Michael F. Joseph

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Academic Appointments

UCSD   **San Diego, CA**
Assistant Professor, Political Science   *2020-Present*

Yale University   **New Haven, CT**
Henry Chauncey Post-doctoral Fellow   *2018-2020*

Education

The George Washington University   **Washington, D.C.**
Ph.D., Political Science   *2013-2019*

The Australian National University   **Canberra, Australia**
Masters of Strategic Studies, Distinction Honors   *2009-2010*

The University of New South Wales   **Sydney, Australia**
Bachelors of International Studies (Globalization & Economics), Distinction Honors   *2003-2007*

Publications

2023: "The Domestic Sources of International Reputation," with Michael Goldfien and Roseanne McManus *American Political Science Review*, 117 (2).

2023: "Perceptions of Leadership Importance: Evidence from the CIA's President's Daily Brief," with Michael Goldfien *Security Studies*, 32 (2).

2023: "Do Different Coercive Strategies Help or Hurt Deterrence?," *International Studies Quarterly*, 117 (2).

2022: "Shooting the Messenger: The trouble with national security whistleblowing," with William Spaniel & Michael Poznansky *Journal of Politics* 84(2).

2021: "A Little Bit of Cheap-Talk is a Dangerous Thing: States Can Communicate Intentions Persuasively and Raise the Risk of War." *Journal of Politics* 83(1) . Award: Best Paper, Formal Theory Section, APSA.

2018: "Media Technology, Covert Action and the Politics of Exposure," with Michael Poznansky. *Journal of Peace Research* 55(3): 320-355.

2018: "Are Coups Really Contagious? An Extreme Bounds Analysis of Political Diffusion," with Michael K. Miller and Dorothy Ohl. *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* 62(2): 410-441.

Ongoing Research

Book Project:

Great Power Competition: A rationalist theory of historical and cultural context. Under Review, *Cornell University Press*, Cornell Studies in Security Affairs Series.

Currently Submitted:

"When Do Leader Backgrounds Matter? Evidence from the President's Daily Brief," with Michael

Goldfiend & Daniel Krcmaric (Conditionally Accepted, CMPS)

"Secret Innovation," with Michael Poznansky (R & R, IO)

"Rapid Power Shifts and peace: A theory of grand bargains," with Mathias Frendhem (under review).

<u>Developed Working Papers:</u>

"The Efficiency-Resilience Tradeoff: How efficient world order drives catastrophic war contagion."

"Violent Trust, Violent Indifference."

"Unattributable Coercion."

"Innovation, Productive Power and War."

"Cover Stories."

Selected Foreign Policy Experience

Director of Research **Washington, D.C.**
Performance Systems Inc., various military/ State Dept. contracts *2015-2017*

Principal Analyst for Policy and Programs **Baghdad, Iraq**
Management Systems International, USAID Contract *2012*

Public Policy Consultant **Australia**
Various State and Federal Agencies *2007-2010*

Junior Professional Officer **Amman, Jordan**
United Nations Relief and Works Agency *2006*

<u>Select Policy Writings</u>

"The prospects for a negotiated peace in Ukraine are bleak," *Monkey Cage Blog, Washington Post*, 2022.

"National Security Whistleblower Reform is a Sticky Wicket," *War on the Rocks*, 2019.

"Fracturing Rebel Alliances in Civil War," with Kevin Petit. Presented to General Michael Nagata, CENTCOM Commander for Special Operations, 2014.

Invited Talks & Workshops

2023: *UCLA*, "Cover Stories."

2022: *UCLA & Berkeley*, "Violent Trust." *OSU*, The The Efficiency-Resilience Trade-off.

2021: *University of Pittsburgh*, The Efficiency-Resilience Trade-off

2020: *Princeton & Penn State*. Book Project. *Vanderbilt University,* More Talk, Less Action.

2019: *Yale University*, MacMillan International Relations Seminar . "Core Interests, Reputation and Crisis Bargaining: Evidence from an elite survey experiment."

2018: *The University of Southern California*, Formal Models in International Relations. "A Little Bit of Cheap-Talk is a Dangerous Thing"

2017: *The University of Rochester*, International Relations Seminar. "A Little Bit of Cheap-Talk is a Dangerous Thing."

2017: *Harvard University*, Harvard International Security Conference. "More Talk, Less Action: Why Costless Diplomacy Works During Power Transitions."

2017: *Triangle Institute for Security Studies at the University of North Carolina*, New Faces in International Security. "More Talk, Less Action: Why Costless Diplomacy Works During Power Transitions."

2017: *The American University*, Political Violence Workshop. "More Talk, Less Action: Why Costless Diplomacy Works During Power Transitions."

2015: *The University of Virginia*, Lansing B. Lee, Jr. Seminar in Global Politics. "Media Technology, Covert Action and the Politics of Exposure."

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

Academic Awards **2022**: Best Paper, Formal Theory Section, APSA.

Financial Awards

2016: Pre-doctoral fellowship, Bradley Foundation

2016: Sar and Britta Levitan Endowment Scholarship

2015: Herbst Family Graduate Endowment Scholarship

In Residence Research Fellowships

2015-2018: Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliot School for International Affairs.

Teaching

Teaching University Student

2021-2023: *Spies: Intelligence and US National Security.* Max enrollment 184

2021-2023: *Theories of Technology and National Security.* Max enrollment 130

2021,2022: *Data Science for National Security.* Max enrollment 71, cross-listed in Data Science Program

2021-2023: *Field Seminar in International Security.* Graduate Seminar

Teaching Policymakers

2018: *Course Instructor* for Military Applications of Data Science. 2, 3-day courses for Department of Defense

2015-2016: *Course Instructor* for Interstate Conflict. 12, 4-hour lectures for military officers and government personnel, U.S. Army Contract

2015-2016: *Course Instructor* for Asia-Pacific Security. 12, 4-hour lectures for military officers and government personnel, U.S. Army Contract

2014-2016: *Course Instructor* for Decision Making in Crisis. 12, 4-hour lectures for military officers and government personnel, U.S. Army Contract

Research Experience

2017: *Research Assistant* for "Russian Nuclear Policy Project," *PI: Amy Gordon*

2015-2016: *Research Assistant* for "Regional Orders and Spheres of Influence," Minerva Grant Award, *PI: Charles Glaser*.

2014: *Research Assistant* for "European Alliances and the Russian Threat," Carnegie Corporation Award, *PI: Alexander Downes*.

2014: *Research Assistant* for "Future Warfare in the Western Pacific: Chinese Antiaccess/Area Denial, U.S. AirSea Battle, and Command of the Commons in East Asia," *PI: Stephen Biddle*.

2012: *Research Assistant* for "Freedom By Force: Foreign Imposed Regime Change," *PI: Alexander Downes*.

2010: *Research Intern* for American Foreign Policy and National Security, *International Institute For Strategic Studies*

Professional Activities, Service & Affiliations

Member: American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society

Section Head, International Security Midwest Political Science Association. 2023.

Referee: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Security, Security Studies, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Defence and Peace Economics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, International Interactions.

Other: I have organized workshops, chaired and discussed panels at many conferences, and presented at many conferences.

Skills

Archival Research Experience: The National Security Archive of the United States (Maryland), Central Intelligence Agency Archive (Washington, D.C. and online CREST archive), Foreign Relations of the United States (online), National Archives of the United Kingdom

Research Methods Used In Papers: Game theory, multinomial logistic regression, survey experiments, various time-series cross-sectional models, Heckman selection model, extreme bounds analysis, structural break analysis, network analysis and latent space measures, automated web-crawlers and text recognition techniques, and text processing (supervised random forest, various unsupervised topic models), survey experiment, conjoint survey experiment

Computational Skills: R, Stata, SPSS, MatLab, Gauss, Latex, Python (fuzzy set matching and web-scraping applications only), Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, Cold Fusion, HTML, R-Markdown, VBA

Language Skills: Arabic. Formerly Intermediate Working Proficiency. Now, bar conversationalist.

Fun Facts

I was a stand up comic who once performed on TV (for 5 minutes)! Woodworker, ice-cream maker, unashamed karaoke singer.