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CONTACT 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

“Producing More, Learning Less: AI and the Burden of Knowledge in Political Science”

“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 Fellowship, 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]
Midwestern Political Science Association [Invited]
International Studies Association

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
L^AT_EX, HTML, CSS
ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS