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INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC
POSITIONS

Georgetown University
Initiative on Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Citizenship (AIDC)
 – Co-Director, 2025 – Present

EDUCATION

Georgetown University
 Ph.D., Government, 2027 (Expected)
  Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology, Political Theory

Columbia University
 M.P.A., International Security Policy, 2021

The Ohio State University
 B.A., Political Science and Linguistics, 2016

PEER-REVIEWED
ARTICLES

3. **Technology, Behavior, and Effectiveness in Naval Warfare: The Battles of Savo Island and Cape Saint George** (with Stephen Biddle). *International Security*, 50 (3): 156-191. 2026.

2. **Making AI Inevitable: Historical Perspective and the Problems of Predicting Long-Term Technological Change** (with Mark Fisher). *Oxford Intersections: AI in Society*. 2025.

1. **Military Effectiveness and Naval Warfare** (with Stephen Biddle). *Security Studies*, 33 (3): 325-47. 2024.

WORKING
PAPERS

"The Synthesis Problem: Knowledge Production and Integration in the AI Era"

"Prediction Markets and War"

"Where the Model Frequently Meets the Road: Combining Statistical, Formal, and Case Study Methods" (with Andrew Bennett and Bear Braumoeller)

WORKS IN
PROGRESS

"State Capacity and Capital-Intensive Warfare: The Influence of Institutional Structure During the Anglo-Dutch Wars"

"Time and the Nation: War, History, and Collective Identity in the Works of Erich Auerbach and Walter Benjamin"

"Defining Militarism: Towards an Empirical Framework"

OTHER
WRITING

Commentary

Digital Frontiers, Corporate Sovereignty, and the Future of the CEO.
Corporate Political Responsibility. February 27, 2024.

Policy Reports

Empirical Analysis for Meeting Great Power Challenges (with Stephen Biddle, Eli Berman, Eric Min, Laura Samotin, and Meyer Thalheimer). *Office of Naval Research.* February 1, 2024.

Assessing the Reliability of the Future Years Defense Program and Building a Forecast (with Andrew Hunter and Gregory Sanders). *Acquisition Research Program.* May 10, 2021.

GRANTS   National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence. "Initiative on Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Citizenship (AIDC)" (with Mark Fisher and Matthew Hamilton) ($750,000), 2025 – 2028.

HONORS & AWARDS   University of Texas at Austin, Clements Center for National Security Summer Seminar in Statecraft and History, 2026 [Invited]
Georgetown University, Summer Research Award ($5,000), 2026
Georgetown University, Collaborative Research Award ($6,500), 2025
Georgetown University, Methodology Skill Building Award ($5,000), 2024
Corporate Political Responsibility Essay Prize ($1,000), 2024

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCES

2026
American Political Science Association [Invited]
International Studies Association [Invited]
Midwestern Political Science Association [Invited]

2024
ISA Northeast
ISA International Security Studies Section
Military Force Analysis Seminar Series
DC-Area International Relations Colloquium
Midwestern Political Science Association

2022
Military Force Analysis Seminar Series

2021
Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5: Strategy, Plans, & Policy (Classified)

TEACHING   **Georgetown University**

2025
GOVT 1600 - *International Relations* (TA)

2024
GOVT 1600 - *International Relations* (TA)
GOVT 2603 - *International Law* (TA)

2023
GOVT 1800 - *Elements of Political Philosophy* (TA)

DATASETS   NAVBATTLE: A New Dataset for Naval Warfare
– Details information on 573 major naval engagements between 1649 and 1988 and 10,396 warships constructed between 1623 and 2006.

SERVICE   President, Georgetown University Graduate Political Science Association, 2024 – 2025.
Student Ambassador, Georgetown Political Science Predoctoral Summer Institute, 2025.

OTHER
EMPLOYMENT

Columbia University

Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies (SIWPS)

– Lead Research Analyst, 2021 – 2022
– Research Assistant, 2020 – 2021

Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group (DIIG)

– Research Analyst, 2020 – 2021

SKILLS

R, Stata, Python, Excel
LaTeX, HTML, CSS
ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS