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Education

Stanford University

- Ph.D., Political Science, 2007.
- Winner of the Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science, 2006-08.

Drake University

- B.A., Economics, Political Science, International Relations, 1999.
- *Summa cum laude* with University Honors.
- Winner of the Oreon E. Scott Award, awarded to the most outstanding graduating senior.

Current Position

University of Virginia

Associate Professor of Politics, 2014-present

Previous Positions

University of Virginia

Assistant Professor of Politics, 2007-14

Council on Foreign Relations

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, 2011-12

Harvard University

John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2007-08

Harvard University

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
Predoctoral Fellow, 2004-06

Stanford University

Center for International Security and Cooperation
Predoctoral Fellow, 2003-04

Books

Sechser, Todd S. and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2016. *Nuclear Weapons and Coercive Diplomacy*. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

Refereed Journal Articles

11. Sechser, Todd S. “Reputations and Signaling in Coercive Bargaining.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, forthcoming.
10. Caverley, Jonathan D. and Todd S. Sechser. “Military Technology and the Duration of Civil Wars.” *International Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming.
9. Sechser, Todd S. “Sharing the Bomb: How Foreign Nuclear Deployments Shape Nonproliferation and Deterrence.” *Nonproliferation Review*, forthcoming.
8. Fuhrmann, Matthew and Todd S. Sechser. 2014. “Signaling Alliance Commitments: Hand-Tying and Sunk Costs in Extended Nuclear Deterrence.” *American Journal of Political Science* 58:4, pp. 919–35.
7. Fuhrmann, Matthew and Todd S. Sechser. 2014. “Nuclear Strategy, Nonproliferation, and the Causes of Foreign Nuclear Deployments.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58:3, pp. 455–80.
 - Reprinted in Neil Narang, Erik Gartzke, and Matthew Kroenig, eds., *Nonproliferation Policy and Nuclear Posture: Causes and Consequences for the Spread of Nuclear Weapons* (New York: Routledge, 2015).
6. Sechser, Todd S. and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2013. “Crisis Bargaining and Nuclear Blackmail.” *International Organization* 67:1, pp. 173–95.
5. Downes, Alexander B. and Todd S. Sechser. 2012. “The Illusion of Democratic Credibility.” *International Organization* 66:3, pp. 457–89.
4. Sechser, Todd S. 2011. “Militarized Compellent Threats, 1918–2001.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 28:4, pp. 377–401.
3. Sechser, Todd S. 2010. “Goliath’s Curse: Coercive Threats and Asymmetric Power.” *International Organization* 64:4, pp. 627–60.
2. Sechser, Todd S. and Elizabeth N. Saunders. 2010. “The Army You Have: The Determinants of Military Mechanization, 1979–2001.” *International Studies Quarterly* 54:2, pp. 481–511.
1. Sechser, Todd S. 2004. “Are Soldiers Less War-Prone than Statesmen?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48:5, pp. 746–74.

Book Chapters

2. Sechser, Todd S. “Should the United States or the International Community Aggressively Pursue Nuclear Nonproliferation Policies?” (Exchange with Scott D. Sagan and Josh Weddle.) In *Controversies in Globalization: Contending Approaches to International Relations*, edited by Peter M. Haas, John A. Hird, and Beth McBratney (CQ Press, 2010).
 - Second revised edition, 2012.
1. Sechser, Todd S. “The Effects of September 11: A Rift between Europe and America?” In *Public Opinion and Polling Around the World*, edited by John G. Geer (ABC-CLIO, 2004).
 - Reprinted in *Paradoxes of Power: U.S. Foreign Policy in a Changing World*, edited by David Skidmore (Paradigm, 2007).

Non-Refereed Publications

Non-Refereed Articles

3. Sechser, Todd S. “[A Pivotal Moment in Proliferation Research.](#)” *International Studies Quarterly Online* (2016).
2. Sechser, Todd S. and Matthew Fuhrmann. “[Nuclear Weapons Are \(Still\) Poor Instruments of Blackmail.](#)” *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum Roundtable Series 2* (2014), pp. 55–62.
1. Fuhrmann, Matthew, Matthew Kroenig, and Todd S. Sechser. “[The Case for Using Statistics to Study Nuclear Security.](#)” *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum Roundtable Series 2* (2014), pp. 37–54.

Op-Eds

- Fuhrmann, Matthew and Todd S. Sechser. 2011. “[Would a Nuclear Iran Really Be So Dangerous?](#)” *Christian Science Monitor* (January 12).
- Sechser, Todd S. 2000. “Nuclear Stalemate in South Asia.” *Boston Globe* (March 23).
- Sechser, Todd S. 1999. “Pakistan Coup Underscores Nuclear Dimension.” *Defense News* (November 15).
- Sechser, Todd S. 1998. “How to Live With the Bomb.” *Wall Street Journal* (September 1).
- Sechser, Todd S. 1997. “Biological Terrorism: Don’t Panic Yet.” *Des Moines Register* (November 25).

Commentary

- Fuhrmann, Matthew and Todd S. Sechser. 2014. “[To Help Allies, Send Security Guarantees, Not Nuclear Bombs.](#)” *USApp – American Politics and Policy*, a London School of Economics and Political Science blog (November 24).

- Sechser, Todd S. and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2014. “Does Nuclear Blackmail Work?” *The Monkey Cage*, a *Washington Post* blog (July 14).
- Saunders, Elizabeth N. and Todd S. Sechser. 2014. “The New Defense Budget May Change Less Than You Think.” *The Monkey Cage*, a *Washington Post* blog (February 27).
- Sechser, Todd S. and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2013. “Debating the Benefits of Nuclear Superiority for Crisis Bargaining.” *The Duck of Minerva* (March 25 and 28).
- Sechser, Todd S. 2012. “Ask the Experts: What Would Iran Do With a Bomb? *Politics, Power, and Preventive Action*, a Council on Foreign Relations blog (February 21).
– Cross-posted as “What Will Iran Do If It Gets a Nuclear Bomb?” on TheAtlantic.com.

Book Reviews

- *Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era*, by Vipin Narang.
Journal of Strategic Studies, forthcoming.
- *No Use: Nuclear Weapons and U.S. National Security*, by Thomas M. Nichols.
Political Science Quarterly 129:4 (Winter 2014), pp. 754–55.
- *Shaping Strategy: The Civil-Military Politics of Strategic Assessment*, by Risa A. Brooks.
Perspectives on Politics 8:3 (September 2010), pp. 982–84.

Honors and Awards

Research Awards

Faculty Sabbatical Award (inaugural winner), University of Virginia Quantitative Collaborative, 2016

Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science, 2006–08. Awarded every two years by the Peace Science Society.

Richard S. Goldsmith Writing Prize in Dispute Resolution, Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, 2005

Richard S. Goldsmith Writing Prize in Dispute Resolution, Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, 2004

Teaching Awards

Mead Endowment Faculty Award, University of Virginia, 2014

Cory Family Teaching Award (inaugural winner), University of Virginia, 2013. \$25,000 prize for excellence and innovation in teaching.

Centennial Teaching Award, Stanford University, 2004

Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, 2002

Fellowships In-Residence

Council on Foreign Relations, Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, 2011–12

Harvard University, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2007–08

Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Predoctoral Fellow, 2004–06

Stanford University, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Predoctoral Fellow, 2003–04

Fellowships and Scholarships

Phi Beta Kappa of Northern California, Graduate Fellowship, 2006

Dwight D. Eisenhower Institute, Graduate Fellowship, 2005

Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Graduate Fellowship, 2003

Harry S. Truman Scholarship, 1999

Invited Talks

University of Chicago, Program on International Security Policy, April 2016

Maryville University, Department of Political Science, March 2016

University of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs, January 2016

Yale University, Department of Political Science, November 2015

University of Virginia, Alexander Hamilton Society, September 2015

National Strategic Research Institute, September 2015

Richmond Council on World Affairs, September 2015

George Washington University, “Generation Prague 2015: Bridging Divides, Defining the Future” workshop, July 2015

Air Force Office of Scientific Research, May 2015

Nuclear Studies Research Initiative, April 2015

University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative, April 2015

University of Virginia, International Relations Organization, January 2015

University of Montréal, Center for International Studies and Research, June 2014

Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding, April 2014

Drake University, Nelson Institute for Diplomacy and International Affairs, April 2014

University of Southern California, Center for International Studies, March 2014

University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Political Science, March 2014

Harvard University, Program on Global Society and Security, December 2013

Nuclear Studies Research Initiative, October 2013

Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science, January 2013

University of North Carolina, Department of Political Science, December 2012

Triangle Institute for Security Studies, September 2012

University of California, San Diego, “The Politics of Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century” workshop, March 2012

University of Wisconsin, Department of Political Science, March 2012

George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, February 2012

University of California, San Diego, “The Politics of Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century” workshop, December 2011

Stanton Foundation, “Nuclear Security” workshop, October 2011

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science, October 2011

U.S. Strategic Command, “Concepts and Analysis of Nuclear Strategy” workshop, September 2011

MIT, Security Studies Program, September 2011

U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, “Effects to Influence” workshop, June 2011

University of Maryland, Department of Government, April 2011

Yale University, Department of Political Science, March 2011

George Washington University, Institute for Global and International Studies, January 2011

Princeton University, Department of Politics, April 2010

Northwestern University, Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, April 2010

Columbia University, Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies, March 2010

University of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs, March 2009

Drake University, Center for Global Citizenship, December 2008

George Washington University, Institute for Global and International Studies, November 2008

Harvard University, Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, April 2008

University of Chicago, Program on International Security Policy, May 2007

Triangle Institute for Security Studies, September 2006

University of Maryland, Center for International Security Studies, March 2006
Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, December 2005
Stanford University, Department of Political Science, November 2005
Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, February 2005
Foreign Policy Association, Los Altos, Calif., February 2004
California State Polytechnic University, Department of Political Science, May 2003
Stanford University, Center on Conflict and Negotiation, April 2003

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, upcoming 2016
International Studies Association, 2003, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Midwest Political Science Association, 2005, 2011, 2012
Peace Science Society, 2010, 2014, 2015, upcoming 2016
Eurasian Peace Science Society, 2012
International Security Studies/International Security and Arms Control (ISSS/ISAC), 2005
Society for Military and Strategic Studies, 2003

Selected Professional Activities and Service

General Education Curriculum Planning Committee, University of Virginia, tasked with rewriting the College of Arts and Sciences' undergraduate general education curriculum, 2014–16
Co-director of the Lansing B. Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics at the University of Virginia, 2011–present.
Member of the Program on Strategic Stability Evaluation (POSSE), a nuclear strategy study group sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.
Program chair, Conflict Processes section, Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 2016
Program co-chair, International Security section, American Political Science Association annual conference, 2015
Program chair, ISSS/ISAC annual conference, 2013
Director of the Virginia International Security Colloquium at the University of Virginia, 2011.

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, Blackwell Publishing, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, National Science Foundation, *Non-Proliferation Review*, Oxford University Press, Pearson Longman, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Security Studies*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *World Politics*, and the Department of Defense's Minerva Research Initiative.