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EDUCATION

Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

Ph.D., Public Affairs Exp. 2019

- Dissertation: “Mismatched Motives: Great Power Rivals, Informal Military Institutions, and the Future of U.S.-Chinese Relations”
- Fields: International Relations and Security Studies
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M.A., Public Affairs 2016

M.P.A., International Relations 2014

University of San Francisco

B.A., History and Politics 2006

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Institute for Security and Conflict Studies (George Washington University)
Pre-Doctoral Fellow 2018–2019

Modern War Institute at West Point (U.S. Military Academy)
Non-Resident Fellow 2017–2018

Grand Strategy undergraduate course (Princeton University)
Assistant in Instruction 2016

Politics of Public Policy graduate course (Princeton University)
Teaching Aide 2015–2016

Center for International Security Studies (Princeton University)
Director, Strategic Education Initiative 2014–2016

MILITARY & POLICY EXPERIENCE

U.S. Navy Reserve (Fort Dix, NJ)
Lieutenant, N1 Deputy Department Head 2013–present

Center for a New American Security (Washington, DC)
Associate Fellow 2010–2012

Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation (Washington, DC)
Communications Director & Military Policy Analyst 2006–2009

RESEARCH

([Google Scholar](#) citations 214, h-index 9)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Theorizing Cyber Coercion: The 2014 North Korean Operation against Sony. *Journal of Strategic Studies* 40:7 (December 2017): 898–926.

- Reviewed in [H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum](#)

Process Peace: A New Evaluation Framework for Track II Diplomacy. *International Negotiation* 22:1 (April 2017): 92–122. With Nate Allen.

Over-Promising and Under-Delivering? Ambitions and Risks in US Defence Strategy. *International Affairs* 88:5 (September 2012): 975–991.

U.S. Defense Acquisition Workforce since the Cold War. *Defense & Security Analysis* 26:1 (March 2010): 81–98.

Works in Progress

Sources Cited Analysis: Applications to Interview Evidence and Beyond (under review)

Wars, Presidents, and Punctuated Equilibriums in U.S. Defense Spending (under review)

Technology, Costs, and Politics: Stuxnet's Surprising Strategic Success (under review)

Editor-Reviewed Articles

Not on Blind Faith: The Risks of U.S. Defense Cuts. *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* 14:1 (Winter/Spring 2013): 125–132.

Pivot but Hedge: A Strategy for Pivoting to Asia While Hedging in the Middle East. *Orbis* 56:2 (Spring 2012): 158–176. With David Barno and Nora Bensahel.

The Crusade against Counterterrorism (book review). *Journal of International Security Affairs* 21 (Fall/Winter 2011): 127–129.

Operational for What? The Future of the Guard and Reserves. *Joint Force Quarterly* 59 (4th Quarter 2010): 21–29. With John Nagl.

International Regulator: A US View on Future UK Defence Plans. *Royal United Services Institute* (April 2010).

A Perfect Storm for Pentagon Reform. *Joint Force Quarterly* 53 (2nd Quarter 2009): 76–79.

Tying U.S. Defense Spending to GDP: Bad Logic, Bad Policy. *Parameters: U.S. Army War College Quarterly* 38:3 (Autumn 2008): 5–17.

Resource Conflict in the Twenty-First Century. *Peace Review* 19:3 (Fall 2007): 323–330.

The African Resistance Movement. *Peace Review* 17:4 (Fall 2005): 455–462.

Policy Research Reports

President Trump's 2019 Defense Budget: Where Does It Really Rank, Historically? *Modern War Institute at West Point* (April 2018).

Gambling with Ground Forces: 2015 Defense Budget and 2014 QDR. *Center for a New American Security* (March 2014).

Placebo: 2014 Budget and DOD's Credibility Challenges. *Center for a New American Security* (April 2013).

- Featured in [Washington Post](#), [Voice of America](#)

Sustainable Pre-eminence: Reforming the U.S. Military at a Time of Strategic Change. *Center for a New American Security* (May 2012). With David Barno, Nora Bensahel, and Matt Irvine.

- Featured in [New York Times](#)

Down Payment: Defense Guidance, 2013 Defense Budget and the Risks of Sequestration. *Center for a New American Security* (February 2012).

Hard Choices: Responsible Defense in an Age of Austerity. *Center for a New American Security* (October 2011). With David Barno and Nora Bensahel.

- Featured in [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), [CNN](#), [AP](#)

America's Cyber Future: Security and Prosperity in the Information Age. *Center for a New American Security* (May 2011). With Kristin Lord.

- Featured in [Reuters](#)

The Sacrifice Ahead: The 2012 Defense Budget. *Center for a New American Security* (February 2011).

- Featured in [Christian Science Monitor](#)

- An Indispensable Force: Investing in America's National Guard and Reserves. *Center for a New American Security* (September 2010). With John Nagl.
- Vision Meets Reality: 2010 QDR and 2011 Defense Budget. *Center for a New American Security* (February 2010).
- Featured in [Christian Science Monitor](#)
- Rebalancing U.S. Foreign Policy: The State Department and Congressional Fellowships. *Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation* (October 2009).
- Bargaining Chip or Gas Mask? Prospects for Missile Defense. *Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs* (July 2009). With John Isaacs.
- U.S. Foreign Policy toward Iran in the Obama Era. *Institute for International Political Studies* (June 2009).
- Analysis of S.454: The Levin-McCain Weapons Systems Acquisition Reform Act. *Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation* (April 2009).
- 2010 DoD Budget Request. *Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation* (February 2009).
- 2009 DoD Budget Request. *Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation* (February 2008). With Chris Hellman.
- Op-Eds**
- The Pragmatist's Case for Keeping China in RIMPAC. *War on the Rocks* (June 1, 2018).
- On Cyber Coercion: Lessons from the Sony Hack That We Should Have Learned, but Didn't. *War on the Rocks* (June 1, 2017).
- Romney's Proposed \$2 Trillion Defense Increase. *ForeignPolicy.com* (October 8, 2012).
- Featured in [2012 presidential debates](#), [Washington Post](#), [New York Times](#), [CNN](#)
- Sequestration Is Irresponsible. *U.S. News & World Report Online* (April 3, 2012).
- SOF Power. *ForeignPolicy.com* (February 14, 2012). With David Barno.
- The Pentagon's Way Forward. *NationalInterest.org* (January 26, 2012). With David Barno and Nora Bensahel.
- You Can't Have It All. *ForeignPolicy.com* (January 6, 2012). With David Barno and Nora Bensahel.
- How to Cut the Defense Budget Responsibly. *ForeignAffairs.com* (November 2, 2011). With David Barno and Nora Bensahel.
- Hard Choices for Ground Forces. *Defense News* (October 17, 2011). With David Barno and Nora Bensahel.
- As Debt Grows, So Does U.S. Exposure to Attack. *Christian Science Monitor* (April 14, 2011).
- Cyber Sanity. *TheHill.com* (February 25, 2011). With Kristin Lord.
- The Right Cuts. *ForeignPolicy.com* (January 7, 2011). With David Barno.
- Sharing New START's Negotiating Record Is Unwarranted. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists Online* (September 17, 2010). With Kingston Reif.
- Keep Exercising the Muscles of Sustainability. *Defense News* (August 16, 2010).
- Nuclear Deterrent Still Key. *Washington Times* (April 9, 2010).
- How to Read the QDR. *ForeignPolicy.com* (February 2, 2010).
- Local Priorities vs. National Interests in Arms Control. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists Online* (August 28, 2009).
- Time to Grow the Acquisition Workforce. *Defense News* (August 17, 2009).

The Worst Kind of Stimulus. *ForeignPolicy.com* (March 10, 2009).

Coordination and Realism on North Korea. *The Korea Times* (March 1, 2009). With Robert Gard.

Budget Dumps Iraq War in Next Administration's Lap. *Politico* (February 6, 2008).

Pressure Pakistan over A.Q. Khan. *United Press International* (August 31, 2007). With Max Postman.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2018	A.B. Krongard Fellowship in National Security, Princeton University
2016	Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leadership Fellowship, Tokyo Foundation
2016	Center for International Security Studies Research Grant, Princeton University
2015	Bradley Foundation Research Grant, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation
2015	American Seapower Stipend, Hudson Center for American Seapower
2014	John Parker Compton Fellowship in International Relations, Princeton University
2013	Rosenthal Fellowship in International Relations, Office of the Secretary of Defense
2011	1LT Andrew Bacevich Jr. Fellowship, Center for a New American Security
2006	Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONSULTING

2016	Participant, SAIS Summer Study
2016	Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
2015	Consultant, Oxford Analytica
2014	Participant, Office of Net Assessment Summer Study
2013	Fellow, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy
2013	Consultant, National Defense Panel
2013	Participant, German Marshall Fund Manfred Wörner Seminar
2013	Participant, Japan Foundation Travel Program for U.S. Future Leaders
2012	Participant, NATO Transatlantic Opinion Leaders trip to Afghanistan
2011	Participant, American Israel Education Foundation trip to Israel
2010	Participant, Center for a New American Security Next Generation Leaders trip to Iraq

MEDIA APPEARANCES

United States

New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, Associated Press, Reuters, Bloomberg, McClatchy, Agence France-Presse, Politico, Roll Call, The Hill, WTOP Federal News Radio, Air America Radio, Congressional Quarterly, Boston Globe, Baltimore Sun, Atlanta Journal Constitution, Salt Lake Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, Reason Magazine, Defense News, Defense Daily

International

BBC, Financial Times, Al Jazeera, ARD TV, Public Radio International, Australian Broadcast Corporation, Radio Free Europe, Voice of America, The Nikkei Times

SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer

Defence Studies

Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Society for Military History, U.S. Naval Institute

PRESENTATIONS

From Deterrence to Socialization: RIMPAC and U.S. Rivals

- ISA 2018, San Francisco, CA (April 7, 2018)

Mismatched Motives: U.S.-Soviet Military Contacts, 1945-1947

- ISA 2018, San Francisco, CA (April 6, 2018)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC (October 19, 2017)

Sources Cited Analysis: Applications to Interview Evidence and Beyond

- APSA 2017, San Francisco, CA (September 1, 2017)

Strategies of Engagement: Models for U.S.-Chinese Military Contacts

- ISA 2017, Baltimore, MD (February 23, 2017)

Process Peace: A New Evaluation Framework for Track II Diplomacy

- Minefields of Mediation Conference, Princeton, NJ (May 8-9, 2014)

FY 2015 Defense Budget and 2014 QDR: Gambling with Ground Forces

- “New Democrat” Coalition (20 members of Congress), Washington, DC (March 12, 2014)

Foreseeing Weakness: Three Future Security Challenges.

- Office of the Secretary of Defense—Policy, Washington, DC (August 15, 2013)

Sustainable Pre-eminence: Reforming the U.S. Military at a Time of Strategic Change

- U.S. Air Force Strategic Studies Group, Washington, DC (May 30, 2012)

Responsible Defense: Hard Choices in an Age of Austerity

- U.S. Air Force Reserve Policy Integration and Legislative Affairs, Rosslyn, VA (October 24, 2011)
- U.S. Navy Strategy and Policy Division (OPNAV N51), Washington, DC (October 21, 2011)

Progress on Developing a Ready, Capable, and Available Operational Reserve

- Reconvened Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, McLean, VA (June 21, 2010)