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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 Fellowship, 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

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*.

Militarized Disputes, Uncertainty, and Leader Tenure. With Bradley C. Smith. Forthcoming, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

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

Credible Constraint in Covert Affairs. With Michael Poznansky. 2018. *American Journal of Political Science* 62 (3): 668-681.

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

Terrorism, Wealth, and Delegation. 2018. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 13 (2): 147-172.

Slow to Learn: Bargaining, Uncertainty, and the Calculus of Conquest. With Peter Bils. 2018. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62 (4): 774-796.

Policy Bargaining and Militarized Conflict. With Peter Bils. 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 *The Uncertainty Tradeoff: Does Interdependence Decrease War?* With Iris Malone. Revise and resubmit, *International Studies Quarterly*.

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

Power Transfers, Military Uncertainty, and War

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.

Stalling. With Peter Bils and Gleason Judd.

Power to the People: Credible Communication in the Quotidian Use of Authoritarian Institutions. With Iza Ding.

When Does Hawk Engagement Work? Conflict and Cooperation Under Uncertainty. With Iris Malone.

Nuclear Latency and Defensive Alliances. With Bradley C. 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?

Evaluating the Effects of Nonproliferation Agreements. With Bradley C. Smith.

How Do Hawks Attract Peace? Crisis Bargaining under Wartime Uncertainty. With Iris Malone.

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

IN PREPARATION *What States Want: How Preferences and Power Shape War.* Book project with Peter Bils and Bradley C. Smith.

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

Atomic Uncertainty. Book project with Rupal Mehta.

Feigning Friendship.

Whistleblowing, Covert Affairs, and Credibility. With Michael Poznansky and Michael Joseph.

The Peacekeeper's Dilemma. With Burcu Savun 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.

“Understanding What Happened with North Korea.” Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Game Theory Workshop. August 2018.

“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.

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 Assistant Fellowship. University of Rochester, Spring 2012.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Formal Political Theory II. University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2018.

The Politics of Nuclear Proliferation. University of Pittsburgh: Fall 2018, Spring 2018.

Introduction to World Politics. University of Pittsburgh: Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, 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**. 480 videos; 44,000 subscribers; 8.3 million lifetime video views.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

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

Peace Science Society: 2018, 2016, 2014, 2013

Peace Science Society Online Colloquium: 2016

International Studies Association: 2017, 2014

Southern Political Science Association: 2013

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 Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Political Re-

search 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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