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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2019-	Director, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, <i>The George Washington University</i>
2011-	Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science and Elliott School of International Affairs, <i>The George Washington University</i>
2004-11	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Duke University
2007-08	Post-doctoral Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, <i>Harvard University</i>
2003-04	Post-doctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University

#### **EDUCATION**

2004	Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Chicago
1998	M.A. in International Relations (Honors), University of Chicago
1991	B.A. in Music (Magna cum laude), Brown University
1991-94	Graduate Work in Orchestral Double Bass Performance, <i>Indiana University</i> (School of Music)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

Catastrophic Success: Assessing the Consequences of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, forthcoming). Cornell Studies in Security Affairs.

Targeting Civilians in War (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2008). Cornell Studies in Security Affairs.

• Winner of the Joseph Lepgold Book Prize, given by Georgetown University for best book on international relations published in 2008.

## Peer Reviewed Journal Articles & Book Chapters

"Loyalty, Hedging, or Exit: How Weaker Alliance Partners Respond to the Rise of New Threats," *Journal of Strategic Studies* (forthcoming; with Jasen J. Castillo).

"Creating a *Cordon Sanitaire*: U.S. Strategic Bombing and Civilians in Korea," in *The Civilianization of War: The Changing Civil-Military Divide, 1914-2014*, ed. Andrew Barros and Martin Thomas (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 196-220.

"Does Spreading Democracy by Force Have a Place in U.S. Grand Strategy? A Skeptical View," in *U.S. Grand Strategy in the 21st Century: The Case for Restraint*, ed. A. Trevor Thrall and Benjamin H. Friedman (Abingdon: Routledge, 2018), 80-107 (with Jonathan Monten).

- "Step Aside or Face the Consequences: Explaining the Success and Failure of Compellent Threats to Remove Foreign Leaders," in *Coercion: The Power to Hurt in International Politics*, ed. Kelly M. Greenhill and Peter Krause (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018), 93-114.
- "It's a Crime, but Is It a Blunder? Investigating the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization," in *Civilians and Warfare in World History*, ed. Nicola Foote and Nadya Williams (Abingdon: Routledge, 2018), 288-312 (with Kathryn McNabb Cochran).
- "No Business Like FIRC Business: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Bilateral Trade," *British Journal of Political Science* 47, no. 4 (October 2017): 749-782 (with Paul Zachary and Kathleen Deloughery).
- "You Can't Always Get What You Want: Why Foreign-Imposed Regime Change Seldom Improves Interstate Relations," *International Security* 41, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 43-89 (with Lindsey A. O'Rourke).
- "Forced to Be Free: Why Foreign-Imposed Regime Change Rarely Leads to Democratization," *International Security* 37, no. 4 (Spring 2013): 90-131 (with Jonathan Monten).
- "The Illusion of Democratic Credibility," *International Organization* 66, no. 3 (Summer 2012): 457-489 (with Todd S. Sechser).
- "Military Culture and Civilian Victimization: The Allied Strategic Bombing of Germany in World War II," in *Civilians and Modern War: Armed Conflict and the Ideology of Violence*, ed. Daniel Rothbart, Karina V. Korostelina and Mohammed Cherkaoui (New York: Routledge, 2012), 72-95.
- "Overt Peace, Covert War?: Covert Intervention and the Democratic Peace," *Security Studies* 19, no. 2 (Summer 2010): 266-306 (with Mary Lauren Lilley).
- "Targeting Civilians to Win? Assessing the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in Interstate War," in *Rethinking Violence: States and Non-State Actors in Conflict*, ed. Adria Lawrence and Erica Chenoweth (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2010), 23-56 (with Kathryn McNabb Cochran).
- "How Smart and Tough Are Democracies? Reassessing Theories of Democratic Victory in War," *International Security* 33, no. 4 (Spring 2009): 9-51. Reprinted in *Do Democracies Win Their Wars? An International Security Reader*, ed. Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Coté, Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2011).
- "Restraint or Propellant? Democracy and Civilian Fatalities in Interstate Wars," *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51, no. 6 (December 2007): 872-904.
- "Draining the Sea by Filling the Graves: Investigating the Effectiveness of Indiscriminate Violence as a Counterinsurgency Strategy," *Civil Wars* 9, no. 4 (December 2007): 420-444.
- "Introduction: Modern Insurgency and Counterinsurgency in Comparative Perspective," *Civil Wars* 9, no. 4 (December 2007): 313-323.
- "Desperate Times, Desperate Measures: The Causes of Civilian Victimization in War," *International Security* 30, no. 4 (Spring 2006): 152-195.
- "The Problem with Negotiated Settlements to Ethnic Civil Wars," *Security Studies* 13, no. 4 (Summer 2004): 230-279. Reprinted in *Living Together after Ethnic Killing: Exploring the Chaim Kaufmann Argument*, ed. Roy Licklider and Mia Bloom (London: Routledge, 2006), 89-139.

"The Holy Land Divided: Defending Partition as a Solution to Ethnic Wars," *Security Studies* 10, no. 4 (Summer 2001): 58-116.

#### **Other Academic Publications**

- "Review of Melissa Willard-Foster, *Toppling Foreign Governments: The Logic of Regime Change*," *Political Science Quarterly* 135, no. 1 (Spring 2020): 152-155.
- "Correspondence: Reconsidering the Consequences of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," *International Security* 42, no. 3 (Winter 2017/2018): 172-177 (with Lindsey A. O'Rourke).
- "Correspondence: Friends, Foes, and Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," *International Security* 42, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 191-195 (with Lindsey A. O'Rourke).
- "Introduction to Roundtable on Jasen J. Castillo, *Endurance and War: The National Sources of Military Cohesion*," *H-Diplo* | *ISSF Roundtable* 9, no. 9 (2017): 2-5.
- "Review of Jessica L.P. Weeks, *Dictators at War and Peace*," *H-Diplo* | *ISSF* Roundtable 8, no. 7 (January 2016): 5-11.
- "Review of Jessica L.P. Weeks, *Dictators at War and Peace*," *Political Science Quarterly* 130, no. 4 (December 2015): 803-04.
- "Correspondence: Reevaluating Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," *International Security* 38, no. 3 (Winter 2013/14): 184-195 (with Jonathan Monten).
- "Why Regime Change Is a Bad Idea in Syria," *The Political Science of Syria's War*, POMEPS Briefings 22 (December 18, 2013): 61-63.
- "Regime Change Doesn't Work," Boston Review 36, no. 5 (September/October 2011): 16-22.
- "The Myth of Choosy Democracies: Examining the Selection Effects Theory of Democratic Victory in War," *H-Diplo* | *ISSF* Roundtable 2, no. 12 (July 2011): 64-102 (http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/ISSF/PDF/ISSF-Roundtable-2-12.pdf).
- "Review of Hugo Slim, *Killing Civilians: Method, Madness, and Morality in War,*" *Journal of Strategic Studies* 33, no. 1 (February 2010): 167-169.
- "Correspondence: Another Skirmish in the Battle over Democracies and War," *International Security* 34, no. 2 (Fall 2009): 194-204. Reprinted in *Do Democracies Win Their Wars? An International Security Reader*, ed. Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Coté, Sean M. Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 2011).
- "Review of Michael C. Desch, *Power and Military Effectiveness: The Fallacy of Democratic Triumphalism*," *Political Science Quarterly* 124, no. 2 (Summer 2009): 342-344.
- "Review of Tanisha M. Fazal, State Death: The Politics and Geography of Conquest, Occupation, and Annexation," International History Review 30, no. 4 (December 2008): 845-847.
- "More Borders, Less Conflict? Partition as a Solution to Ethnic Civil Wars," *SAIS Review* 26, no. 1 (Winter-Spring 2006): 49-61.
- "Targeting Civilians in Wartime," *Centerpiece* 17, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 6-7, 11 (Newsletter of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, *Harvard University*).

## **Commentary**

"Is Trump Hurting the Military?" *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, June 2, 2020 (with Elizabeth N. Saunders, Alice Hunt Friend, and Caitlin Talmadge).

- "Could U.S. Actions Topple Iran's Government? Here's Why It Would Be Extremely Difficult," *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, January 11, 2020.
- "Is There a Payoff from U.S. Intervention to Protect U.S. Assets? We Found Few Trade Benefits," *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, October 26, 2017.
- "Would Transgender Troops Harm Military Effectiveness? Here's What the Research Says," *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, August 1, 2017.
- "The Trump Administration Wants Regime Change in Iran. But Regime Change Doesn't Usually Work," *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, July 31, 2017 (updated May 23, 2018; with Lindsey A. O'Rourke).
- "The Truth about Obama's Drone Campaign: It's about Attrition, not Decapitation," *Huffington Post*, January 16, 2013.

## **Work in Progress**

- "Catastrophic Success? Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War"
- "Coercion by Proxy: Population Relocation in Counterinsurgency Operations" (with Kelly M. Greenhill and Stephen Rangazas)
- "Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Mass Killing" (with Lindsey O'Rourke)
- "Looking for Constraints in All the Wrong Places? Legal Oversight and Civilian Victimization in International Armed Conflicts" (with Tonya Putnam)
- "Nuclear Compellence: Rethinking the Effects of the Bomb" (with Jasen Castillo and Charles Glaser)
- "Personalist Dictators and Coercive Diplomacy" (with Todd S. Sechser)
- "Picking Your Friends: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and the Quality of Interstate Relations" (with Lindsey O'Rourke)
- "Sources of Insurgent Resilience in the Face of Adversity"

## **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

- 2015-2019 "Spheres of Influence and Regional Orders: Assessing Approaches for Responding to China's Rise"
  - Part of a multimillion dollar grant from the Department of Defense Minerva Research Initiative
- 2013-2015 "U.S. Strategic Nuclear Policy Toward China," Carnegie Corporation
  - Part of a \$450,000 grant to study U.S. military policies toward China
  - Renewed for 2015-2017
- 2009-2012 "Mapping the Trajectories of Military Intervention and Occupation: Towards an Empirical Model," Office of Naval Research, United States Navy Grant No. N00014-09-1-0557, \$99,230.

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2009-10	Smith Richardson Foundation Junior Faculty Research Grant, "Foreign-Imposed Regime Change in International Politics: Causes and Consequences," \$60,000.	
2008-09	Research Grant, Arts and Sciences Committee on Faculty Research, <i>Duke University</i> • Foreign-Imposed Regime Change in International Politics, \$2,500	
2005-06	Research Grant, Arts and Sciences Committee on Faculty Research, <i>Duke University</i> • To fund research and data collection on civilian casualties in warfare (\$4,618)	
2003-04	Dissertation Fellowship, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York, NY	
2002-03	Pre-doctoral Fellowship in National Security, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, <i>Harvard University</i>	
2002-03	Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Graduate Fellowship, <i>The Eisenhower Institute</i> , Washington, D.C.	
2001-02	MacArthur Scholars Dissertation Fellowship, Council for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation (CASPIC), <i>University of Chicago</i>	
2000-01	Research grant, Program on International Security Policy (PISP), <i>University of Chicago</i> (also received in 1998/99)	
1998-2001	Century Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago	
ONORS & AWARDS		
2020	Harry Harding Teaching Prize, Elliott School for International Affairs, The George Washington University	
2016	Emerging Scholar Award International Security Studies Section International Studies	

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2020	Harry Harding Teaching Prize, Elliott School for International Affairs, The George Washington University
2016	<i>Emerging Scholar Award</i> , International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association. Recognizes the scholar under the age of 45 or within fifteen years of receiving their Ph.D. who has made (through their body of publications) the most significant contribution to the field of security studies.
2008	Joseph Lepgold Book Prize for best book on international relations published in 2008, given by Georgetown University for Targeting Civilians in War
2006	Helen Dwight Reid Award for best doctoral dissertation in the field of international relations, law, and politics, American Political Science Association
1999	Honors conferred for M.A. in International Relations, Committee on International Relations, <i>University of Chicago</i>
1999	Morton Kaplan Prize for Best Master's Paper by an Honors student in the Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago: "The Holy Land Divided? Theory and Practice for a Successful Partition in Palestine"
1999	University of Chicago Social Science Graduate Division's nominee for Distinguished Master's Thesis Award, Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools

# **COURSES**

# Courses at GWU:

- Introduction to International Affairs (undergraduate, Spring 2015)
- Introduction to International Politics (undergraduate, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2019)

- Civil War (undergraduate, Fall 2012, Fall 2018; graduate, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2018)
- Civilians in the Path of War (undergraduate, Spring 2012)
- War (undergraduate, Fall 2019)
- International Affairs Cornerstone (graduate, Fall 2016)
- Military Power and Effectiveness (graduate, Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019; Fall 2013)
- Theories of International Security (graduate, Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2019)

## Courses at Duke:

- Civilians in the Path of War (undergraduate)
- Democracy and International Politics (undergraduate)
- International Security (undergraduate)
- Theory and Practice of International Security (graduate)

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- June 2020 "Catastrophic Success: Assessing the Consequences of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," Albritton Center for Grand Strategy "Meet the Author" Talk, Bush School of Government and Public Service, *Texas A&M University*
- May 2020 "Nuclear Compellence: Rethinking the Effects of the Bomb," John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, *Dartmouth College*
- Feb. 2020 "The Failure of Forcible Regime Change Operations," Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Sept. 2019 "Intervention in Civil Wars," Seminar XXI: Foreign Policy, International Relations, and the National Interest
- April 2019 "Catastrophic Success: Assessing the Consequences of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," *Emory University*
- March 2019 "Insurgency Hotspots: Factors that Countered Prediction," RAND Insurgency Board
- Sept. 2018 "Intervention in Civil Wars," Seminar XXI: Foreign Policy, International Relations, and the National Interest
- April 2018 "Nuclear Compellence: Rethinking the Effects of the Bomb," Nuclear Escalation and Deterrence in East Asia, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, *George Washington University*
- Oct. 2017 "Understanding Civil Wars" and "Intervention in Civil Wars," Seminar XXI: Foreign Policy, International Relations, and the National Interest
- Feb. 2017 "Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Mass Killing," Conference on Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect (R2P), *Yale University*
- Feb. 2017 "Sources of Insurgent Resilience in the Face of Adversity," RAND Insurgency Board
- Nov. 2016 "Democracies, Dictators, and Coercive Diplomacy," Research in Progress Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, *George Washington University*
- Oct. 2016 "Understanding Civil Wars" and "Intervention in Civil Wars," Seminar XXI: Foreign Policy, International Relations, and the National Interest
- June 2016 "Forced to Be Free: Why Foreign-Imposed Regime Change Rarely Leads to Democratization," The Case for Restraint in U.S. Foreign Policy, *Cato Institute*

Nov. 2015	"Coercion by Proxy: Population Relocation in Counterinsurgency Operations," Lansing B. Lee, Jr., Seminar in Global Politics, <i>University of Virginia</i>
Nov. 2015	"Coercion by Proxy: Population Relocation in Counterinsurgency Operations," Research in Progress Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, <i>George Washington University</i>
Nov. 2015	"You Can't Always Get What You Want: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Interstate Militarized Conflict," MacMillan International Relations Seminar Series, <i>Yale University</i>
Oct. 2015	"Civil Wars: An Introduction," and "Fighting to a Finish: Victory and Defeat in Civil Wars," Seminar XXI: Foreign Policy, International Relations, and the National Interest
Sept. 2015	"Alliance Defection and the Rise of China," U.S. Strategic Nuclear Policy Toward China, Elliott School of International Affairs, <i>George Washington University</i>
June 2015	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign Imposed Regime Change and International Politics," Bush School of Government and Public Service, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>
Oct. 2013	"Military Intervention and Democracy Promotion," Seminar XXI: Foreign Policy, International Relations, and the National Interest
July 2013	Invited Lecturer, Seminar on Conflict and Political Violence, <i>Olympia Summer Academy</i> , Olympia, Greece
April 2013	"No Business Like FIRC Business: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Bilateral Trade," Comparative Politics Workshop, <i>George Washington University</i>
March 2013	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," Symposium on Political Violence, <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
Jan. 2013	"The Illusion of Democratic Credibility," Program on International Conflict and Cooperation, Department of Political Science, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>
Dec. 2012	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," International Relations Workshop Colloquium, <i>American University</i>
Oct. 2012	"Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War: Examining the Causal Link," Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, <i>George Washington University</i>
Sept. 2012	"Civil Wars and Ethnic Conflict: An Overview" and "Military Intervention and Democracy Promotion," Seminar XXI: Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest
May 2012	"Freedom by Force: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Democratization," Comparative Politics Workshop, <i>George Washington University</i>
March 2012	"Creating a <i>Cordon Sanitaire</i> : U.S. Strategic Bombing and Civilians in Korea," The Civilianization of Warfare: Global Perspectives on a Collapsing Divide, <i>University of Exeter</i> (UK)
Feb. 2012	"It's a Crime but Is It a Blunder? The Efficacy of Targeting Civilians in War," Civilians and Warfare in World History, <i>Florida Gulf Coast University</i>
Feb. 2012	"The Illusion of Democratic Credibility," Research Program in International Security, <i>Princeton University</i>
Nov. 2011	"Creating a <i>Cordon Sanitaire</i> : U.S. Strategic Bombing and Civilians in Korea," Shock and Awe: A Hundred Years of Bombing from Above, <i>Goldsmiths University</i> (UK)

Oct. 2011	"Democracies and the Credibility of Coercive Threats," Program on Global Society and Security, <i>Harvard University</i>
Sept. 2011	"Civil Wars and Ethnic Conflict: An Overview" and "Military Intervention and Democracy Promotion," Seminar XXI: Foreign Politics, International Relations, and the National Interest
June 2011	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," Air Force Office of Scientific Research, "Effects to Influence" Workshop, <i>College of William and Mary</i>
March 2011	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, <i>Yale University</i>
March 2011	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," Notre Dame International Security Program, <i>Notre Dame University</i>
Nov. 2010	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop, Department of Political Science, <i>Duke University</i>
April 2010	"Targeting Civilians in War: Causes and Effectiveness," Joseph Lepgold Book Prize Lecture, Mortara Center for International Studies, <i>Georgetown University</i>
April 2010	"Book Panel on Alexander B. Downes, <i>Targeting Civilians in War</i> ," Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, New York, NY
April 2010	"Decapitating States: The Consequences of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," Lone Star National Security Forum, Corpus Christi, TX
March 2010	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," Political Science Research Workshop, Department of Political Science, <i>University of South Carolina</i>
April 2009	"The Causes and Effectiveness of Targeting Civilians in War," Centre for Security and Defence Studies, <i>Carleton University</i>
April 2009	"Targeting Civilians to Win? Assessing the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in Interstate War," Lansing-Lee Seminar in Global Politics, <i>University of Virginia</i>
March 2009	"Targeting Civilians in War: Causes and Effectiveness," Conference on Civilian Devastation, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, <i>George Mason University</i>
March 2009	"Targeting Civilians to Win? Assessing the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in Interstate War," International Relations Colloquium, <i>University of Wisconsin, Madison</i>
Jan. 2009	"Targeting Civilians to Win? Examining the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in Interstate War," Department of Political Science Faculty Brown Bag Seminar, <i>Duke University</i>
Nov. 2008	"Are Democracies as Smart as We Think They Are? Reassessing the Selection Effects Theory of Democratic Victory in War," Security Studies Program Wednesday Seminar Series, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>
Oct. 2008	"Targeting Civilians to Win? Examining the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in Interstate War," Faculty Colloquium in International Relations, <i>Princeton University</i>
May 2008	"Targeting Civilians to Win? Investigating the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in War," Workshop on Responses to Political Violence and the Growth of Anti-Americanism, University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation and the Stanford Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, <i>Stanford University</i>

May 2008	"Foreign-Imposed Regime Change in Interstate Wars," International Security Program Seminar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, <i>Harvard University</i>
Feb. 2008	"Selection Effects and the War in Vietnam," Olin Institute National Security Seminar Series,  Harvard University
Nov. 2007	"Civilian Casualties and Mass Killing in Interstate Wars: The Role of Democracy," International Politics Seminar, <i>Columbia University</i>
Oct. 2007	"Civilians in the Path of War: Desperation, Annexation, and the Logic of Civilian Victimization," Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, <i>Yale University</i>
March 2007	"War by Other Means: Mass Killing and Civilian Casualties in Interstate Wars," Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
Nov. 2006	"Indiscriminate Violence in Guerrilla Wars: When Is Killing the Population Effective?" International Relations Workshop, <i>Dartmouth College</i>
March 2006	"War by Other Means: Civilian Targeting and Civilian Casualties in Interstate Wars," Baker Peace Conference, Contemporary History Institute, <i>Ohio University</i>
Feb. 2006	"War by Other Means: Civilian Targeting and Civilian Casualties in Interstate Wars," Conference on Casualties and Warfare, <i>Triangle Institute for Security Studies</i>
Feb. 2006	"Military Culture and Civilian Victimization: The Confounding Case of American Strategic Bombing of Germany in World War II," Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University
Nov. 2005	"War by Other Means: Civilian Targeting and Civilian Casualties in Interstate Wars," Department of Political Science Faculty Brown Bag Seminar, <i>Duke University</i>
Sept. 2005	"War by Other Means: Targeting Civilians in War," Triangle Institute for Security Studies
May 2004	"Democracy and Destruction: Regime Type and Civilian Victimization in Small Wars," Conference on Collateral Damage in History, Munck Center for International Studies, <i>University of Toronto</i>
Nov. 2003	"Targeting Civilians in War," Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University
Nov. 2003	"Targeting Civilians in War," Program on International Security Policy (PISP), <i>University of Chicago</i>
Oct. 2002	"Targeting Civilians in War: Does Regime Type Matter?" Olin Institute National Security Seminar Series, <i>Harvard University</i>
May 2002	"Drastic Measures: Why Civilians Are Victimized in War," Program on International Security Policy (PISP), <i>University of Chicago</i>
Nov. 2001	"Barbarism and War: Why States Harm Civilians," Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES), <i>University of Chicago</i>
Oct. 2001	"Rethinking America's National Security Policies in the Wake of September 11," Program on International Security Policy (PISP), <i>University of Chicago</i>
Sept. 2001	"Barbarism and War: Why States Target Noncombatants," Second Annual New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies

Oct. 2000	"Separate States or a State of Autonomies? Regional Autonomy Versus Partition After Ethnic Civil Wars," Conference on Living Together After Ethnic Killing: Debating the Kaufmann Hypothesis, Center for Global Security and Democracy, <i>Rutgers University</i>
Feb. 2000	"Federalism and Ethnic Rebellion: A Cross-Sectional Analysis," Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES), <i>University of Chicago</i>
Oct. 1998	"Creating Stable Peace After Ethnic Civil Wars: Why Separation also Requires Sovereignty in Bosnia," Program on International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES), <i>University of Chicago</i>
INVITED PRE	SENTATIONS TO CAMPUS GROUPS
April 2015	"Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Proliferation," Mock Lecture for Admitted Undergraduates, Elliott School of International Affairs, <i>George Washington University</i>
Nov. 2010	"Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism in Afghanistan and Pakistan: A Social Scientific Perspective," <i>Duke International Security Conference</i>
March 2010	"Catastrophic Success: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," <i>Duke International Relations Association</i>
Feb. 2009	"Iran's Nuclear Program," Duke University Model United Nations annual conference
June 2008	"Targeting Civilians in War: Causes and Effectiveness," North Carolina Governor's School, Salem College
June 2007	"War by Other Means: Civilian Targeting and Civilian Casualties in Interstate Wars," <i>Talent Identification Program</i> , Wake Forest University
CONFERENCE	E PRESENTATIONS
Aug. 2019	"Picking Your Friends: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and the Quality of Interstate Relations," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
Feb. 2017	"Does Spreading Democracy by Force Have a Place in U.S. Grand Strategy? A Skeptical View," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
Feb. 2017	"Democracies, Dictators, and Coercive Diplomacy," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
Sept. 2016	"Democracies, Dictators, and Coercive Diplomacy," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Sept. 2015	"Step Aside or Face the Consequences: Explaining the Success and Failure of Compellent Threats to Replace Foreign Leaders," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

Meeting, San Francisco, CA

"Coercion by Proxy: Population Relocation in Counterinsurgency Operations," American Political

"Alliance Defection and the Rise of China," American Political Science Association Annual

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Feb. 2015	"The International Relations of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Feb. 2015	"Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Human Rights," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Dec. 2014	"Alliance Defection and the Rise of China," U.S. Nuclear Policy Toward China Authors' Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, <i>George Washington University</i>
Sept. 2014	"Looking for Constraints in All the Wrong Places? Legal Oversight and Civilian Victimization in International Armed Conflicts," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
Sept. 2013	"Explaining the Onset of Civil War after Foreign-Imposed Regime Change: Indecisive Victories and the FIRC Paradox," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
April 2013	"No Business Like FIRC Business: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Bilateral Trade," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
April 2013	"Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Infant Mortality," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Sept. 2012	"Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War: Examining the Causal Link," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
April 2012	"Freedom by Force: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Democratization," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
April 2012	"Decapitation by FIRC: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Leader Survival," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
Sept. 2011	"Decapitation by FIRC: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Leader Survival," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
March 2011	"Timing the Peace: Explaining the Duration of Interstate Cease-Fire Agreements, 1816-2001," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QUE
March 2011	"Catastrophic Success? Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QUE
Sept. 2010	"FIRCed to Be Free: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Democratization," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
Sept. 2010	"Democracy, Threats, and Credibility: A Reassessment," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
Sept. 2010	"It's a Crime but Is It a Blunder? The Efficacy of Targeting Civilians in War," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
Feb. 2010	"Catastrophic Success? Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Civil War," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Feb. 2010	"FIRCed to Be Free: Foreign-Imposed Regime Change and Democratization," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Sept. 2009	"Catastrophic Success? Assessing the Effectiveness of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

Sept. 2008	"The Causes of Foreign-Imposed Regime Change in Interstate Wars," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
April 2008	"Killing (Civilians) to Win? Some Preliminary Evidence on the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in War," Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, NY
March 2008	"Covert Action, Democratic Peace, and the Cold War," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
March 2008	"Killing (Civilians) to Win? Some Preliminary Evidence on the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in War," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Sept. 2007	"Selection Effects and the War in Vietnam," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Sept. 2007	"Covert Action, Democratic Peace, and the Cold War," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Sept. 2006	"Military Culture and Civilian Victimization: The Case of American Strategic Bombing of Germany in World War II," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA
March 2006	"Hypotheses on the Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in War," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
Sept. 2005	"War by Other Means: The Fate of Civilians in Armed Conflict," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
March 2005	"Civilian Victimization in War after 1945: Are Democracies Different Now?" International Studie Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI
Aug. 2004	"The Causes of Civilian Victimization in Interstate Wars, 1816-2003," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
March 2004	"Democracy and Destruction: Regime Type and Civilian Victimization in Small Wars," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC
Aug. 2003	"Democracy and Civilians in War: American and German Strategic Bombing in World War II," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Aug. 2003	"Targeting Civilians in War: The Starvation Blockades of World War I," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Feb. 2003	"Targeting Civilians in War: Does Regime Type Matter?" International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
Feb. 2003	"The Problem with Single-State Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
Aug. 2002	"Targeting Civilians in War: Does Regime Type Matter?" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
April 2000	"Federalism and Ethnic Rebellion: A Cross-Sectional Analysis," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

March 2000	Federalism and Ethnic Rebellion: A Cross-Sectional Analysis," International Studies Association
	Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA

- Sept. 1999 "Reintegration, Autonomy, or Partition: Evaluating Alternative Solutions to Ethnic Civil Wars," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- April 1999 "Necessary but not Sufficient: Why Separation Requires Sovereignty in Bosnia," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

# OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

May 2020	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Adam Lichtenheld, "Weaponizing Displacement in Civil Wars," <i>Yale University</i>
Sept. 2019	Invited Discussant, 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual New Faces Conference, <i>Triangle Institute for Security Studies</i> , Chapel Hill, NC
Aug. 2019	Panel Discussant, "The Economics of Violence," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
May 2017	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Carrie A. Lee, "The Politics of Military Operations," <i>RAND Corporation</i>
May 2017	Invited Discussant, IR Retreat, Department of Political Science, George Washington University
April 2017	Moderator and invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Daniel Krcmaric, "The Justice Dilemma: International Accountability, Political Leaders, and Internal Violence," <i>Northwestern University</i>
Feb. 2017	Panel Chair and Discussant, "Sieges and Civilian Punishment," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
Oct. 2015	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Lindsey O'Rourke, "Secrecy and Security: U.SOrchestrated Regime Change during the Cold War," <i>Boston College</i>
Sept. 2015	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Jason Lyall, "Paths of Ruin: Explaining Military Effectiveness in Conventional War," <i>Yale University</i>
May 2015	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Rachel Stein, "War and Revenge," <i>George Washington University</i>
April 2015	Panel Chair, "Understanding the Threat to the United States and Europe from Returning Jihadists," Conference on Insurgency in the Middle East and Its Threat to the United States, National Capital Area Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
April 2015	Invited Discussant, "New Approaches to Democracy and International Behavior," Conference on Reconsidering Regime Type in International Relations, <i>Yale University</i> , New Haven, CT
Jan. 2015	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for David Edelstein, "The Ominous Shadow: Time and International Politics," <i>Georgetown University</i>
Aug. 2014	Panel Chair, "Digital Weaponry and Conflict," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
March 2014	Panel Chair and Discussant, "The International Dimensions of Civil-Military Relations and

Coups," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON

March 2014	Roundtable Discussant, "Massacres and Morality: International Ethics Section Book Prize Winner," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON
March 2014	Panel Chair, "Audience Costs: Conditions and Foundations," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON
Feb. 2014	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Sarah Zukerman-Daly, "From War to Peace: The Geography of Armed Organizations," <i>University of Notre Dame</i>
Sept. 2013	Panel Discussant, "Civilian Targeting, Terrorism, and (Un)Civil Conflict," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
April 2013	Invited Discussant, Book Panel for Fotini Christia, Alliance Formation in Civil Wars," Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, New York, NY
April 2013	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Laia Balcells, "Rivalry and Revenge: The Politics of Violence during Civil War," <i>Duke University</i>
April 2013	Panel Chair, "Counterinsurgency: What Works?" International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Sept. 2012	Roundtable Participant, "Domestic Representation and International Coercion," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Sept. 2012	Panel Chair and Discussant, "New Research on Regime Type and War," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
April 2012	Panel Chair and Discussant, "Power and Grand Strategy," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
April 2012	Panel Chair, "Other Tools in the National Security Tool Kit: Uses of National Power Beyond Counterinsurgency as State Building," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
April 2012	Panel Discussant, "Secrecy and World Politics," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
Oct. 2011	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Jasen Castillo, "The Will to Fight: The Societal Ties that Explain Military Cohesion," <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>
March 2011	Roundtable Participant, "Governance and International Conflict," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QUE
March 2011	Panel Discussant, "The Evolving Distinction between Civilian and Military," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QUE
Sept. 2010	Panel Chair and Discussant, "COIN Heterodoxy," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
June 2010	Invited Discussant, "Human Rights at War: A Comparative Study of the Effectiveness of the Geneva Conventions," Watson Institute for International Studies, <i>Brown University</i>
May 2010	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Fotini Christia, "The Closest of Enemies: Alliance Formation in Civil Wars," <i>Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies</i>

Feb. 2010	Panel Chair and Discussant, "Civilian Protection: Competing Theories and Practices," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
Jan. 2010	Panel Moderator, "War Bound by Law: Non-State Actors and the Law of Armed Conflict in the 21st Century," Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law 2009-10 Annual Symposium, <i>Duke University</i>
Sept. 2009	Panel Chair, "Civilian Targeting during Civil War: Exploring Sub-National Variation," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON
June 2009	Panelist, "Drivers of Conflict and Future Challenges to Humanitarian Assistance," International Conference on Humanitarian Assistance in Conflict/Complex Emergencies, World Food Program, Rome, Italy
March 2009	Panel Chair, "Post-World War II Grand Strategy," Conference on Grand Strategy after Major War American Grand Strategy Program and Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Chapel Hill, NC
March 2009	Invited Discussant, Book Manuscript Workshop for Sebastian Rosato, "Europe United: Power Politics and the Making of the European Community," <i>Notre Dame University</i>
Feb. 2009	Panel Chair and Discussant, "Patterns of Violence during and after Civil War: Iraq in Comparative Perspective," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
Feb. 2009	Panel Discussant, "One-Sided Violence in Civil Wars," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
March 2008	Panel Discussant, "New Research on Terrorism," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
March 2007	Participant, Just and Unjust War, A Liberty Fund Colloquium, Louisville, KY
March 2006	Panel Chair and Discussant, "From Discomfort to Death: The Strategic and Normative Implications of New and Non-Lethal Weapons," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
Feb. 2006	Co-organizer (with Christopher Gelpi), panel chair, and discussant, Conference on Casualties and Warfare, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Durham, NC
Sept. 2005	Panel Discussant, "The Nuclear Option: Who Proliferates? Who Abandons?" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
March 2005	Panel Discussant, "Putting the Threat into Perspective: The Next Phase in the Terrorism Research Agenda," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI
2004-2011	Panel Chair and Discussant, Annual New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Durham and Chapel Hill, NC
Aug. 2003	Panel Chair, "Democracy and War: A Pessimistic View," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2019 Course Development Institute, University Center for Teaching and Learning, *George Washington University* 

2013	Workshop on Teaching IHL for International Studies Faculties, International Committee of the Red Cross and George Washington University
2004	Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University
1999	Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Columbia Institute of War and Peace Studies, held at Cornell University

## **SERVICE**

#### To the Profession

2020-	Editor, Cornell Studies in Security Affairs, Cornell University Press
2015-	Member, Editorial Board, Security Studies
2015-17	Associate Editor, International Security
2014	Sage Paper Award Committee (chair), given to the best paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting by the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section

## George Washington University

Dean Search Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, May 2020-

International Relations Field Chair, Department of Political Science, May 2020-

High Quality Education Strategic Planning Committee, George Washington University, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Ad Hoc Committee on Departmental Climate, Department of Political Science, Spring 2019

International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, Spring 2019-

International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2018

International Security Faculty Search Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, Fall 2018

International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, 2017 (chair)

International Relations Field Chair, Department of Political Science, 2016-17

Executive Committee, George Washington University Faculty Senate, 2016-17

Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, 2016-17

International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, 2013-14

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2013, 2014

South Asian Politics Search Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs (Chair), Fall 2013

George Washington University Faculty Senate, 2013-17

Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2012-13

Asian Politics Search Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, Fall 2012

International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2011

U.S. National Security Faculty Search Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, 2011-12

## Duke University

Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science, 2010-11

Coordinator of Department of Political Science Brown Bag Faculty Speaker Series, Jan. 2005-May 2007

Political Science Representative, Arts and Sciences Council, Sept. 2005-May 2007, Sept. 2008-May 2009

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2005-06

Ad Hoc Committee on the Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Political Science, Spring 2006 and 2007

Ad Hoc Committee on Transition to 2-1 Teaching Load, Fall 2006

B.A. Honors Thesis Supervisor, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09; Second Reader, 2004-05, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2010-11

## Current Dissertation Committees (Department of Political Science, GWU)

Tom Garvey (chair) Vanes Ibric (chair) Daniel Jacobs Kendrick Kuo (co-chair) Shahryar Pasandideh Kevin Petit (chair)

## Former Dissertation Students

Elizabeth Grasmeder (GWU, 2020, chair), U.S. Government

Danielle Gilbert (GWU, 2020, chair), Air Force Academy

Alexis Blanc (GWU, 2019), RAND Corporation

Bryce Loidolt (GWU, 2019, co-chair), Research Fellow, National Defense University

Seung Joon Paik (GWU, 2018, chair)

Michael Joseph (GWU, 2018), Department of Political Science, University of California, San Diego

Jeannette Haynie (GWU, 2017, chair), RAND Corporation

Barnett Koven (GWU, 2017), University of Maryland National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism

Julia Macdonald (GWU, 2016), Josef Korbel School, University of Denver

Seokjoon Kim (GWU, 2016, chair), Korea University Graduate School of International Studies

Dillon Tatum (GWU, 2016), Department of Political Science, Francis Marion University

Andrew Bell (Duke, 2015, co-chair), School of Global and International Studies, Indiana University

Daniel Krcmaric (Duke, 2015, co-chair), Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

Tristan Volpe (GWU, 2015), Naval Postgraduate School

Adam Jungdahl (GWU, 2014), U.S. government

Danielle Lupton (Duke, 2013), Department of Political Science, Colgate University

Kathryn McNabb Cochran (Duke, 2011), Good Judgment Project

Jacqueline Hazelton (Brandeis, 2011), Department of Strategy and Policy, U.S. Naval War College

David Siroky (Duke, 2009), Department of Political Science, Arizona State

Matthew Fehrs (Duke, 2008), Department of Political Science, St. Mary's College of Maryland

Lindsay Cohn (Duke, 2007), Department of National Security Affairs, U.S. Naval War College

## M.A. Theses

Jiayu Zhang (2019-20)

Claire Downing (2017)

Hari Prasad (2017)

Rebecca Edelston (2015)

Kate Cilke (2014, second reader)

Nicholas Rueter (Duke, 2011)

Andrew Bentz (Duke, 2009)

## B.A. Theses

Michael Weaver (2014)

Tendai Mukau (2014)

Kimberlee Chang (2013)

Carly Nuttall (2013)

Ian Goldin (2012)

Jennifer Rowland (Duke, 2011, second reader)

John Bailey (Duke, 2009)

Lauren Maisel (Duke, 2009, second reader)

Kevin Burleson (Duke, 2008)

## **REVIEWER**

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, Asian Perspective, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science; Cornell University Press, Democracy and Security, Gender and Politics, International Interactions, International Organization, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Johns Hopkins University Press, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Oxford University Press, Political Communication, Political Research Quarterly, Polity, Princeton University Press, Public Choice, Security Studies, Stanford University Press, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Politics