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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Carnegie Mellon University <i>Carnegie Mellon Institute for Strategy and Technology</i> Assistant Professor of International Relations	2023 – Present
Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>Security Studies Program</i> Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft Postdoctoral Fellow	2022 – 2023
University of Notre Dame <i>International Security Center</i> Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow	2022 – 2023
Harvard Kennedy School <i>Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs</i> Grand Strategy, Security, and Statecraft Predoctoral Fellow	2021 – 2022

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Ph.D., Political Science	2016 – 2022
George Washington University B.A., <i>summa cum laude</i> , Economics & Political Science	2012 – 2016

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Rethinking Reputation: When Fighting to Demonstrate Resolve Backfires.” Accepted at *The Journal of Politics*.

“Delegating Destruction: Coercive Threats and Automated Nuclear Systems.” 2026. *International Organization* (with Michael C. Horowitz): [Link](#).

“Popcorn and Politics: A Course on American Foreign Policy and Film.” 2026. *Journal of Political Science Education*, Vol. 22, No. 1, pp. 138-157: [Link](#).

“Historical Analogies and Public Support for Foreign Policy Action.” 2025. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (with Christopher W. Blair and Paul Lendway): [Link](#).

“To Compete or Strategically Retreat? The Global Diffusion of Reconnaissance Strike.” 2025. *Journal of Peace Research* (with Michael C. Horowitz), Vol. 62, No. 4, pp. 847-862: [Link](#).

“Us and Them: Foreign Threat and Domestic Polarization.” 2025. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 69, No. 2-3, pp. 352-380 (with Dominic Tierney): [Link](#).

“Dracarys: Unleashing the Lessons of Nuclear Conflict from House of the Dragon.” 2025. *Journal of Political Science Education*. Vol. 21, No. 4, pp. 750-765: [Link](#).

“When Foreign Countries Push The Button.” 2024. *International Security*, Vol. 48, No. 4, pp. 47-86: [Link](#).

“Fossil Fuel Divestment and Public Climate Change Policy Preferences: An Experimental Test in Three Countries.” 2024. *Environmental Politics*, Vol. 33, No. 1, pp. 1-24 (with Paul Lendway and Abolfazl Nuri): [Link](#).

- [Shortlisted](#) for the 2024 *Environmental Politics* Article of the Year Award

“The Gendered Peace Premium.” 2023. *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 67, No. 4 (with Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

- [Winner](#) of the 2022 APSA Presidents and Executive Politics Section David Naveh Founders Award for Best Graduate Student Paper

“Madman or Mad Genius? The International Benefits and Domestic Costs of the Madman Strategy.” 2023. *Security Studies*, Vol. 32, No. 2, pp. 271-305: [Link](#).

“Do Armed Drones Counter Terrorism, Or Are They Counterproductive? Evidence from Eighteen Countries.” 2022. *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 66, No. 3 (with Matthew Fuhrmann and Michael C. Horowitz): [Link](#).

“The Two Faces of Opposition to Chemical Weapons: Sincere Versus Insincere Norm-Holders.” 2022. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 66, No. 4-5, pp. 677-702 (with Christopher W. Blair and Jonathan A. Chu): [Link](#).

“Who’s Prone to Drone? A Global Time-Series Analysis of Armed Uninhabited Aerial Vehicle Proliferation.” 2022. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 39, No. 2, pp. 119-142 (with Michael C. Horowitz and Matthew Fuhrmann): [Link](#).

“Do Women Make More Credible Threats? Gender Stereotypes, Audience Costs, and Crisis Bargaining.” 2020. *International Organization*, Vol. 74, No. 4, pp. 872-895 (with Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

- [Winner](#) of the 2019 Special Competition for Young Investigators, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

UNDER REVIEW

“Hegemonic Fluctuation and Its Consequences for International Order,” Revise & Resubmit at *Security Studies* (with Daniel Silverman).

“The Limits of Language: Gender Apartheid and Public Opinion,” Revise & Resubmit at *International Affairs* (with Meghan Garrity).

“The Left-Wing Peace & The Right-Wing Peace” (with Dominic Tierney): [Link](#).

“Sexual Orientation and Audience Costs: The Conditional Discrimination Gay Commanders-in-Chief Face.”

“Think Globally, Act Locally: The Determinants of Local Policymakers’ Support for Climate Policy” (with Sabrina B. Arias).

- [Winner](#) of the 2023 ISA Environmental Studies Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper

“Beyond Meeting Climate Goals: Masculinity and Climate Policy Backlash” (with Christopher W. Blair and Sabrina B. Arias).

- [Winner](#) of the 2025 APSA Paul A. Sabatier Award for Best Paper on Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics

“Immune, Immune, Immune: Presidential Immunity and Public Support for Democratic Norms” (with John J. Chin).

GENERAL INTEREST PUBLICATIONS

“Is Venezuela Iraq or Panama?” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, January 11, 2026 (with Paul Lendway): [Link](#).

“The False Choice at the Heart of Netflix’s Nuclear War Thriller, *A House of Dynamite*.” *Modern War Institute at West Point*, November 6, 2025: [Link](#).

“Trump Is Wrong. Ukraine Can Win Without Attacking Russia.” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, September 11, 2025: [Link](#).

“What Drones Can—and Cannot—Do on the Battlefield.” *Foreign Affairs*, July 4, 2025 (with Michael C. Horowitz and Lauren A. Kahn): [Link](#).

“The Hidden Costs of Trump’s ‘Madman’ Approach to Tariffs.” *Responsible Statecraft*, May 12, 2025: [Link](#).

“How Drones Make Civil Wars Worse.” *Lawfare*, March 16, 2025 (with John Chin and Haleigh Bartos): [Link](#).

“Stealth and Scale: Quality, Quantity, and Modern Military Power.” *War on the Rocks*, December 18, 2024 (with Michael C. Horowitz): [Link](#).

- Discussed in: “Exploring the Implications of Precise Mass.” *War on the Rocks: Net Assessment Podcast*, January 9, 2025: [Link](#).

“Diplomatic Double Standards: The Sexism a President Kamala Harris Would Face.” *Australian Institute of International Affairs*, October 1, 2024 (with Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

“House of the Dragon Tells Us to Worry About More Than Dragons.” *Good Authority*, August 16, 2024 (with Nadiya Kostyuk): [Link](#).

“What Public Opinion Says About the Use of Nuclear Weapons.” *MIT Press*, July 30, 2024: [Link](#).

“The Nuclear Taboo Is a Myth.” *Lawfare*, July 7, 2024: [Link](#).

“What Iran’s Drone Attack Portends for the Future of Warfare.” *Modern War Institute at West Point*, April 30, 2024: [Link](#).

“Why More Female Leaders Won’t Lead to More Peace.” *Lawfare*, March 17, 2024 (with Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

“Do Armed Drones Reduce Terrorism? Here’s the Data.” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, August 18, 2022 (with Matthew Fuhrmann): [Link](#).

“Americans Agree With Their State And Local Officials On Climate Action.” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, July 26, 2022 (with Sabrina B. Arias): [Link](#).

“What Americans (Really) Believe About Chemical Weapons.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, March 2, 2022 (with Jonathan A. Chu and Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

“China Has Made Drone Warfare Global.” *Foreign Affairs*, November 20, 2020 (with Michael C. Horowitz and Matthew Fuhrmann): [Link](#).

“Tonight Kamala Harris May Need To Prove She’s Tough, To Beat Gender Stereotypes. That Affects Foreign Policy.” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, October 7, 2020 (with Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

“The U.S. Doesn’t Need a New New START.” *Defense One*, February 14, 2020 (with Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

“Dragon Power is Awesome. But it Can’t Tell You How to Rule.” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, April 29, 2019: [Link](#).

“Trump Issued an Executive Order to Prepare for an EMP Attack. What Is It, and Should You Worry?” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, March 29, 2019 (with Christopher W. Blair, Casey Mahoney, and Shira E. Pindyck): [Link](#).

“What the Impending Death of the INF Teaches about Future Arms Control Agreements.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, December 6, 2018 (with Christopher W. Blair): [Link](#).

“The Current US Negotiating Strategy with North Korea is Doomed.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, August 30, 2018: [Link](#).

“A New U.S. Policy Makes it (Somewhat) Easier to Export Drones.” *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, April 20, 2018 (with Michael C. Horowitz): [Link](#).

“When Trying to Surprise Your Opponent Backfires: Exposing the Weaknesses of the Indirect Approach.” 2017. *Cornell International Affairs Review*, Vol. 10, No. 2: [Link](#).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Asymmetric Challenges in Ukraine and Beyond: The New Strategy of the Drone Age.” *William Spaniel’s Lines on a Map Podcast*, July 29, 2025: [Link](#).

“Cheap and Deadly: How Drones Are Reshaping War.” *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: Front Burner Podcast*, June 6, 2025: [Link](#).

“The Global Proliferation of Precision Strike Capabilities.” *War on the Rocks: The Insider Podcast*, January 2, 2025: [Link](#).

“China Curbs Drone Exports Over National Security Concerns.” *Channel NewsAsia (CNA)*, August 31, 2023: [Link](#).

GRANTS, AWARDS, & HONORS

APSA Best Paper on Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics	2025
Shortlisted for the Environmental Politics Article of the Year Award	2025
Carnegie Corporation, <i>\$2,500</i>	2025
Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies, (with Paul Lendway and Christopher W. Blair), <i>\$2,700</i>	2024
ISA Environmental Studies Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper	2023
APSA Presidents and Executive Politics Section Award for Best Graduate Student Paper	2022
ICAN Critical Nuclear Weapons Scholarship, (with Jonathan A. Chu and Christopher W. Blair), <i>\$10,000</i>	2022
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Emerging Scholar Award, <i>\$25,000</i>	2021
Kleinman Center for Energy Policy (with Sabrina B. Arias), <i>\$6,025</i>	2021
Wharton Risk Management Center's Russell Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowship (with Sabrina B. Arias), <i>\$2,500</i>	2021
Yale MacMillan Center (with Paul Lendway and Avi Nuri), <i>\$3,000</i>	2021
Penn Social and Behavioral Science Initiative (with Sabrina B. Arias), <i>\$3,000</i>	2021
Penn Social and Behavioral Science Initiative (with Paul Lendway and Avi Nuri), <i>\$3,000</i>	2021
Experimental Omnibus Study Winner (with Christopher W. Blair), Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)—Opinión Pública y Mercados (DATA)	2020
Christopher H. Browne Center, University of Pennsylvania, <i>\$2,000</i>	2020
Special Competition for Young Investigators Winner (with Christopher W. Blair), Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)	2019
Christopher H. Browne Center (with Christopher W. Blair), University of Pennsylvania, <i>\$1,600</i>	2019
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, George Washington University	2014-2016
Lee Sigelman Prize, George Washington University	2016
Special Honors in Political Science, George Washington University	2016

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

University of Oxford, Domestic Foundations of Nuclear Policy Conference (Invited)	2026
National University of Singapore (Invited)	2026
George Washington University Institute for Security & Conflict Studies (Invited)	2026
University of Pittsburgh (Invited)	2025
Georgia Tech Science, Technology and International Relations Workshop (Invited)	2024
Texas A&M Program on Grand Strategy (Invited)	2024
American Political Science Association	2019; 2021-2022; 2024
International Studies Association	2021-2024
International Studies Association International Security Studies Section	2024
West Point States, Societies, and Security in the 21 st Century Conference	2024
Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs	2021; 2023
MIT Security Studies Working Group	2022-2023
Texas A&M University Albritton Center for Grand Strategy (Invited)	2022
Midwestern Political Science Association	2022
Southern Political Science Association	2022
Harvard Climate Pipeline Conference	2022
Environmental and Natural Resources Program Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School	2022
University of Pennsylvania International Relations Workshop	2016-2022
Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop	2021-2022
MIT Nuclear Weapons Working Group (Invited)	2021
New Wave Realism Conference, Ohio State University (Invited)	2021
Wharton Risk Center Seminar for Early Career Research	2021
NATO Defense College Early-Career Nuclear Strategists Workshop	2020
Peace Science Society	2019
Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference	2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

International Relations Graduate Field Seminar	Spring 2026
Remote Systems and the Cyber Domain in Conflict	Spring 2024–2026
An Introduction to Technology and War	Fall 2023–2024
Popcorn and Politics: American Foreign Policy at the Movies	Fall 2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Department of State <i>Bureau of International Security & Nonproliferation Intern</i>	Spring 2016
United States Senator Christopher A. Coons <i>Legislative Intern</i>	Spring 2014
United States Senator Christopher A. Coons <i>State Research Intern</i>	Summer 2013

SERVICE

Masters of Information Technology Strategy (MITS) Admissions Committee	2024; 2026
Master of Science in Security, Technology, and International Relations Admissions Committee	2025
Carnegie Mellon University Faculty Hiring Committee	2023; 2024
Committee to Develop a Masters Program in Int'l Security and Technology	Spring 2024
Committee to Develop a New Undergraduate Major in Int'l Security and Technology	Fall 2023
Co-Founder & Organizer, Junior Scholars in International Security Workshop	Fall 2020 – Spring 2022
Graduate Student Coordinator, Penn International Relations Workshop	Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Reviewer for 55 total articles: *American Political Science Review* (3), *American Journal of Political Science* (2), *Journal of Politics* (5), *British Journal of Political Science* (3), *International Organization* (6), *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly* (5), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (4), *Security Studies* (4), *Journal of Peace Research* (2), *European Journal of International Relations*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Journal of Global Security Studies* (2), *Review of International Organizations*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *International Interactions*, *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2), *Defence Studies* (2), *International Studies Perspectives*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Environmental Politics*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Australian Feminist Studies*, *RAND*, *Routledge*.