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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

Henry Chauncey Post-doctoral Fellow

New Haven, CT

2018-Present

EDUCATION

The George Washington University

Ph.D., Political Science

Washington, D.C.

2013-2018

Dissertation: Explaining Peace in a Complex and Uncertain World.

Committee: Charles Glaser (Chair), Alexander Downes, Michael Miller, Yonatan Lupu

External Reviewers: James Morrow (Michigan), John Sides

Fields: International Relations (Major), Quantitative/Formal Methods (Minor)

The Australian National University

Masters of Strategic Studies, Distinction Honors

Canberra, Australia

2009-2010

The University of New South Wales

Bachelors of International Studies (Globalization & Economics), Distinction Honors

Sydney, Australia

2003-2007

ICPSR: *Advanced Game Theory*, James Morrow (A), *Hierarchical Linear Models*, Mark Manning (A)

Recent Mathematics Courses: Real Analysis II, Measure Theory

PUBLICATIONS

2020: "A Little Bit of Cheap-Talk is a Dangerous Thing: States Can Communicate Intentions Persuasively and Raise the Risk of War." *Journal of Politics*, Forthcoming.

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:

A Motives-based Theory of Power Transitions.

UNDER REVIEW (and on website)

"Grand Bargains: A Theory of Strategic Offers"

"The Secret Failure of Nuclear Containment"

"A Break From the Past: Diplomatic behavior and foreign policy in the digital age," with Eric Dunford.

PREPARED MANUSCRIPTS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

"Core Interests, Reputation and Crisis Bargaining: Evidence from an elite survey experiment." (presenting at Peace Science 2019)

"Explaining Cooperation, Costless Communication, and Delayed Competition Under the Security Dilemma."

"National Security Whistleblowers," with Michael Poznansky and William Spaniel.

ONGOING RESEARCH

"Pants on Fire: National security abuse in the digital age," with Michael Poznansky.

"Does Weapons Availability Cause Conflict? A natural experiment from Peru," with Barnett Koven.

"Do Cognitive Biases Matter in National Security Institutions: a simulated approach," with Robert Schub.

POLICY WRITINGS & BRIEFS

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

"Armed Conflict Database," contributor for Sudan, Chad and the CAR. *International Institute for Strategic Studies*, 2008.

"Education Trends in Palestinian Refugee Camps," *United Nations Relief and Works Agency*, 2007.

SELECTED FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIENCE

Director of Research

Performance Systems Inc., various military/ State Dept. contracts

Washington, D.C.

2015-2017

Principal Analyst for Policy and Programs

Management Systems International, USAID Contract

Baghdad, Iraq

2012

Public Policy Consultant

Various State and Federal Agencies

Australia

2007-2010

Junior Professional Officer

United Nations Relief and Works Agency

Amman, Jordan

2006

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

INVITED FACULTY TALKS & WORKSHOPS

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

2017: *The University of Rochester*, International Relations Seminar. "A Little Bit of Cheap-Talk is a Dangerous Thing: How Private Diplomacy Induces a Risk of War."

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."

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018: "Do Cognitive Biases Matter in National Security Institutions: a simulated approach," with Robert Schub. Presented at *APSA*, Boston.

2018: "National Security Whistle-blowers," with Michael Poznansky and William Spaniel. Presented at *APSA*, Boston.

2017: "More Talk, Less Action: Why Costless Diplomacy Works During Power Transitions." Presented at *ISA*, Baltimore.

2017: "A Break From the Past: Diplomatic behavior and foreign policy in the digital age" Presented at *ISA*, Baltimore.

2016: "Pants on Fire: national security deceit in the digital age." Presented at *Peace Science*, Indiana

2016: "A Little Bit of Cheap-Talk is a Dangerous Thing: How Private Diplomacy Induces a Risk of War." Presented at *APSA*, Philadelphia.

2014: "Peace Through Uncertainty." Presented at *ISA*, New Orleans

2013: "Exploring Mixed Motives in the Context of China's Rise." Presented at International Security Studies Section (IISS) of *ISA*, Washington, D.C.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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 EXPERIENCE

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

2014-2017: *Course Instructor* for Math Camp. 3-Day Course for PhD Students

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

2014: *Teaching Assistant* for Capstone Course in International Relations. Master's Students

2013: *Teaching Assistant* for Introduction to International Relations. Undergraduate Students

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

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

Conference Workshop Organizer:

2018: "The Scientific Study of Diplomacy," Peace Science. Austin, TX. 35 participants, full-day workshop.

Discussant:

2018: "Bargaining and Conflict Panel," (4 Papers) APSA. Boston, MA.

2016: "Truth Replaced by Silence," by Charles Crabtree, Christopher Fariss & Holger L. Kern. Intrastate Conflict and Violence Workshop, GWU

2015: "Ethnic Networks," by Jennifer Larson & Janet Lewis. Intrastate Conflict and Violence Workshop, GWU

Conference Panel Chair:

2014: "Collective Action, Communication, and Political Networks," APSA. Washington, D.C.

Non-presenting Workshop Contributor:

2015: "Bridging Comparative and IR Perspectives on Intrastate Conflict and Violence," Peace Science. Oxford, MI

METHODOLOGICAL & COMPUTATIONAL 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

Advanced 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 forrest, various unsupervised topic models)

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 ABILITIES

Arabic (Intermediate Working Proficiency).

REFERENCES

Charles Glaser:

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James D Morrow:

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