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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Princeton University Princeton, NJ. Assistant Professor, Department of Politics 2023–Present <i>Charles G. Osgood University Preceptorship</i> 2026–Present – Faculty Associate, <i>Niehaus Center for Globalization & Governance</i> – Faculty Associate, <i>Princeton Institute for International & Regional Studies</i> – Faculty Affiliate, <i>Data-Driven Social Science Initiative</i> – Faculty Affiliate, <i>Stanford/ETH Zürich Immigration Policy Lab</i> Instructor, Department of Politics 2022-2023	
EDUCATION	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA. 2016-2023 Ph.D., Department of Political Science Fields: International Relations (<i>with Distinction</i>), Comparative Politics University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA. 2012-2016 B.A. <i>with Highest Distinction</i> , Foreign Affairs and History McCrickard Family Scholar, Echols Scholar, and Politics Distinguished Major	
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	(17.) ‘Refugee Return and Conflict: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.’ Conditionally Accepted. <i>American Economic Review</i> . (with David van Dijke and Austin L. Wright). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runner-Up for the 2023 ISA Kenneth Boulding Award for Peace Studies. (16.) ‘Historical Analogies and Public Support for Foreign Policy Action.’ Forthcoming. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> . (with Paul Lendway and Joshua A. Schwartz). (15.) ‘Dynamics of Internal Displacement and Conflict in Somalia.’ 2026. <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> 52(4): 1011–1045. (14.) ‘Border Fortification and Legibility: Evidence from Afghanistan.’ 2025. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 69(4): 1559–1580. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner of the 2023 Peace Science Society Stuart A. Bremer Award. (13.) ‘In the Eye of the Storm: Hurricanes, Climate Migration, and Climate Attitudes.’ 2024. <i>American Political Science Review</i> 118(4): 1593–1613. (with Sabrina B. Arias). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover Article. (12.) ‘The Fortification Dilemma: Border Control and Rebel Violence.’ 2024. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 68(4): 1366–1385.	

- (11.) ‘Military Attitudes on the Chemical Weapons Taboo: Evidence from the Pacific Theater.’ 2024. *The Journal of Politics* 86(3): 1075–1082. (with Michael C. Horowitz).
- (10.) ‘The Gendered Peace Premium.’ 2023. *International Studies Quarterly* 67(4): 1–16. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).
 - Winner of the 2022 APSA Presidents & Executive Politics Founders Award Honoring David Naveh.
 - Archived by Harvard Law School’s Negotiation Data Repository.
- (9.) “The Strategic Logic of Large Militant Alliance Networks.” 2023. *Journal of Global Security Studies* 8(1): 1–22. (with Philip B.K. Potter).
- (8.) “Restitution or Retribution? Detainee Release and Insurgent Violence in Iraq.” 2022. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(7-8): 1356–1392.
- (7.) “Forced Displacement and Asylum Policy in the Developing World.” 2022. *International Organization* 76(2): 337–378. (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein).
- (6.) “The Two Faces of Opposition to Chemical Weapons: Sincere Versus Insincere Norm-Holders.” 2022. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(4-5): 677-703. (with Jonathan A. Chu and Joshua A. Schwartz).
- (5.) “Leadership Targeting and Militant Alliance Breakdown.” 2022. *The Journal of Politics* 84(2): 923-943. (with Michael C. Horowitz and Philip B.K. Potter).
- (4.) “Honor Among Thieves: Understanding Rhetorical and Material Cooperation Among Violent Non-State Actors.” 2022. *International Organization* 76(1): 164-203. (with Erica Chenoweth, Michael C. Horowitz, Evan Perkoski, and Philip B.K. Potter).
- (3.) “Liberal Displacement Policies Attract Forced Migrants in the Global South.” 2022. *American Political Science Review* 116(1): 351-358. (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein).
- (2.) “Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Migration.” 2022. *The Journal of Politics* 84(1): 560-567. (with Sabrina B. Arias).
 - Independently replicated by the Institute for Replication and Clayton et al. (2023).
- (1.) “Do Women Make More Credible Threats? Gender Stereotypes, Audience Costs, and Crisis Bargaining.” 2020. *International Organization* 74(4): 872-895. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).
 - Winner of the 2019 Young Investigator’s Competition from Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS).
 - Archived by Harvard Law School’s Negotiation Data Repository.

SUBMITTED
MANUSCRIPTS

- (9.) 'Diversionary Escalation: Theory and Evidence from Eastern Ukraine.' (with Natalie Ayers, Joseph J. Ruggiero, Konstantin Sonin, and Austin L. Wright).
 - Invited to revise and resubmit at the *American Political Science Review*.
- (8.) 'From Allies to Neighbors: The Impact of Military Service on Public Support for Refugee Resettlement.' (with Rikio Inouye).
 - Invited to revise and resubmit at the *American Journal of Political Science*.
 - Winner of 2024 Young Investigator's Competition from CivicPulse.
- (7.) 'Territorial Control in Civil War.' (with María Ballesteros, Igor Kolesnikov, and Austin L. Wright).
 - Invited to revise and resubmit at *World Politics*.
- (6.) 'Maximum Pressure: How Refugee Repatriation Affects Conflict.' (with Benjamin Krick and Austin L. Wright)
- (5.) 'Offshoring Migration Policy: Migrant Responses to Restrictive Policies in Transit Countries.' (with Omer Solodoch).
- (4.) 'Building Walls, Building Bridges: Border Fortification and Insurgent Influence.' (with Luwei Ying).
- (3.) 'Combat Experience and Foreign Policy Attitudes: Evidence from World War II.' (with Michael C. Horowitz).
- (2.) 'Beyond Meating Climate Goals: Masculinity and Climate Policy Backlash.' (with Joshua A. Schwartz and Sabrina B. Arias).
 - Winner of 2025 APSA Paul Sabatier Award for Best Paper on Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics.
- (1.) 'Do Refugees Fuel Conflict, or Just Make It Visible?' (with Zhejun Qiu and Burcu Savun)

BOOK
PROJECT(S)

The Fortification Dilemma: How Border Hardening Shapes Civil Conflict

- In preparation for submission.

WORK IN
PROGRESS

- (9.) 'The Politics of Constraining Humanitarian Access in Conflict.'
- (8.) 'Counterinsurgent Propaganda: Winning Hearts and Minds on the Airwaves' (with Austin L. Wright).
- (7.) 'Sequencing Conquest: How the Taliban Won Afghanistan' (with Austin L. Wright).
- (6.) 'Leadership Turnover and Insurgent Fratricide: Evidence from Afghanistan.'
- (5.) 'Information Manipulation and Tactical Escalation on the Battlefield: Evidence from the Donbas.' (with Joseph J. Ruggiero).

- (4.) ‘Measuring and Fighting Online Survey Fraud.’ (with Alexander Gazmararian).
- (3.) ‘Folklore and Climate Attitudes.’ (with Shikhar Singh).
- (2.) ‘The Politics of Climate Adaptation: Bluelining, Insurance Reform, and Voting.’ (with Sabrina B. Arias and Alexander Gazmararian).
- (1.) ‘Racial Strife in the U.S. Military During World War II.’ (with Jeongmin Park).

BOOK CHAPTERS “Border Walls and Security.” Forthcoming. (with Jeongmin Park). in Vallet, Elisabeth (ed.). Forthcoming. *Handbook on Border Walls*. Edward Elgar.

EDITOR-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS “Christopher W. Blair discussion of: Public policies for peace.” 2025. *Economic Policy* 40(124): 927–929.

BOOK REVIEWS “Book Review: *Governing the Displaced: Race and Ambivalence in Global Capitalism* by Ali Bhagat.” 2024. *H-Diplo*.

“Book Review: *Discrimination and Delegation: Explaining State Responses to Refugees* by Lamis Elmy Abdelaaty.” 2023. *International Migration Review* 57(1): 475–477.

POLICY COMMENTARY “From Informational Asymmetry to Alignment: Decentralized Physical Infrastructure and the Future of Data for Global Development.” *Princeton Center for the Decentralization of Power Through Blockchain Technology*. April 29, 2026. (with Stephen Porter).

“The Strategic Logic of Large Militant Alliance Networks.” *Irregular Warfare Podcast*. March 7, 2026.

“The Consequences of Repatriation are Fundamentally Shaped by Refugees’ Economic and Social Endowments.” *Perry World House*. June 11, 2025.

“Diplomatic Double Standards: The Sexism a President Kamala Harris Would Face.” *Australian Outlook*. October 1, 2024. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).

“Exposure to extreme weather events increases public support for climate migrants.” *LSE American Politics and Policy Blog*. June 28, 2024. (with Sabrina B. Arias).

“Why More Female Leaders Won’t Lead to More Peace.” *Lawfare*. March 17, 2024. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).

“The Causes of Border Hardening in the Global South.” *Democracy Paradox*. March 17, 2023.

“Changing Climate, Changing Migration: Are Climate Migrants Treated Differently than Other Migrants?” *Migration Policy Institute Podcast*. March 29, 2022. (with Sabrina B. Arias).

“What Americans (Really) Believe About Chemical Weapons.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. March 2, 2022. (with Joshua A. Schwartz and Jonathan A. Chu).

“The Biden administration is planning for climate migration. Do Americans support helping climate migrants?” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage. March 5, 2021. (with Sabrina B. Arias).

“Tonight Kamala Harris may need to prove she’s tough, to beat gender stereotypes. That affects foreign policy.” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage. October 7, 2020. (with Joshua A. Schwartz.)

“The Death and Life of Terrorist Networks: How Alliances Help Militants Survive.” *Foreign Affairs*. October 5, 2020. (with Erica Chenoweth, Michael C. Horowitz, Evan Perkoski, and Philip B.K. Potter).

“The US Doesn’t Need a New New START.” *Defense One*. February 14, 2020. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).

“Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Change and Climate Migration.” *Kleinman Center Policy Digest*. December 18, 2019. (with Sabrina B. Arias).

“Trump issued an executive order to prepare for an EMP attack. What is it, and should you worry?” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage. March 29, 2019. (with Casey Mahoney, Shira E. Pindyck, and Joshua A. Schwartz).

“What the impending death of the INF teaches about future arms control agreements.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. December 6, 2018. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).

GRANTS

2026: Russell Sage Foundation, \$200,000 (with Sabrina B. Arias and Alexander Gazmararian)

2025: Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, \$30,495 (with Leonard Wantchekon); **Lakshmi Mittal and Family South Asia Institute, \$12,000** (with Mashail Malik); **University Committee on Research in the Humanities & Social Sciences, \$8,436**

2024: World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement, \$200,000 (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein); **Institution for Social and Policy Studies, \$2,700** (with Paul Lendway and Joshua A. Schwartz)

2023: World Bank-UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement, \$461,942 (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein); **Data-Driven Social Science Initiative, \$4,975** (with Jeongmin Park)

2022: Peter G. Peterson Foundation Pandemic Response Policy Research Fund, \$80,000 (with Austin L. Wright); **ICAN Critical Nuclear Weapons Scholarship, \$10,000** (with Jonathan A. Chu and Joshua A. Schwartz); **SASGov Travel Grant, \$400**

2021: EGAP LATAM Regional Hub Small Grants, \$13,820 (with María Ballesteros and Austin L. Wright); **Christopher H. Browne Center, \$2,000** (with Richard J. McAlexander); **GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation, \$3,000** (with Breanna C. Gray); **SAS Dean’s Travel Subvention, \$500**

2020: SASGov Research Student Grant, \$2,000 (with Breanna C. Gray); **Christopher H. Browne Center, \$4,800**

2019: GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation, \$3,000
(with Breanna C. Gray)

2018: GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation, \$6,000
(with Breanna C. Gray); **Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, \$11,400** (with Sabrina B. Arias); **Christopher H. Browne Center, \$1000**; **SAS Dean's Travel Subvention, \$500**; **SASGov Travel Grant, \$400**

2017: Fels Policy Research Initiative, \$9,957 (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein)

TALKS,
CONFERENCES,
AND WORKSHOPS

2026: Harvard University; University of Texas; University of Maryland; University of Connecticut; Uppsala University; National University of Singapore; University of Pennsylvania; Princeton University; World Bank; The Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts; IMT Hyderabad; American Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; Southern Political Science Association Conference

2025: Duke University; Emory University; Brown University; Texas A&M University; University of Houston; University of Pennsylvania; Princeton University; University Mohammed VI Polytechnic; IMT Hyderabad; UNHCR Economist Exchange; World Food Programme; Migration Policy Institute; UK Home Office–Central Analysis and Insight Unit; John Locke Institute; New Connections in the Study of Political Economy; Centre for Economic Policy Research Meeting; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting; Peace Science Society Annual Meeting; American Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; Southern Political Science Association Conference

2024: Harris School of Public Policy–University of Chicago; New York University; University of Rochester; University of Pittsburgh; University of Pennsylvania; Philipps-Universität Marburg; New Connections in the Study of Political Economy; AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting; Peace Science Society Annual Meeting; American Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; Southern Political Science Association Conference

2023: Columbia University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Cornell University; Washington University in St. Louis; Universität für Weiterbildung Krems; AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting; Conflict Research Society Conference; Empirical Studies of Conflict Latin American Conference; Peace Science Society Annual Meeting; Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference; American Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; Southern Political Science Association Conference

2022: Rutgers University; George Mason University; United Nations University; Rutgers University–Newark; Princeton University; University of Pennsylvania; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting; Peace Science Society Annual Meeting; American Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; Southern Political Science Association Conference

2021: Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting; Households in Conflict Network Annual Meeting; American

Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania

2020: UNHCR-World Bank Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement; Kleinman Center for Energy Policy; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting; Households in Conflict Network Annual Meeting; Online Peace Science Colloquium; NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference; American Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; Southern Political Science Association Conference; ISA-Midwest Conference; University of Pennsylvania

2019: Penn Identity and Conflict Lab; Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference; Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World; Immigration: Research Frontiers & Policy Challenges Conference; Norms and Behavioral Change Conference; American Political Science Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania

2018: American Political Science Association Conference; Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World; Perry World House Borders and Boundaries Workshop; Midwest Political Science Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania

TEACHING

As Instructor:

- *International Security Studies* 2026
- *International Relations* 2024, 2025, 2026
- *American Foreign Policy* 2022, 2023, 2024, 2027
- *Conducting Independent Research in Political Science* 2023
- *Violent Non-State Actors in World Politics* 2023, 2024

As Teaching Assistant:

- *American Foreign Policy* 2019
- *International Security* 2018
- *Introduction to International Relations* 2017, 2018

DATASETS

Dataset of World Refugee and Asylum Policies (DWRAP)

- Data on all laws related to forced migration for all countries from 1951 to 2022.
- World Bank; with Christopher W. Blair, Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein. 2024. "Dataset of World Refugee and Asylum Policies." World Bank Development Data Hub.

Militant Group Alliances and Relationships (MGAR)

- Data on material and rhetorical relationships between 2,613 militant groups from 1950 to 2016.
- With Erica Chenoweth, Michael C. Horowitz, Evan Perkoski, and Philip B.K. Potter.

Ceasefire Violations in Eastern Ukraine, 2015–2022

- Administrative microdata covering 1.85 million+ ceasefire violations in Eastern Ukraine from April 2015 through February 2022.
- With Natalie Ayers, Joseph Ruggiero, Konstantin Sonin, and Austin Wright.

Afghanistan Significant Activities (SIGACTs), 2015–2020

- Administrative microdata covering 130,000+ incidents of insurgent violence in Afghanistan from January 2015 through December 2020.
- Obtained exclusively by me through a legal data sharing agreement with NATO.

Somalia Significant Activities (SIGACTs), 2016–2019

- Administrative microdata covering 17,000+ incidents of insurgent violence in Somalia from January 2016 through April 2019.
- Obtained exclusively by me through a legal data sharing agreement with NATO.

Freedmen’s Education During Reconstruction (FEDR) [In development]

- Dataset of Freedmen’s Bureau schools and educational attainments of formerly enslaved people across county-months in the Reconstruction South from 1865–1870.
- Includes microdata coded from 5000+ archival teachers’ reports on attendance and instruction, disaggregated by subject and gender at the school-month level.
- With Breanna C. Gray.

U.S. Coast Guard Migrant and Drug Interdictions, 1995–2017

- Administrative microdata covering US Coast Guard stops resulting in migrant or drug seizures from 1995–2017.
- Obtained exclusively by me through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

SERVICE

University:

- **2026–2027:** Organizer of the International Relations Graduate Seminar
- **2025–2026:** Faculty Review Board of the *Princeton Undergraduate Research Journal*
- **2024–2025:** Politics Senior Thesis Poster Grader
- **2023–2024:** Co-Organizer of the International Relations Faculty Colloquium; Organizer of the International Relations Graduate Seminar; Faculty Review Board of the *Princeton Undergraduate Research Journal*; Politics Senior Thesis Poster Grader
- **2022–2023:** Politics Senior Thesis Poster Grader
- **2021–2022:** Wharton “Three Degree” Climate Working Group
- **2020–2021:** Penn Internal IR Workshop Coordinator; Lead Organizer of the Penn Graduate Political Science Conference (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- **2017–2018:** Perry World House Faculty Working Group on Refugees; Perry World House Graduate Associate

Professional:

- **Manuscript Reviewer:** *Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, Big Earth Data, Climatic Change, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Current Psychology, De Gruyter, Digest of Middle East Studies, European Sociological Review, Frontiers in Human Dynamics, IEEE Transactions on Technology and Society, Innovations*

for Poverty Action, International Interactions, International Migration Review, International Organization, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of North African Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Refugee Studies, Nationalities Papers, Oxford University Press, PLOS One, Political Behavior, Political Geography, Political Science Research and Methods, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, PS: Political Science & Politics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, rapidPeer, Review of International Studies, SciPost, Security Studies, Social Forces, The Journal of Politics, World Politics

- **Grant Reviewer:** *National Science Foundation, Israeli Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*
- **(Co-)Organizer:** Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict and International Security Workshop (2023–2024); Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (2024–2025)

ADVISING

Current (Role):

- Charlotte Fitzek (Committee member)
- Hiroto Sawada (Committee member)
- Gavin Medina (Committee member)
- Zoë Gorman (Committee member)
- Sun Shen (Committee member)
- Quincy Kumfert (Committee member)
- Jeffrey Coltman-Cormier (External member)

Past (Placement):

- Jeongmin Park (Nuffield Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellowship: University of Oxford)
- Perisa Davutoglu (Assistant Professor: University of Central Florida)
- Manasi Bose (Postdoctoral Fellowship: Radboud University)