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APPOINTMENTS **Assistant Professor** 2020 –
Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

EDUCATION **Postdoctoral Fellow** 2019-2020
Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University

Ph.D., Political Science, Stanford University 2019
Fields: International Relations and Political Methodology
Dissertation: Insurgency Formation and Civil War Onset
Committee: James Fearon (Chair), Martha Crenshaw, Ken Schultz, Michael Tomz

B.A., Chemistry and Government, Cornell University 2011
Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH **Publications**

“The Uncertainty Tradeoff between Opportunity Costs and War.”
(with William Spaniel) *International Studies Quarterly*. 2019.

“High Valuations, Uncertainty, and War”
(with William Spaniel) *Research and Politics*. Forthcoming.

Working Papers

“Group-Level Predictors for Civil War: Evidence from Machine Learning”

“Uncertainty and Civil War Onset”

“Unmasking Militants: Organizational Trends in Armed Groups, 1970-2012”

“Economic Shocks and Militant Formation”

“Timing of Militant Violence”

“Recurrent Neural Networks for Conflict Forecasting.”

“Agents of Subversion? Subnational Analysis of State-Sponsored Terrorism”

“Militant Formation and Civil War Contagion.”
(with Lindsay Hundley)

“Splintering, Extremism, and Militant Violence.”
(with Kaitlyn Robinson)

“Signal and the Noise: Threat Assessment in Terrorism and Insurgency.”
(with Katherine Irajpanah)

CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS	“Analyzing ISIS in the Contemporary Environment.” 2018. <i>Military Strategy, Joint Operations, and Airpower</i> . Ed. Ryan Burke, Michael Fowler, and Kevin McCaskey. Georgetown University Press.	
ORIGINAL DATASETS	Armed Group Dataset. Quantitative dataset recording 30 different organizational variables for 1,934 militant groups around the world. Dataset is accompanied by 3,600 page encyclopedia with narratives and bibliography for each group. Population is based on Terrorist Organization (TORG) Crosswalk data from the Uppsala Armed Conflict Data, Global Terrorism Database, and Minorities at Risk dataset.	
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching (by nomination)	2019
	Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Dissertation Fellow	2018—2019
	Hoover Institution Graduate Research Fellowship	2018—2019
	Centennial Teaching Award (by nomination)	2018
	Tobin Project Graduate Student Fellow	2018
	Stanford International Conflict and Negotiation Graduate Fellow	2017—2018
	Ric Weiland Fellowship (by nomination)	2016—2018
	Fulbright Scholar, Indonesia	2012—2013
GRANTS	External	
	Co-Principal Investigator, DHS Counterterrorism Center of Excellence (with Martha Crenshaw and Colin Kahl) (\$138000)	2020
	Tobin Project Research Grant (\$1000)	2018
	Milt Lauenstein Research Grant on Cost-Effectiveness (\$5000)	2018
	Archives Unleashed Travel Grant (\$2000)	2017
	Internal	
	Stanford Europe Center Research Grant (\$3600)	2017
	Stanford Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (\$1500)	2017
	Goldsmith Research Grant (\$1500)	2017
	Stanford Security Working Group Enhancement Grant (\$2500)	2017—2019
PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED WORKSHOPS	University of Nebraska-Omaha	2021
	United Nations Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination	2021
	Bridging Approaches to Civil War, Rice University	2020 (Cancelled)
	Cornell University Peace and Conflict Institute	2020
	ViEWS Prediction Competition, Uppsala University	2020
	Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy, Notre Dame International Security Center	2019
	Visions in Methodology Conference, University of Georgia	2019
	International Relations Workshop, Stanford Political Science Department	2018
	Stanford Security Studies Conference	2018
	New Era Foreign Policy Conference	2017
	Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations	2016
	Very Applied Methods Workshop, Stanford Political Science Department	2015
CONFERENCES	American Political Science Association	2017-2020
	ISS-IS Annual Conference	2019
	International Studies Association	2018, 2021
	Midwest Political Science Association	2016, 2017, 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>Head Research Assistant</p> <p>Mapping Militants Project, Martha Crenshaw 2017—2018 MIDipedia Project, Michael Tomz and Jessica Weeks 2010—2013</p> <p>Research Assistant</p> <p>Political Risk, Amy Zegart and Condoleezza Rice 2016 Climate Change Rhetoric, Dustin Tingley and Michael Tomz 2014</p>
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	<p>Asia-Pacific Security Crisis 48-Hour Simulation, 35 participants 2019 European Union Migration Crisis 48-Hour Simulation, 35 participants 2019 North Korean Nuclear Crisis 48-Hour Simulation, 35 participants 2018 Post-ISIS Iraq Crisis 48-Hour Simulation, 35 participants 2017 Syrian Civil War Crisis 48-Hour Simulation, 35 participants 2016 National Security Council Emergency Crisis Simulation, 15 participants 2016 NPT Review Conference 72-Hour Simulation, 150 participants 2016</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p>Instructor</p> <p>Civil Wars in World Politics Fall 2020 Insurgency and Counterinsurgency Spring 2021 Machine Learning for Social Science Spring 2021</p> <p>Head Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Science of Politics, Michael Tomz and Ken Schultz 2017 International Security in a Changing World, Scott Sagan and Gil-li Vardi 2016</p> <p>Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Introduction to International Relations, Michael Tomz 2019 Challenges and Dilemmas in U.S. Foreign Policy, Condoleezza Rice 2018 Ethics and Politics of Public Service, Brian Coyne 2017 Introduction to International Relations, James Fearon 2016 Science of Politics, Michael Tomz and Stephen Haber 2016 International Security in a Changing World, Scott Sagan and Gil-li Vardi 2015</p> <p>Course Assistant</p> <p>Modern Military Strategy, Gil-li Vardi 2015, 2017 Political Methodology IV: Bayesian Statistics, Doug Rivers 2015</p>
SERVICE	<p>Reviewer: International Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, Conflict Management and Peace Science</p> <p>Stanford Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning Mentor 2016—2018 Stanford Political Science Graduate Student Association First-Year Mentor 2017 Stanford Political Science Graduate Student Association Co-President 2016—2017</p>
WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED	<p>Stanford Security Working Group (Co-Founder) 2016—2020 Stanford Security Studies Conference, 20 participants 2018</p>
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	<p>Bridging the Gap Project, International Studies Association, American Political Science Association</p>

PROFESSIONAL	Research Director, Office of Condoleezza Rice	2018—2019
EXPERIENCE	Terrorism Expert Witness, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project	2018—2019
	Election Monitor (Egypt), Democracy International	2014
	Field Organizer, Obama for America	2008

SKILLS	Computer	R, Python, HTML, QGIS, STATA, L ^A T _E X
	Fieldwork	Elite Interviews (Washington, D.C.), National Archives (London)

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