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## Education

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- 2013-Present: **Princeton University**  
Ph.D. candidate in Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs
- Concentration: International Security Studies.
  - General exams passed May 2015; dissertation prospectus defended December 2015.
  - Dissertation Title: *Other People's Boots on the Ground—Lethal Assistance and the American Ways of War.*
  - Dissertation Committee: Aaron Friedberg (Chair), Gary Bass, Miguel Centeno.
  - Degree expected May 2018.
- 2008-2010: **Yale University**  
M.A. International Relations
- Concentration in International Security and Strategic Studies.
  - Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy, a two-semester seminar examining grand strategy in both historical and contemporary contexts.
  - Completed the International Relations Policy Studies Program: 9 courses with a policy focus; wrote a policy-oriented research paper (*A comparison of U.K. and U.S. Defense Reviews 1991-2006*); co-authored a substantial policy paper as part of a 5-person team (*Implications of the increased use of Private Military Companies*).
- 2004-2007: **Jesus College, University of Oxford**  
B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
- Final Examinations included: 3 International Relations courses; Political Theory; Macroeconomics; Microeconomics; and International Economics.

## Professional Experience

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- Jul'10-Aug'13: **Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.**  
*Special Assistant to Strobe Talbott, president of the Brookings Institution*
- Provided wide-ranging substantive and administrative support to the Brookings president.
  - Conducted extensive research on foreign policy and a wide range of public policy issues for the president's articles, speeches, book chapters, presentations, book forewords and book reviews.
  - Assisted Strobe Talbott with the drafting and editing of his publications.
  - Managed media relations for the Brookings president and the Executive Office.
- Jun'09-Aug'09: **Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS), U.S. National Defense University, Washington D.C.**  
*Intern to Dr. Patrick Cronin, director of INSS*
- Completed substantive research in support of the director's work, including preparation of presentations to military and civilian audiences, as well as editing of INSS publications.
- Dec'07-Jun'08: **Parliamentary Resources Unit (PRU), House of Commons, London**  
*Treasury and Cabinet Office Researcher*
- Wrote policy briefings on legislation and key issues for Conservative Members of Parliament (MPs).
  - Served as expert contact for MPs' staff on Treasury & Cabinet Office policy issues.

## Publications & Conference Presentations

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- “NATO’s Readiness Action Plan: Strategic Benefits and Outstanding Challenges,” *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, Volume 10, Issue 1, Spring 2016.
- “U.S. Defense Posture in the aftermath of Sequestration, the Pivot, Crimea and the Caliphate,” paper presented at ISAC-ISSS Annual Conference on Security Studies, November 2014, University of Texas, Austin.
- “It’s the Climate, Stupid!” (co-authored with Strobe Talbott), comment paper in *Campaign 2012*, Brookings Institution Press, 2012.
- “Non-State-Led Strategic Surprise and U.S. Foreign Policy: A New Variant of an Old Problem,” *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, Volume 8, Issue 1: Winter 2013.

## Fellowships, Grants & Awards

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- 2016-2017: **Predoctoral Research Fellow** at the George Washington University’s Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (ISCS).
- 2016-2017: **Bradley Fellow, Princeton University**. Research funding provided by the Bradley Foundation, through Princeton’s Center for International Security Studies, to support dissertation archival research.
- 2015-2016: **Bradley Fellow and CISS Fellow, Princeton University**. Funding provided by the Bradley Foundation, through Princeton’s Center for International Security Studies, to support a research project on the Kennedy administration’s approach to counter-insurgency.
- 2010: **Yale University Award for Academic Excellence in International Relations**.
- 2008-2010: **Pierre B.A. Keller Fellowship**, covering full M.A. tuition costs, awarded by Yale University for academic merit.
- 2005-2007: **Lawrence Scholarship** awarded by Jesus College, University of Oxford, for academic distinction.

## Teaching Experience

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- Fall 2015: **Preceptor (Teaching Assistant)**, “The Western Way of War” (Prof. Miguel Centeno), Princeton.
- Taught 27 undergraduate students & graded weekly written assignments and exams.
- Spring 2010: **Teaching Assistant**, “The Balance of Power” (Prof. Nuno Monteiro), Yale.
- Graded undergraduate mid-term and final exams.
- Fall 2009: **Teaching Assistant**, “International Economics” (Prof. Cheryl Doss), Yale.
- Led a discussion section for first-year master’s students in international relations.

## Professional Development Activities

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- March 2016: **New Era Foreign Policy Conference, Bridging the Gap project**, American University, Washington D.C.
- May 2016: **Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR)**, co-organized by the Wilson Center’s History and Public Policy Program and the George Washington University’s Cold War Group.

### **Additional Experience**

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- 2014-2016: **Student Fellow, Center for International Security Studies, Princeton University**
- Organized three crisis simulations for Princeton students & invited guests.
- 2009-2010: **Publisher, Yale Journal of International Affairs**
- Member of 3-person board that managed the operations and publication of the journal.
- 2004-2007: **Officer Cadet, Oxford University Air Squadron (OUAS)**
- Completed the Royal Air Force's University Air Squadron flying syllabus.

### **Languages & Software**

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#### **Proficient in German**

- Studied for 6 years. Passed Princeton University proficiency exam.

#### **Basic Russian**

- 26-week elementary Russian course at Yale University.

#### **R (Statistical Analysis Software)**