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ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Credibility and reputation, foreign policy bureaucracies, grand strategy, historical political economy, public opinion, text analysis, experiments

EDUCATION

Columbia University

August 2016 - Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science

Fields: International Relations (Major), History (Minor)

Dissertation: Credible To Whom? The Organizational Politics of Credibility in International Relations

Advisers: Robert Jervis, Keren Yarhi-Milo, Jack Snyder

Dartmouth College

September 2010 - June 2014

B.A. in Government with High Honors, *Cum Laude*

Thesis: Brasher with the Bomb? The Effects of Nuclear Weapons on Interstate Aggression

Advisers: Daryl Press, Benjamin Valentino; Second Reader: Stephen Brooks

APPOINTMENTS

University of Notre Dame

August 2021 - Present

Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow in Grand Strategy, Notre Dame International Security Center

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Academic Publications

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.

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

Under Review

"Perspective-Taking Through Partisan Eyes: Cognitive Empathy, Partisanship, and Attitudes Toward International Cooperation" (with Dylan Groves)

Working Papers

"Credible to Whom? The Organizational Politics of Credibility in International Relations"

"The Many Faces of Credibility: Hawks, Doves, and Nuclear Disarmament"
(with David Ribar and Keren Yarhi-Milo)

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

“Trading with the Enemy? How Economic Diplomacy Affects Exports” (with Matthew Connelly and Raymond Hicks)

Works-in-Progress

“Who Pays For Retrenchment? Patrons, Partners, and the Costs of Pulling Back” (with Abby Fanlo)

Policy Reports

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

Commentary

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

External

- 2021 International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting (scheduled)
- 2021 Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Biennial Conference (scheduled)
- 2019-21 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting
- 2017-21 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
- 2021 Mershon Center New Wave Realism Conference, Ohio State University
- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting
- 2019 International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting
- 2019 Cato Institute Junior Scholars Symposium, Washington DC
- 2019 Historical Political Economy Working Group, New York, NY

Internal

- 2020 Columbia University International Politics Seminar
- 2019 Guest Lecture, China’s Foreign Relations, Columbia University
- 2019 Columbia University International Political Economy Working Group
- 2018 Columbia University Security Studies Working Group

GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2020-21 Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Development Grant (\$10,000)
- 2020 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)

Internal

- 2021-22 Teaching Scholar, Columbia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2020-21 Lead Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning
- 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

Pedagogical Training

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

Instructor of Record

2022 Analysis and History of U.S. Grand Strategy (original Columbia undergraduate seminar)

Teaching Assistant

2019 Introduction to International Politics; Prof. Kimberley Marten (Head TA)

2019 China's Foreign Relations; Prof. Tom Christensen

2018 War, Peace & Strategy; Prof. Richard Betts

2018 Chinese Foreign Policy; Prof. Andrew Nathan

2017 The American Congress; Prof. Greg Wawro

RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

2020-21 Adjunct Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation

2020 Summer Associate Program, RAND Corporation

2018-2019 Research Assistant to Prof. Rebecca Lissner, Naval War College & Dr. Mira Rapp-Hooper, Council on Foreign Relations

2017-2018 Research Assistant to Prof. Allison Carnegie, Columbia University

2014-2016 Consultant, Alvarez & Marsal (New York, NY)

2014 Research Assistant to Prof. Daryl Press, Dartmouth College

2012-2013 Research Assistant to Prof. Andrew Samwick, Dartmouth College

SERVICE

2019-2021 Undergraduate Adviser, Columbia University Political Science Department

2017-2019 Student Co-Coordinator, Columbia University International Politics Seminar

2017-2018 Co-Social Chair, Columbia University Political Science Graduate Student Council

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Affiliations

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)