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Academic Appointments

U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

Assistant Professor, Strategic and Operational Research Department (2021–)

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science (2023)

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Predocctoral Fellow, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy (2020–21)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, International Security Center (2020–21)

Education

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Political Science (2021)

Dissertation: *Military Magic: The Promise and Peril of Military Innovation*

Committee: Caitlin Talmadge, Alexander Downes, Stephen Biddle, Martha Finnemore

M.Phil., Political Science (2019)

B.A., summa cum laude, International Affairs and Religion (2011)

JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

M.A., International Affairs and International Economics (2015)

Concentration: China Studies

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies (2016)

U.S. Department of State, FLAS Fellow

UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN

CIEE Language and Culture Program (2010)

U.S. Department of Defense, Boren Scholar

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2024. “How to Think About Risks in US Military Innovation.” *Survival* 66(1): 85–98.

2022. “Dangerous Changes: When Military Innovation Harms Combat Effectiveness.” *International Security* 42(7): 48–87.

2022. “Nation-Building and the Role of Identity in Civil Wars,” and Harris Mylonas, *Ethnopolitics* 21(1): 1–21.

2021. “Military Innovation and Technological Determinism: British and U.S. Ways of Carrier Warfare, 1919–45,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(3): 1–19.

Co-Winner of Barbara W. Tuchman Prize, International Studies Association, 2020

2012. "Revisiting the Salafi-Jihadist Threat in Xinjiang," *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs* 32(4): 528–44.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

2022. "The Geopolitics of 'Fifth Column' Framing in Xinjiang," and Harris Mylonas, in *Enemies Within: The Global Politics of Fifth Columns*, edited by Harris Mylonas and Scott Radnitz (New York: Oxford University Press).
2018. "Nationalism and Foreign Policy," and Harris Mylonas, in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Foreign Policy Analysis*, edited by Cameron G. Thies (New York: Oxford University Press), 223–42.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY WRITING

2024. "A Tale of Two Cyber Forces: Preparing the U.S. Cyber Force for Extended Conflict," *Proceedings* 150(6). Forthcoming.
Second Prize Winner of the Naval Institute's Information Warfare Essay Contest
2023. "Innovating Victory: Naval Technology in Three Wars by Vincent P. O'Hara and Leonard R. Heinz," *War in History* 30(3): 339–40.
2015. "Institutional Path Dependence in Korean Trade Liberalization," in *U.S.-Korea Yearbook 2014* (Washington, DC: U.S.-Korea Institute at SAIS), 45–62.
2011. "Energy Security in Afghanistan: The Energy Sector and its Importance for Stability," *Journal of International Peace Operations* 7: 36–37.

POLICY COMMENTARY

2014. "New rules for China's war on terror?" *East Asia Forum*, October 25.
2014. "Illegal Uighur Immigration in Southeast Asia," *cogitAsia*, April 24.
2014. "Beijing Finds Neither 'Iron-Fisted Rule' Nor Development Bring Order to Xinjiang," *World Politics Review*, March 28.
2014. "China's Wild West: The Problem with Beijing's Xinjiang Policy," *Foreign Affairs* snapshot, January 26.
2013. "How China Develops Its Counterterrorism Capability," *The Diplomat*, November 11.
2013. "Sino-American Cooperation in the Middle East," *China Policy Institute*, October 2.
2013. "Insecurity Drives China's Syria Policy," *The Diplomat*, September 9.

Research in Progress

- Book Manuscript, *Military Magic: Innovation and Combat Effectiveness in Modern War*
- Book Chapter, "Naval Kinetic Warfare and Cyber Roles," with Jon Lindsay (under review)
- Article, "From Revolution to Restoration: How Militaries Recover from Battlefield Surprise"
- Article, "Varieties of Military Innovation Failure," with Evan Montgomery
- Article, "Nuclear Weapons and the Gendered Division of Labor," with Shira Pindyck

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2021–22 Dartmouth College, Dickey Center, Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*)
- 2021–22 University of Notre Dame, International Security Center, Postdoctoral Fellowship (*declined*)

2020–21 Texas A&M University, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, Predoctoral Fellowship
 2020–21 University of Notre Dame, International Security Center, Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship
 2020 Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship
 2020 International Studies Association, Co-Winner of the Barbara W. Tuchman Prize
 2019 The George Washington University, Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
 2018 The George Washington University, IQMR Grant
 2016 U.S. Department of State, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
 2015 University of Hawaii, School of Pacific and Asian Studies Conference, Best Paper Award
 2014 Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs (APSIA), Rosenthal Fellowship
 2014 Johns Hopkins University, Stephen and Christine Liu Fellowship
 2011 The George Washington University, Sayyid Hossein Nasr Prize for Islamic Studies
 2010 National Security Education Program, David L. Boren Scholarship

Invited / Conference Presentations

APSA Annual Conference: 2022
 ISA Annual Conference: 2016, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024
 ASN Annual Conference: 2015, 2018

2023 MIT Security Studies Program, Wednesday Seminar Series
 Texas A&M University, Program on Grand Strategy
 U.S. Marine Corps, Plans, Policies & Operations Division
 U.S. Navy, Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Action Group
 U.S. Navy, Deputy Chiefs of Naval Operations' Strategy Sync

2022 Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Lab
 University of Notre Dame, International Security Center
 American University, School of International Service

2021 The Ohio State University, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

2020 Catholic University of America, Center for the Study of Statesmanship
 George Institute of Technology, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs
 The George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies
 Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government and Public Service
 U.S. Air Force Academy, Department of Military and Strategic Studies

2019 Cornell University, Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies
 Cato Institute
 The George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies

2015 Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Asia Conference
 University of Hawaii, School of Pacific and Asian Studies

Teaching

2024 U.S. Naval War College, *Military Innovation in War and Peace* (Graduate)
 2023 U.S. Naval War College, *Military and Technological Innovation* (Graduate)
 2021–3 U.S. Naval War College, Advanced Research Programs, Holloway Group (Graduate)
 2023 Brown University, *Military Power and Effectiveness* (Undergraduate)

- 2018 The George Washington University, *Global Governance*, TA (Undergraduate)
 2016 The George Washington University, *Introduction to International Affairs*, TA (Undergraduate)
 2015 The George Washington University, *Introduction to International Affairs*, TA (Undergraduate)

Professional Affiliations & Service

AFFILIATIONS	American Political Science Association International Studies Association International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network
BOOK MANUSCRIPT WORKSHOPS	Michael Hunzeker, George Mason University (May 2019) Brendan Green, The George Washington University (May 2018)
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	Member, National Security Affairs Faculty Search Committee (2022, 2023) Selection Committee, Middendorf Award (2022, 2023, 2024) Selection Committee, Asia-Pacific Studies Prize (2022)
REVIEWER	<i>International Security, World Politics, Security Studies, Joint Forces Quarterly, Marine Corps History, Nationalities Papers, Democracy and Security</i>

Professional Experience

U.S. Department of the Treasury <i>Office of International Monetary Policy, Rosenthal Fellow</i> Supported liaison activities with the International Monetary Fund.	Washington, DC 2014
Center for Strategic and International Studies <i>Freeman Chair in China Studies, Research Intern</i> Provided research assistance on projects related to Chinese national security decision-making.	Washington, DC 2014
War on the Rocks <i>Editorial Assistant</i> Edited submissions at various stages of review and served as a subject matter expert on China.	Washington, DC 2014–16
SAIS China Studies Review <i>Founder and Editor-in-Chief</i> Selected submissions for review, managed editorial staff, and supervised design and production.	Washington, DC 2013–15
U.S. Department of Homeland Security <i>Federal Emergency Management Agency, Project Analyst</i> Developed reports and products for the Science & Technology Directorate at FEMA.	Washington, DC 2011–13
Al Jidara <i>Infrastructure Development Division, Research Assistant</i> Developed reports related to public-private partnerships for economic development.	Amman, Jordan 2010
U.S.-China Economic & Security Review Commission <i>Military-Security Affairs, Research Intern</i> Provided analysis on China’s fighter development program.	Washington, DC 2010
American Institute in Taiwan	Taipei, Taiwan

Produced presentations on US-Taiwan trade relationships, staffed official events.

Additional Training

2023	Sandia National Labs, Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp
2022	Notre Dame International Security Center, Morgenthau Fellowship staff ride
2020	Wilson Center, Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR)
2020–21	Center for Strategic and International Studies, Future Strategy Forum, Cohort Member
2019–20	Johns Hopkins SAIS, International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON)
2019	UT Austin, Clements Center Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft
2018	Syracuse University, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)
2018	Bridging the Gap Project, New Era Foreign Policy Conference
2017	Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS)
2016	Tsinghua University, Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies
2010	University of Jordan, CIEE Arabic Language Program

Additional Skills

LANGUAGE

English	Native
Mandarin Chinese	Advanced
Modern Standard Arabic	Basic

COMPUTATIONAL

Stata, LaTeX

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