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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2012 THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
Visiting Scholar, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies at the Elliot School of International Affairs

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## EDUCATION

2011 DUKE UNIVERSITY  
Ph.D, Political Science  
*Dissertation:* Strong Horse or Paper Tiger? Assessing the Reputational Consequences of War Fighting  
*Committee:* Peter Feaver (Co-Chair), Christopher Gelpi (Co-Chair), Scott de Marchi, Alexander B. Downes, Mark Crescenzi  
*Fields:* International Relations, Political Methodology

2008 DUKE UNIVERSITY  
M.A. with Distinction, Political Science

2004 DUKE UNIVERSITY  
B.A. (magna cum laud) with Distinction, Political Science

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## PUBLICATIONS

“Targeting Civilians to Win? Assessing the Military Effectiveness of Civilian Victimization in Interstate War,” in *Rethinking Violence: States and Non-State Actors in Conflict*, ed. Adria Lawrence and Erica Chenoweth (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, forthcoming 2010) With Alexander B. Downes.

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## AWARDS

2012 Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Award for the Best Dissertation in the Field of International Security and Arms Control

2010-2011 Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences Fellowship

2006-2011 Duke Bradley Fellowship

2010 Alona Evans Award

2009-2010 Alona Evans Graduate Fellow in International Relations

2010 Summer Research Fellowship

- 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Award for Best Paper in International Relations for "International Competition and the Spread of Democracy: the Effects of Selection, Emulation, and Socialization"
- 2008 Distinction for Preliminary Exam in International Relations
- 2008 High Pass for Qualifying Exam in International Relations and Political Methodology
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Fighting to Save Face: The Reputational Consequences of Battlefield Effectiveness," Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2012.

"Strong Horse of Paper Tiger? Assessing the Reputational Consequences of War Fighting," Presented at the Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference, October 2010.

"Fighting to Save Face: The Reputational Consequences of Revealed Effectiveness," Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, September 2010.

"It's a Crime but is it a Blunder? Evaluating the Effectiveness of Targeting Civilians in War," With Alexander B. Downes. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, September 2010.

"Strong Horse or Paper Tiger? The Reputational Effects of War Outcomes," Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 2009 and at the Journeys in World Politics Conference, Iowa City, October 2009

"The Reputational Effects of War Losses: Assessing the International Consequences of the Vietnam War," Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 2009.

"Contextualizing War: The 2006 Midterm Congressional Elections and the Iraq War," With Harriet Baker. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2009.

"Desperation, Control, Hate, or Greed? Identifying the Driving Factors of Civilian Victimization in Iraq," Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, February 2009.

"International Competition and the Spread of Democracy: The Effects of Selection, Emulation, and Socialization," Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2008.

"Public Opinion and Civilian Casualties in the Iraq War," Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 2008.

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 OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Sept. 2009 Discussant, Annual New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Chapel Hill, NC.
- July 2009 Participant, Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Columbia University, Ithaca, NY.
- April 2009 Participant, Reputations in International Relations, Berkley, CA.
- Sept. 2008 Discussant, Annual New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Chapel Hill, NC.
- April 2008 Discussant, Comparative Methodology Conference, Duke University, NC.
- Feb. 2008 Participant, New Era Foreign Policy Conference, Berkley, CA.
- Feb. 2006 Discussant, Casualties and Warfare Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Durham, NC.
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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2008 International Security, *Head Instructor*
- Spring 2009 American Foreign Policy, *Lead Teaching Assistant*
- Fall 2007 Introduction to International Relations, *Teaching Assistant*
- Fall 2006 War and Peace, *Teaching Assistant*
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## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2008-2009 Political Science Graduate Student Council
- 2007-2009 Co-President of Women Networking in Social Sciences (2007-2009)
- 2008 Co-Organizer for Methods Workshop (2008)
- 2007-2008 International Relations Student Representative for the Graduate Affairs Committee
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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Membership American Political Science Association  
Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations
- Referee *Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
*International Security*  
*Public Choice*

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2004-2005 U.S. House of Representative, Office of Congressman Steve Buyer (IN-04),  
*Legislative Assistant*
- 2003 Scitor Corporation, *Intern*
- 2002 US House of Representatives, *Intern*
- 2001 Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Legislative Liaison, *Intern*

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