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## EDUCATION

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- 2016 - **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA  
Ph.D., Political Science (Expected 2021)  
M.A., Political Science (2020)  
Dissertation: *The Risks of Nuclear States' Signals of Resolve*  
Committee: Scott Sagan (Chair), Kenneth Schultz, & Michael Tomz
- 2012 - 2016 **Brown University**, Providence, RI  
B.A. (Honors), Political Science  
B.A. (Honors), Literary Arts

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Global Governance; International Security; Nuclear Proliferation; Nuclear Strategy; Crisis Management; Laws of Armed Conflict; Public Opinion and Survey Research; Machine-Learning and Content Analysis

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journals

- "Joint Military Exercises and Crisis Dynamics on the Korean Peninsula," with Jordan Bernhardt. Forthcoming at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. [[link](#)]
- "Credible Nuclear Security Commitments Can Backfire: Explaining Domestic Support for Nuclear Weapons Acquisition in South Korea." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 64 No. 6, (2020): 1011-1042. [[link](#)]
- "Experimental Evidence on Situational Determinants of Support for Nuclear Use in Response to Threats of Nuclear Retaliation." *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, Vol. 26 No. 3, (2020): 336-339. [[link](#)]
- "Beyond Iran: Containing Nuclear Development in the Middle East." *Nonproliferation Review*, Vol. 22, No. 3-4, (2016): 379-400. [[link](#)]

### Solicited Book Reviews

- "The Logic of American Nuclear Strategy: Why Strategic Superiority Matters: by Matthew Kroenig, Oxford, England, Oxford University Press, 2018, 280 pp., \$31.95 (hardcover), ISBN: 978-0-19-084918-4." *Global Change, Peace & Security* (2020): 1-3. [[link](#)]

### Edited Volumes

- "The Political Successes of Urban Dispersal." *Urban Journal* Vol. 1, No. 1, (2016): 22-26. [[link](#)]

## WORKING PAPERS

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- “The Disadvantage of Nuclear Superiority: A Review Essay,” with Abby Fanlo. *Under Review*. [\[link\]](#)
- “North Korea’s Rational Threat-Making: Using Propaganda to Understand North Korean Threat Perception.” *Under Review*. [\[link\]](#)
- “The Balance of Power and Public Support for Conflict.” *Working Paper*. [\[link\]](#)
- “Self-Defense and Justifications for the Use of Force,” with Allen Weiner. *Working Paper*. [\[link\]](#)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- “The Distinctiveness of Cybersecurity and Public Support for Cyber Retaliation,” with Kathryn Hedgecock and Leah Matchett.
- “Nuclear Cooperation Agreements as a Nonproliferation Tool.”
- “Strategies of Nuclear Nonproliferation towards Allies of Nuclear States.”

## SELECTED OP-EDS

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- “Pandemic Politics: Why the US police should read ‘just war’ theory,” with Kaitlyn Robinson. *International Affairs* and Future Strategy Forum. August 20, 2020. [\[link\]](#)
- “Elizabeth Warren Wants A Nuclear No First Use Policy, But It Won’t Be Easy to Implement.” *The National Interest*. October 24, 2019. [\[link\]](#)
- “The United States Treats Migrants Worse Than Prisoners of War.” *Foreign Policy*. July 26, 2019. [\[link\]](#)
- “Presidential appointees decide our futures. We should be able to vote for them,” with Selim Sazak, *Washington Post*, April 4, 2017. [\[link\]](#)
- “Nuclear Claims at the First Debate,” with Selim Sazak, *Arms Control Wonk*, September 27, 2016. [\[link\]](#)
- “The Old Arguments About US Nukes in Europe Aren’t Working. Here’s A New Approach,” *DefenseOne*, May 23, 2016. [\[link\]](#)
- “How America Can Dominate Global Nuclear Energy,” *The National Interest*, May 19, 2016. [\[link\]](#)
- “The Other Liquid Gold,” with Selim Sazak, *Foreign Affairs*, November 10, 2015. [\[link\]](#)
- “In Saudi Arabia, nuclear energy for nuclear energy’s sake,” *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*, July 28, 2015. [\[link\]](#)
- “No Need To Worry About A Nuclear Iran,” with Selim Sazak, *The National Interest*, July 24, 2015. [\[link\]](#)
- “Energy Security Drives Nuclear Energy In The Middle East,” American Nuclear Society, July 22, 2015. [\[link\]](#)
- “Japan’s New Energy Proposal Isn’t Sustainable,” The Century Foundation, July 21, 2015. [\[link\]](#)
- “Keeping It Clean: A New Challenge for the Clean Water Act,” The Century Foundation, July 10, 2015. [\[link\]](#)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Stanford University, Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019	<i>War and Peace in American Foreign Policy</i> (Professor Kenneth Schultz)
Fall 2019	<i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (Professor Steve Krasner)
Fall 2018	<i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (Professor James Fearon)
Fall 2018	<i>Senior Seminar in Urban Studies</i> (Professor Michael Kahan)
Winter 2018	<i>International Security in a Changing World</i> (Professors Scott Sagan, Harold Trinkunas, & Gabrielle Hecht)
Fall 2017	<i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (Professor Steve Krasner)
Summer 2017	<i>The Face of Battle</i> (Professors Scott Sagan & Allen Weiner)

### Stanford University, Pre-Collegiate Studies Instructor

Summer 2020	<i>The Ethics of Warfare</i> (Online Course)
Summer 2019	<i>The Ethics of Warfare</i>
Summer 2018	<i>The Ethics of Warfare</i>

## ACADEMIC SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

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### Stanford University, Advising

2020 - 2021	Fellow, Mentors-in-Teaching Program at Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning
2017 -	Undergraduate Advisor, Stanford First-Generation and Low-Income Program
2017 -	Graduate Mentor, First-Year Ph.D. Student Mentorship Program at Stanford Department of Political Science
2017 -	Graduate Mentor, First-Time TA Mentorship Program at Stanford Department of Political Science
2019 - 2020	Co-President, Political Science Graduate Students' Association at Stanford Department of Political Science
2018	Social Chair, Political Science Graduate Students' Association at Stanford Department of Political Science

**Reviewer**      *Journal of Conflict Resolution, Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*

**Memberships**      APSA, ISA, SPSA

## INVITED TALKS

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April 2021	Experimental Design in International Relations ISA Pre-Conference
Fall 2020	Atomic Experiments Workshop at Stanford CISAC
2016-2020	Security Studies Working Group at Stanford University
May 2019	Program on International Conflict and Cooperation Workshop at TAMU
April 2019	International Relations Workshop at Stanford University
April 2019	Lansing B. Lee, Jr. Seminar in Global Politics at University of Virginia

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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2019 - 2022	Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship (Tuition + Stipend)
2020 - 2022	Fellowship, International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network
Summer 2021	Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations
2020 - 2021	Mentors-in-Teaching Fellowship at Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning (\$800)
2017 - 2021	Diversity Inclusion and Innovation Fund Grant, Stanford University (\$10,850)
2019 - 2020	Fellowship, Stanford Center for American Democracy (\$2,000)
Summer 2019	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University Wilson Center Nuclear History Boot Camp, University of Roma Tre
2018, 2019	Goldsmith Research Grant, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation (\$3,750)
2016 - 2019	Sakurako & William Fisher Family Graduate Fellowship (Tuition + Stipend)
2018, 2019	Travel Grant, Freeman Spogli Institute (\$1,000)
2018, 2019	Travel Grant, Center for East Asian Studies at Stanford University (\$1,000)
2018	Small Grant for Survey Experiments, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (\$2,000)
2017 - 2018	Fellowship, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation
2018	Research Grant, Freeman Spogli Institute (\$1,500)
Summer 2017	Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California San Diego
Spring 2016	Alan S. Zuckerman Award for Outstanding Political Science Thesis, Brown University
Spring 2016	Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honors Society

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2020	Southern Political Science Association Conference
2019	American Political Science Association Conference
2019	International Studies Association Conference
2018	University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp Workshop on Non-Nuclear Peace
2016	Georgetown University Walsh Exchange Conference
2015	Center for Strategic and International Studies' Project on Nuclear Issues Conference

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Public Policy

May 2015 - Aug 2015	Publications Intern, The Century Foundation
June 2014 - Aug 2014	Communications Intern, The Manhattan Institute
Aug 2013 - Aug 2014	President & Co-Founder, Debate Rhode Island, Inc.
July 2013 - Aug 2013	Research Intern, Hilltop Public Solutions
May 2013 - July 2013	Legislative Intern, Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT)

### Journalism

Aug 2012 - Aug 2016	Chief-of-Staff/Senior Managing Editor, <i>Brown Political Review</i>
Feb 2015 - Aug 2016	Staff Writer, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs
Jan 2013 - Jan 2015	Head of Blog, <i>Intercollegiate Finance Journal</i>
Aug 2013 - Jan 2014	Op-Ed Writer, <i>Brown Daily Herald</i>
Dec 2013 - Jan 2014	Intern, <i>The Atlanta Journal Constitution</i> and <i>WBTV</i>

## SKILLS

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Software	STATA, R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Qualtrics, Python
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