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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Assistant Professor of Political Science	2023 - present
Brown University Postdoctoral Research Associate, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs	2022 - 2023
University of Notre Dame Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow in Grand Strategy, Notre Dame International Security Center	2021 - 2022

EDUCATION

Columbia University Ph.D. in Political Science Fields: International Relations (Major), History (Minor) Dissertation: Credible To Whom? The Organizational Politics of Credibility in International Relations – Winner of the 2023 Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Award from the American Political Science Association, International Security Section Committee: Robert Jervis, Keren Yarhi-Milo, Jack Snyder, Richard Betts, Matthew Connelly, Joshua Kertzer	2022
Dartmouth College B.A. in Government with High Honors, <i>Cum Laude</i>	2014

RESEARCH

Journal Articles

- Don Casler, David Ribar, and Keren Yarhi-Milo. 2023. “The Many Faces of Credibility: Hawks, Doves, and Nuclear Disarmament.” *Security Studies* 32(3).
- Don Casler and Dylan Groves. 2023. “Perspective-Taking Through Partisan Eyes: Cross-National Empathy, Partisanship, and Attitudes Toward International Cooperation.” *Journal of Politics* 85(4).
- Don Casler and Richard Clark. 2021. “Trade Rage: Audience Costs & International Trade.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(6): 1098-1130.
– Winner of the 2019 Giancarlo Doria Prize, Columbia University, for Best Research Paper
- Robert Jervis, Keren Yarhi-Milo, and Don Casler. 2021. “Redefining the Debate Over Reputation and Credibility in International Security.” *World Politics* 73(1): 167-203.

Book Chapters

- Don Casler and Keren Yarhi-Milo. 2023. “Signaling, Resolve, and Reputation in International Politics.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology, 3rd edition*, eds. Leonie Huddy, David O. Sears, Jack S. Levy, and Jennifer Jerit, Oxford University Press.

Rebecca Lissner, Mira Rapp-Hooper, Don Casler, and Laura Resnick Samotin. 2021. “After Primacy: Exploring the Contours of 21st Century Great Power Rivalry.” In *Before and After the Fall: World Politics and the End of the Cold War*, eds. Fritz Bartel and Nuno Monteiro, Cambridge University Press.

Working Papers

“Credibility, Organizational Politics, and the Use of Force”

– Winner of 2023 Alexander George Award from the International Studies Association, Foreign Policy Analysis Section

“Trading with Frenemies: How Economic Diplomacy Affects Exports” (with Matthew Connelly and Raymond Hicks – under review)

“Do Pledges Bind? The Mass Politics of International Climate Targets” (with Richard Clark and Noah Zucker)

“Noisy Negotiation: Leaders, Bureaucracy, and International Communication” (with Tyler Jost)

“‘The Interests of India Demand Protection’: Democratization and Trade Policy Under Empire” (with Nikhar Gaikwad)

Policy Reports

“Improving Intelligence Support to the Future Warfighter: Acquisition for the Contested Environment,” *RAND Corporation* (with 7 coauthors)

Commentary

Don Casler and Keren Yarhi-Milo. “Robert Jervis: A Leader in the Study of Leaders” in “Remembering Robert Jervis.” *Texas National Security Review*. September 5, 2022.

Richard Clark, Don Casler, and Sarah Kreps. “To support Ukraine, the West must unleash the full power of the IMF and World Bank.” *Fortune*. March 29, 2022.

Don Casler, “Will Afghanistan Hurt U.S. Credibility?” *Duck of Minerva*. August 27, 2021.

Don Casler, David Ribar, and Keren Yarhi-Milo. “Elite-Public Gaps and Deadlock on the Iran Deal.” *Duck of Minerva*. July 6, 2021.

Don Casler and Richard Clark. “Biden will inherit Trump’s trade war with China. What do Americans really think about tariffs?” *Washington Post*. December 7, 2020.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

APSA Annual Meeting: 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

ISA Annual Meeting: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

2023 Strategic Multilayer Assessment (SMA) Speaker Series, United States Joint Chiefs of Staff

2023 Inaugural Conference on Civil-Military Relations, U.S. Army War College

2023 MIT Security Studies Working Group

2023 International Relations Workshop, Harvard University

2022 New Directions in Bureaucracy and International Politics Conference, Brown University

- 2022 Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference, Notre Dame International Security Center
- 2021 IS-ISSS Joint Annual Conference, Bloomington, IN
- 2021 International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO
- 2021 Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Biennial Conference, Reston, VA
- 2021 International Political Economy of Trade Virtual Conference
- 2021 Mershon Center New Wave Realism Conference, Ohio State University
- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting
- 2021 Graduate Students in International Security, Etc. Working Group
- 2020 Graduate Research in International Political Economy Working Group
- 2019 International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Cato Institute Junior Scholars Symposium, Washington DC
- 2019 Historical Political Economy Working Group, New York, NY

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2023 Kenneth N. Waltz Award, American Political Science Association
- 2023 Alexander George Award, International Studies Association
- 2022 Finalist, 2022 Andrew W. Marshall Foundation Paper Prize on the Role of Organizational Behavior in Competition
- 2020-21 Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Development Grant (\$10,000)
- 2020 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)

Internal

- 2022 Seed Grant, Columbia University Center for Science and Society (\$1,500)
- 2022 Seed Grant, Columbia University Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences (\$1,000)
- 2021-22 Teaching Scholar, Columbia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2020-21 Lead Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning (\$2,000)
- 2019 Giancarlo Doria Prize for best graduate student paper, Columbia University Department of Political Science
- 2019 Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University Department of Political Science (\$2,500)
- 2019 Seed Grants, Columbia University Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences (\$2,000)
- 2016 Provost's Diversity Fellowship, Columbia University
- 2016 Dean's Fellow, Columbia University

TEACHING & PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- 2024 Introduction to International Security (University of Illinois)
- 2024 U.S. Grand Strategy (University of Illinois)
- 2023 International Relations and Domestic Politics (University of Illinois)
- 2023 U.S. Grand Strategy (Brown University)
- 2022 Analysis and History of U.S. Grand Strategy (Columbia University)

Pedagogical Training

- 2020-21 Teaching Development Program, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning

Teaching Assistant

- 2019 Introduction to International Politics; Prof. Kimberley Marten (Columbia University)
- 2019 China's Foreign Relations; Prof. Tom Christensen (Columbia University)
- 2018 War, Peace & Strategy; Prof. Richard Betts (Columbia University)

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

2020-21 Adjunct Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation
2020 Summer Associate Program, RAND Corporation
2018-19 Research Assistant to Dr. Rebecca Lissner & Dr. Mira Rapp-Hooper
2017-18 Research Assistant to Prof. Allison Carnegie
2014-16 Consultant, Alvarez & Marsal (New York, NY)
2014 Research Assistant to Prof. Daryl Press
2012-13 Research Assistant to Prof. Andrew Samwick

SERVICE

2022-23 Second Reader, Watson Institute Undergraduate Thesis Program, Brown University
2019-21 Undergraduate Adviser, Columbia University Political Science Department
2017-19 Student Co-Coordinator, Columbia University International Politics Seminar
2017-18 Co-Social Chair, Columbia University Political Science Graduate Student Council

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Affiliations

2021 Midwest Political Science Association
2018-Present International Studies Association
2016-Present American Political Science Association

Participant

2019 Clements Center Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft
2019 Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop
2018 Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research
2017 Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS)

Peer Reviewer: Conflict Management and Peace Science, Contemporary Security Policy, British Journal of Political Science, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Review of International Organizations