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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor, August 2016–present

## EDUCATION

Ph.D, Political Science. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016  
Masters in Public Policy. John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2010  
BA *First Class*, Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. St Anne's College, Oxford University, 2006

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Nuclear Opportunism: A Theory of How States Use Nuclear Weapons in International Politics." *Journal of Strategic Studies* (forthcoming)

Winner of the 2016 American Political Science Association Foreign Policy Section award for the best graduate student paper

"Authoritarian Public Opinion and the Democratic Peace" (with Kai Quek). *International Organization*, vol. 72, no. 1 (forthcoming, January 2018)

"Examining Explanations for Nuclear Proliferation." *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 60, no. 3 (September 2016): 520–529

Subject of *International Studies Quarterly* online symposium, February 2016

"Beyond Emboldenment: How Acquiring Nuclear Weapons Can Change Foreign Policy." *International Security*, vol. 40, no. 1 (Summer 2015): 87–119

Winner of the 2016 International Studies Association Patricia Weitsman Award for the best graduate student paper in security studies

Subject of H-Diplo roundtable, February 2017

"Questioning the Effect of Nuclear Weapons on Conflict" (with Nicholas L. Miller). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 59, no. 1 (February 2015): 74–92

Reprinted in Erik Gartzke, Matthew Kroenig, and Neil Narang (eds), *Nonproliferation Policy and Nuclear Posture: Causes and Consequences for the Spread of Nuclear Weapons* (Routledge, 2015)

Reprinted in Robert J. Art and Kelly M. Greenhill (eds), *The Use of Force: Military Power and International Politics, Eighth Edition* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2015)

"Can Britain Defend the Falklands?" *Defence Studies*, vol. 12, no. 2 (June 2012): 283–301

## OTHER WRITING

“North Korea Benefits From Nuclear Weapons. Get Used To It.” *War on the Rocks*, October 2, 2017

“Correspondence: The Effects of Acquiring Nuclear Weapons.” *International Security*, vol. 41, no. 1 (Summer 2016): 186–190

“Uncertainty, Inferences, and the Study of Nuclear Proliferation.” Contribution to *International Studies Quarterly* online symposium, February 10, 2016

“Okay, So What If Iran Does Get Nuclear Weapons?” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage*, August 20, 2015

“How to Persuade Journals to Accept Your Replication Paper.” *Political Science Replication Blog*, September 11, 2013 (with Nicholas L. Miller)

“Can Britain Defend the Falklands?” *Huffington Post*, October 5, 2012

## WORK IN PROGRESS

*Nuclear Revolutions: How States Use Nuclear Weapons in International Politics* (book project)

“Realism, Idealism, and American Public Opinion on Nuclear Disarmament” (with Kai Quek)

“The Limits of Regional Power” (with Noel T. Anderson)

“How to Think About Nuclear Crises” (with Julia M. Macdonald)

## AWARDS, GRANTS, &amp; FELLOWSHIPS

APSA Kenneth N. Waltz Award for the best dissertation in security studies, 2017

Stanton Foundation Course Development Grant, 2017 (\$50,000)

Tobin Project research grant, 2017 (\$1,000)

ISA Patricia Weitsman Award for the best graduate student paper in security studies, 2016

APSA Foreign Policy Section award for the best graduate student paper, 2016

Predocorial Fellowship, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School, 2014–2015 & 2015–2016

Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, 2014 (\$7,500)

Visiting Research Fellowship, Monash University, South Africa, Summer 2014

Political Science Dept nominee for MIT Goodwin Medal (for “conspicuously effective” teaching), 2013

Tobin Project National Security Fellowship, 2013–2014 & 2014–2015

MIT Center for International Studies summer funding, 2013 & 2014

Ithiel de Sola Pool award for outstanding first year student, MIT Political Science Department, 2011

MIT Kenan Sahin Presidential Fellowship, 2010–2011

MIT Political Science Department Fellowship, 2010–2015 (tuition and stipend)

Winner, CSIS Project on Nuclear Issues Essay Competition, 2010

Harvard University Roy Family Fellowship, 2009

Harvard University Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship, 2008–2010 (tuition and stipend)

Oxford University Washington Scholarship, 2006

## TEACHING

Comparative Foreign Policy (graduate): Spring 2018  
 The Politics of Nuclear Weapons (undergraduate): Spring 2018  
 Technology and War (undergraduate): Spring 2017 (evaluation: 5.7/6.0)  
 U.S. Foreign Policy (undergraduate): Fall 2016 (evaluation: 5.5/6.0); Spring 2017 (evaluation: 5.6/6.0)  
 Quantitative Methods in International Relations Research (graduate): Fall 2016 (evaluation: 5.8/6.0)

## INVITED TALKS

University of Minnesota, Humphrey School Freeman Seminar (Minneapolis, MN, December 2017)  
 George Washington University, Elliot School of International Affairs (Washington, DC, November 2017)  
 Harvard University, Belfer Center International Security Program Seminar (Cambridge, MA, October 2017)  
 Woman's Club of Minneapolis (Minneapolis, MN, September 2017)  
 Carleton College, International Relations Council (Northfield, MN, April 2017)  
 University of Minnesota, International Relations Colloquium (Minneapolis, MN, April 2017)  
 Harvard University, Belfer Center Managing the Atom Seminar (Cambridge, MA, September 2015)  
 Harvard University, Belfer Center International Security Program Seminar (Cambridge, MA, March 2015)  
 Stanford University, CISAC Social Science Seminar (Palo Alto, CA, December 2014)  
 Harvard University, Belfer Center Managing the Atom Seminar (Cambridge, MA, December 2014)  
 Monash University South Africa, Social Science Research Seminar (Johannesburg, South Africa, July 2014)

## CONFERENCE &amp; WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Annual Meetings (P = paper author/presenter, O = panel organizer)

American Political Science Association: 2017 (P), 2016 (P, O), 2015 (P), 2014 (P, O)  
 International Studies Association: 2017 (P, O), 2016 (P, O), 2015 (P, O), 2014 (P), 2013 (P)  
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2014 (P), 2013 (P)

Other conferences/workshops (invited participant)

American Academy of Arts and Sciences Meeting of the Working Group on Understanding the Nuclear Age (Cambridge, MA, December 2017)  
 Tobin Project Workshop: "Reassessing Threat Assessments of the Early Nuclear Era" (Cambridge, MA, October 2017)  
 British International Studies Association Global Nuclear Order Working Group (London, UK, September 2015)  
 George Washington University Nuclear Security Working Group Workshop (White Sulphur Springs, WV, September 2017)  
 Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies Annual Teaching Workshop (Vergennes, VT, June 2017)  
 Foreign Policy Association/Nobel Peace Prize Forum High-level Dialogue: "Nuclear Policy: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead" (New York, NY, May 2017)  
 Tobin Project Workshop: "Reassessing Threat Assessments of the Early Nuclear Era" (Cambridge, MA, March 2017)  
 German Marshall Fund Young Strategists Forum (Tokyo, Japan, January 2017)  
 American Academy of Arts and Sciences Meeting of the Working Group on Understanding the Nuclear Age (Cambridge, MA, December 2016)

Notre Dame International Security Center Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference (Syracuse, IN, June 2016)  
 Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference (Chapel Hill, NC, October 2015)  
 Re-Imagining the Global Nuclear Order (Oxford, UK, September 2015)  
 British International Studies Association Global Nuclear Order Working Group (Birmingham, UK, September 2015)  
 Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium Workshop (Syracuse, NY, June 2015)  
 Nuclear Studies Research Initiative Conference (Warrenton, VA, May 2015)  
 United Nations Civil Society Symposium on the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (New York, NY, April 2015)  
 Reassessing the Global Nuclear Order (Melbourne, Australia, January 2015)  
 Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium Workshop (Cazenovia, NY, November 2014)  
 Nuclear Studies Research Initiative Conference (Austin, TX, October 2013)  
 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Summer Institute (Washington, DC, June 2013)  
 Asan Institute for Policy Studies Conference: "Our Nuclear Future" (Seoul, South Korea, June 2011)

## SERVICE

Manuscript Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Security*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Defence Studies*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Security Studies*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*

Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences Working Group on Understanding the New Nuclear Age (2016–present)

University of Minnesota

Ph.D dissertation committee member: Bryan Nakayama (def. 2017), Jennifer Spindel, Robert Ralston  
 International Relations Search Committee, 2017–2018  
 Merit Advisory Committee, 2017–2018  
 Undergraduate Work Committee, 2016–2017  
 Graduate Colloquia Advisory Committee, 2016–2017

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Co-ordinator, Nuclear Weapons Working Group, 2013–2014  
 Co-ordinator, Strategic Use of Force Working Group, 2012–2013  
 International Fellow, Maseeh Hall, 2012–2015  
 Resident Tutor, Maseeh Hall, 2011–2012

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postgraduate Intern, United Nations (Vienna, Austria, Summer 2009)  
 Researcher, CentreForum (public policy think tank, London, UK, 2007–2008)  
 Fellow, Office of Senator John Kerry (Washington, D.C., Fall 2006)

## AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association  
 International Studies Association

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