

- Chair, SPGS Security Lab

Academic year 2023-2024:

- On parental leave, Spring 2024

Academic year 2022-2023:

- Associate Director for Graduate Studies, 2020–
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), 2020–

Academic year 2021-2022:

- Associate Director for Graduate Studies, 2020–
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), 2020–

Academic year 2020-2021:

- Associate Director for Graduate Studies, 2020–
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), 2020–
- Member, Search Committee for Lecturer in Global Security, Fall 2020
- Member, Search Committee for School Director, Fall 2020–Spring 2021.

Academic year 2019-2020:

- Interim Associate Director for Graduate Studies, Spring 2020
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), Spring 2020
- Member, Search Committee for Conflict & Human Rights, Spring 2020

Academic year 2018-2019:

- Co-supervisor, Honors Thesis Program (with Avital Simhony)
- Member, Graduate Committee

Recent Professional Service: Discipline

Note: I review several journal articles per year.

Academic year 2025-2026:

- Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention
- Member, Will H. Moore Award Committee, Peace Science Society

Academic year 2024-2025:

- Discussant, Four Corners Conflict Network meeting

Academic year 2023-2024:

- Note: on parental leave, Spring 2024

Academic year 2022-2023:

- Panel Chair, Peace Science Society Meeting, November 3-5, 2022.

Academic year 2021-2022:

- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, September 24-26, 2021.

Academic year 2020-2021:

- President, ISA-West region, Fall 2019-Fall 2020.
- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting (virtual), September 24-27, 2020.

Academic year 2019-2020:

- President, ISA-West region, Fall 2019-Fall 2020.
- Program Chair, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 27-28, 2019
- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 27-28 2019.
- Councillor, Four Corners Conflict Network.

REVIEWER SERVICE

Academic Journals:
American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Conflict Management and Peace Science
Comparative Political Studies
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Interactions
International Peacekeeping
International Studies Quarterly
International Studies Review
iScience
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Human Trafficking
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Politics
PLOS-One
Political Geography
Political Research Quarterly
Political Science Research and Methods
RUSI Journal
Social Currents
Social Science Quarterly
Security Studies
Terrorism and Political Violence

Editorial Board member, *International Interactions*

Book Presses:
Oxford University Press
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

External Grant Agencies:
National Science Foundation

CONSULTING WORK

2015-2016. Research consultant, McCain Institute Fortune 500 Project, (with Reed M. Wood)

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