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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Georgetown University

Initiative on Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Citizenship (AIDC)
– Planning Committee Member, 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*, forthcoming.
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

“Time and the Nation: War, History, and Collective Identity in Classical Greece and Rome”
(Under review)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

“The Division of Knowledge and the Problem of Synthesis”

POLICY WRITING

Commentary

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

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) (\$1,000,000 requested; disbursement forthcoming), 2025 – 2028.
HONORS & AWARDS	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	2024 ISA Northeast ISA International Security Studies Section DC-Area International Relations Colloquium Midwestern Political Science Association Military Force Analysis Seminar Series 2022 Military Force Analysis Seminar Series 2021 Joint Chiefs of Staff, J5: Strategy, Plans, & Policy (Classified)
TEACHING	Georgetown University 2025 GOVT 1600 - <i>International Relations</i> (TA) 2024 GOVT 1600 - <i>International Relations</i> (TA) GOVT 2603 - <i>International Law</i> (TA) 2023 GOVT 1800 - <i>Elements of Political Philosophy</i> (TA)
DATASETS	NAVBATTLE: A New Dataset for Naval Warfare – Dataset on 573 major naval engagements between 1649 and 1988 and 10,396 warships constructed between 1623 and 2006. – With Stephen Biddle
SERVICE	President, Georgetown University Graduate Political Science Association, 2024 – 2025. Student Ambassador, Georgetown Political Science Predoctoral Summer Institute, 2025.
OTHER EMPLOYMENT	Columbia University <i>Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies (SIWPS)</i> – Project Research Lead, 2021 – 2022 – Research Assistant, 2020 – 2021 Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) <i>Defense-Industrial Initiatives Group (DIIG)</i> – Research Analyst, 2020 – 2021
SKILLS	R, STATA, Excel, L ^A T _E X ArcGIS, ArcMap, QGIS