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EMPLOYMENT

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, California

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science

- Dissertation: "Winning Without a Fight: Power, Appeasement, and Compellent Threats."
- Committee: Scott D. Sagan (principal advisor), James D. Fearon, Michael R. Tomz.

Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

B.A. in Economics, Political Science, and International Relations, May 1999

- Summa cum laude with University Honors.
- Senior Thesis: "Explaining U.S. Missile Technology Exports to China."
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1998

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journals

- "Are Soldiers Less War-Prone than Statesmen?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48:5 (October 2004), pp. 746-774.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- "September 11, 2001." In John G. Geer, ed., *Public Opinion and Polling Around the World*. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO (2004).
– Reprinted in David Skidmore, ed., *U.S. Foreign Policy in a Unipolar Era*. New York: Longman (forthcoming 2006).

Conference Volumes

- South Asia and the Nuclear Future: Rethinking the Causes and Consequences of Nuclear Proliferation. Center for International Security and Cooperation & the U.S. Army War College (2004).
- *Intelligence and Prediction in an Unpredictable World*. Center for International Security and Cooperation & the Eisenhower National Security Series (2003).

Opinion

- "Nuclear Stalemate in South Asia." (2000) *Boston Globe*, March 23.
- "Pakistan Coup Underscores Nuclear Dimension." (1999) *Defense News*, November 15.
- "How to Live With the Bomb." (1998) *Wall Street Journal*, September 1.

WORKING PAPERS

- “How Organizational Pathologies Could Make Nuclear Proliferation Safer.”
- “Looking Inward or Lashing Out? Dictatorships and International Crises.”
- “War, Realism, and Brutality in Thucydides.”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association

- Graduate Fellowship, 2006

Center for International Security Studies, University of Maryland

- Visiting Scholar, 2005–2006

Dwight D. Eisenhower Institute, Washington, DC

- Graduate Fellowship, 2005–2006

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

- Predoctoral Fellowship, 2004–2006

Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University

- Predoctoral Fellowship, 2003–2004

Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University

- Richard A. Goldsmith Writing Prize in Dispute Resolution, 2004 & 2005
 - 2004: For the paper “Can Civilian Control of the Military Help Resolve International Disputes?”
 - 2005: For the paper “The Hegemon’s Curse: How Military Power Exacerbates International Crises.”

Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University

- Graduate Fellowship, 2003–2004

Department of Political Science, Stanford University

- Graduate Fellowship, 2000–2005

Center for the Study of the Presidency, New York

- Research Fellowship, 1997–1998

Harry S. Truman Scholarship, 1998

REFEREE

- *International Security*
- *International Studies Quarterly*
- *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

TEACHING HONORS

School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University*Centennial Teaching Award, 2004*

- Awarded by the faculty to each department's top three teaching assistants.

Department of Political Science, Stanford University*Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2002*

- Awarded to the teaching assistant voted most outstanding by peers in the political science department.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association

INVITED TALKS

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

- "Compellent Threats and the Paradox of Power."
December 8, 2005.
- "The Hegemon's Curse: Commitment Problems and Compellent Threats."
February 10, 2005.

Department of Political Science, Stanford University

- "The Hegemon's Curse: Compellent Threats and the Paradox of Power."
Workshop in International Relations, November 8, 2005.
- "Deterrence Theory and *Dr. Strangelove*."
Guest lecture, May 1, 2003.
- "Missiles, Bureaucracies, and Adversaries During the Cold War."
Guest lecture, August 8, 2002.

Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Stanford University

- "Secrecy and Strategy in International Bargaining."
April 15, 2003.

Center for International Security Studies, University of Maryland

- "Compellent Threats and the Paradox of Power."
March 16, 2006.

Department of Political Science, California State Polytechnic University

- "Soldiers, Statesmen, and the Military Aggressiveness Debate."
May 19, 2003.

Foreign Policy Association, Los Altos, California

- "The Merits and Menace of Weapons of Mass Destruction."
February 23, 2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association

- “The Hegemon’s Curse: Compellent Threats and the Paradox of Power.” Philadelphia, upcoming, September 2, 2006.
- “Why Can the United States Deter but Not Compel?” Washington, DC, September 1, 2005.
- “The Passive-Aggressive Debate: Military Biases and the Use of Force.” Philadelphia, August 29, 2003.

Midwest Political Science Association

- “How Organizational Pathologies Could Make Nuclear Proliferation Safer.” Chicago, April 7, 2005.

International Studies Association

- “How States Win Wars: Agendas for Research.” Montreal, March 19, 2004.
- “Can States Make Credible Commitments in Secret?” Montreal, March 17, 2004.
- “The Military Effects of Civilian Control.” Portland, March 1, 2003.

International Security and Arms Control / International Security Studies

- “Military Power and Compellent Threats: Lessons for the United States.” Denver, October 29, 2005.

Society for Military and Strategic Studies

- “Organization Theory and the Proliferation Debate.” Calgary, February 14, 2003.

WORKSHOPS

Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research

- George Washington University, June 2003.

Institute on Qualitative Research Methods

- Arizona State University, January 2003.

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy

- Cornell University, July 2001.

COURSES TAUGHT**University of Virginia**

- Strategy, Conflict, and the Causes of War

Stanford University (Lecturer)

- Victory and Defeat: How States Win Wars

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC**

- Junior Fellow, Non-Proliferation Project, August 1999–July 2000.

Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC

- Intern, Office of the Undersecretary for Policy (International Security Affairs), May–August 1999.

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC

- Research Assistant, Political-Military Studies Program, May–August 1998.

Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute, Alexandria, VA

- Research Assistant, Middle East and North Africa, May–August 1997.

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC

- Office of Congressman James A. Leach, July–August 1997.