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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor	2016 –
Assistant Professor	2014 – 2016
University of Virginia Department of Politics	
University Expert	2016-
National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC)	
Assistant Professor	2009 – 2014
University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Department of Political Science	
Postdoctoral Fellow	2008 – 2009
Christopher H. Brown Center for International Politics University of Pennsylvania	
Pre-doctoral fellow	2006 – 2008
Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Harvard University	

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	2009
M.A., Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	2005
B.A., Honors, Political Science and Economics, McGill University	2001

BOOK

War and Democratic Constraint: How the Public Influences Foreign Policy (2015), Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (with Matthew Baum)

Politicians and scholars have long argued that democracies behave differently when it comes to international affairs. The question is, why? We argue that democratic constraint on leaders' foreign policy preferences emerges only when institutions allow for a vibrant and independent political opposition that can reach the voting population through an independent media.

Reviews: *Foreign Affairs*, *CHOICE*, *The RUSI Journal*, *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming)

Awards: CHOICE Outstanding Academic Titles 2015

Roundtables: H-ISSF (forthcoming), APSA 2016 Authors Meet Critics

ARTICLES

"Lame Duck Foreign Policy" *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Forthcoming.

"Explaining Terrorism: Leadership Deficits and Militant Group Tactics" *International Organization*, (2015) vol. 69, no. 02, pp. 311-342 (with Max Abrahms).

"Looking for Audience Costs in all the Wrong Places: Electoral Institutions, Media Access and Democratic Constraint" *Journal of Politics*, (2014) vol. 76, no. 1, pp. 167-181 (with Matthew Baum).

"Allying to Kill: Terrorist Intergroup Cooperation and the Consequences for Lethality" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, (2014) vol. 58, no. 2, pp.199-225 (with Michael Horowitz).

"Electoral Margins and American Foreign Policy" *International Studies Quarterly* (2013) vol. 57, no. 3. pp. 505-518.

"Terrorism In China: Growing Threats with Global Implications" *Strategic Studies Quarterly* (2013) vol. 7 no. 4, pp. 61-83.

"Trade and Volatility at the Core and Periphery of the Global Economy" *International Studies Quarterly* (2012) vol. 56 no. 4, pp. 793-800 (with Julia Gray).

"Media, Audience Costs and the Democratic Peace" *Political Communication* (2010), vol. 27, no. 4, pp. 453-470 (with Matthew Baum).

"The Relationship Between Mass Media, Public Opinion and Foreign Policy: Toward a Theoretical Synthesis" *Annual Review of Political Science* (2008) vol. 11, pp. 39-65 (with Matthew Baum).

"Does Experience Matter? American Presidential Experience, Age, and International Conflict" *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2007) vol. 51, no. 3, pp. 351-78.

PEER REVIEWED CHAPTERS

“Presidential Leadership in American Foreign Policy” *Forthcoming in Leadership in American Politics*, Jeffrey Jenkins and Craig Volden, Editors. University of Kansas Press.

“Globalization, Interdependence, and Major Power Accommodation” (2016) in *Accommodating Rising Powers: Past, Present and Future*, T.V. Paul, Editor. Cambridge University Press.

“Methods of Foreign Policy Analysis” (2010) in *International Studies Compendium Project*, R.A. Denmark, Editor. Blackwell: Oxford.

WORK IN PROGRESS (SELECTED)

Elections and American Foreign Policy, book manuscript

“Tactical Diversity in Militant Violence” (with Michael Horowitz and Evan Perkoski) *under review*

“The Life-Cycle of Terrorist Tactics: Learning from the Case of Hijacking” (with Michael Horowitz and Evan Perkoski).

“Beware of Greeks Bearing Gifts: Diplomacy and WTO Dispute Resolution” (with Julia Gray)

“Who Cares About Bluffing? An Observational and Experimental Assessment of Reactions to Risk” (with Matthew Baum)

OTHER WRITING (SELECTED)

Review of “Why Leaders Fight” by M. Horowitz, A. Stam, and C. Ellis. *Perspectives on Politics*, Forthcoming.

“ISIL’s Network of Regional and International Relationships” in *White Paper on SMA Support to SOCCENT: ISIL Influence and Resolve*, Allison Astorino-Courtois and Sarah Canna, Editors. (2015) Department of Defense: Washington, DC

“No one talks about democratization any more. Is there a better policy?” *The Washington Post* [The Monkey Cage] July 5, 2015 (with Matthew Baum).

“ISIL’s Inter-Organizational Relationships: Conflict and Cooperation” in *Multi-Method Assessment of ISIL*, Hriar Cabayan and Sarah Canna, Editors. (2014) Department of Defense: Washington, DC.

"In democracies an effective media and opposition are both needed to sanction leaders' foreign policy missteps." (2014) *London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Bulletin* (With Matthew Baum).

"Terrorism in China: the global dimension," *The Guardian*, May 6, 2014.

"Q. & A.: Philip Potter on the Growing Risk of Terrorism in China" *The New York Times*, [Sinosphere] October 31, 2013.

"The Next Four Years: How the Election Will Shape Foreign Policy" (2012) *The Monkey Cage*.

GRANTS

Office of Naval Research, Department of Defense (\$75,345)	2015-2016
Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia (\$6,000)	2015
Minerva Research Initiative, Department of Defense (\$468,632)	2012-2015
Experiential Learning Grant, International Institute, UMich (\$30,000)	2010-2012
Seed Research Grant, International Policy Center, UMich (\$7,500)	2010-2012
Teaching with Technology Grant, University of Michigan (\$2,500)	2011
University of Michigan, Office for the Vice President for Research (\$6,400)	2010

AWARDS

Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Dean's Teaching Honors	2013
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Dean's Teaching Honors	2012
Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Dean's Teaching Honors	2010
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA	2007
Blouin-MacBain Scholarship, McGill University	1998

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

University of Oxford	2006
Naval Postgraduate School	2007
University of Pennsylvania	2007
Princeton University	2008
University of Minnesota	2008
Harvard University	2008
Peking University, Beijing	2009
Renmin University, Beijing	2011
University of Pennsylvania	2012
University of California, Los Angeles	2013
Tsinghua University, Beijing	2013
University of Virginia	2013
University of Southern California	2013

University of Texas, Austin	2013
Department of Defense, SOCCENT, Strategic Multilayer Assessment	2014
University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Study of Contemporary China	2015
Princeton University	2015
Brown University	2015
University of Denver	2016
London School of Economics	2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia

Politics 3500, “Terrorism and Political Violence”
 Politics 3500, “The Domestic Politics of International Relations”
 Politics 4500, “Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy”
 Politics 7000, “Core International Relations Seminar”
 Politics 7500, “Domestic Politics and International Relations”
 Politics 7500, “Terrorism and Political Violence”

University of Michigan

Political Science 760, Political Science, Ph.D. Level, “Research Design”
 Public Policy 560, MPP Level, “Foreign Policy”
 Public Policy 716, MPP Level, “Problems in Chinese Policy”
 Public Policy 624, MPP Level, “Media, Public Opinion, and Foreign Policy”
 Political Science 363, Political Science BA Level, “Globalization and International Security”

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Networks in Political Science Workshops 2008
 Harvard University, Cambridge
 National Science Foundation funding recipient

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) 2006
 University of Michigan
 National Science Foundation funding recipient

SELECTED CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND PARTICIPATION

Reconsidering Regime Type in International Relations, Yale University 2015
 Leadership in American Politics, University of Virginia 2014
 Political Networks Conference, University of Michigan, 2011, *Conference Chair*
 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association 2004-2010, 2012-2016
 International Studies Association Annual Convention 2004-11, 2016
 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association 2004-2010, 2012-2013
 International Political Economy Society 2008, 2014
 Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, 2014

SERVICE

Editorial Boards:

Journal of Politics
Journal of Global Security Studies

Reviewer:

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, International Organization, International Security, World Politics, British Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of Political Research, International Interactions, Foreign Policy Analysis, Political Communication, Political Research Quarterly, Polity, Journal of Peace Research, Terrorism and Political Violence, International Journal of Public Opinion, Chinese Journal of International Politics, Journal of Experimental Politics,

University Service

University of Virginia

Placement coordinator 2016 -
PhD Admissions Committee 2016 –
International Relations Self Study Group 2016-
Global Studies Advisory Board 2014-
Co-director Lansing Lee/Bankard Seminar Series 2014-
Comparative Politics Search Committee 2015
Undergraduate Committee 2014-2015

University of Michigan

Director, Ford Security Seminal 2009-2014
Curriculum Review 2010-2011
PhD Admissions Committee 2011, 2013

Other Service

Associate Principal Investigator, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS), 2016-

PHD DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Chair:

Rafael Lopez, Politics (UVA)
Everett Peachey, Public Policy and Sociology (UMich)

Committee Member (University of Virginia):

Matt Scroggs, Politics
Yaping Wang, Politics

Committee Member (University of Michigan):

Matthew Wells, Political Science, 2015, Visiting Assistant Professor, Wabash College
Vincent Arel-Bundock, Political Science, 2014, Assistant Professor, University of Montreal
Lisa Langdon Koch, Political Science, 2014, Assistant Professor, Claremont McKenna
Sasha Kimmel, Social Psychology, 2013, Post Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University
Andrea Jones-Rooy, Political Science, 2011, Assistant Professor, NYU Shanghai
Dominick Wright, Political Science, 2010, Institute for Defense Analysis

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES AND MENTIONS

The Atlantic, “To Kill a Terrorist”, September 7, 2014

CCTV, “Philip Potter on Urumqi Terror Attack,” June 2014

The Washington Post, “China police call Tiananmen Gate suicide attack an act of terrorism, arrest 5 suspects”, October 30, 2013

National Public Radio, “Uighurs Facing New Police Scrutiny In Beijing”, October 30, 2013

Seattle Times, “Chinese police seek 8 following Tiananmen attack”, October 30, 2013

WDET, “The Craig Fahle Show” On domestic terrorism, April 19, 2013

WEMU “The Lynn Rivers Show” – On US foreign policy in the Middle East, February 28, 2011

REFERENCES

Robert Axelrod, University of Michigan, axe@umich.edu

Marc Trachtenberg, UCLA, trachten@polisci.ucla.edu