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Education

- Ph.D. Politics, Princeton University** 2016
Primary Field: International Relations
Secondary Fields: Formal and Quantitative Methods, Political Theory
Dissertation: *Bargaining During War*
- M.A. Politics, Princeton University** 2013
- B.A. The College of William & Mary *summa cum laude*** 2010
Major: International Relations

Academic Positions

- 2023– Associate Professor, Baylor University
2016-2023 Assistant Professor, Baylor University

Administrative Positions

- 2024– Undergraduate Program Director, Dept of Political Science

Publications

- 2025 Fanatical Peace: How Fundamental Disagreements Can Discourage Conflict, *Journal of Politics* coauthored with Peter Bils and Kristopher Ramsay ([link](#))
- 2025 Should Like Cases be Decided Alike? A Formal Analysis of Formal Equality, *Journal of Legal Studies* coauthored with Benjamin Johnson ([link](#))
- 2025 *Gladiator* and the Dream of Rome, in *Winning the Crowd* ed. Jonathan Ashbach, Lexington Books
- 2024 International Governance of Advancing Artificial Intelligence, *AI & Society* coauthored with Robert Trager and Nicholas Emery-Xu ([link](#))
- 2023 Fractal Imagination and Christian Pedagogy, *International Journal of Christianity and Education* coauthored with Tom Ward ([link](#))
- 2022 Rational Origins of Revisionist War, *International Studies Review*. ([link](#))

- 2021 Symbolic victories and strategic risk, *Journal of Peace Research*. ([link](#))
- 2021 History, Social Science, and the ‘Literary Conscience’, *Humanitas*. ([link](#))
- 2020 Assessing the Renaissance of Individuals in International Relations Theory, *PS: Political Science and Politics* coauthored with Marcus Holmes and Eric Parajon. ([link](#))
- 2020 Forming the Grand Strategist According to Shakespeare, *Texas National Security Review* coauthored with Peter Campbell. ([link](#))
- 2020 Lessons From Game Theory about Humanizing Next-Generation Weapons, *Journal of Law and International Affairs*. ([link](#))

Current Projects

- Under Review Churchill’s Theory of Leisure, Prudence, and Aristotle’s *Politics* coauthored with Sebastian Graham
- Working Paper War Gains Its Own Momentum coauthored with Michael McKoy
- Working Paper Why Order Unravels: Efficient Peace and Catastrophic War coauthored with Michael Joseph and Mathias Frenem
- Working Paper Rationalist Explanations for War and Games with Many Players.
- In Progress Can We Avoid Increasing Inequality? coauthored with Benjamin Johnson
- Working Paper Why Do Secessionists Target Outside their Homelands? coauthored with Gary Uzonyi

Other Publications

- 2024 “James Madison, Game Theorist” *Law & Liberty*.
<https://lawliberty.org/james-madison-game-theorist/>
- 2023 “Romancing Creative Destruction” *Law & Liberty*.
<https://lawliberty.org/romancing-creative-destruction/>
- 2021 “Where are the Playful Realists?” *Providence*.
<https://providencemag.com/2021/04/where-are-playful-realists-christian-realism/>
- 2020 Book Review: *Democracy and Imperialism* by William S. Smith Published in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*.

- 2019 “Moloch” and other poetry. *Society of Classical Poets*.
<https://classicalpoets.org/2019/11/13/moloch-and-other-poetry-by-richard-jordan/>
- 2019 Blog Post: “IR Theory After Trump, parts I and II” with Marcus Holmes and Eric Parajon. *Duck of Minerva*
<http://duckofminerva.com/2019/01/ir-theory-after-trump-a-first-image-renaissance-part-i.html>
- 2018 Book Review: *Intellectuals in the Global Arena* by Michael Desch. Published in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*.
- 2015 “An Essay on Thomas Schelling’s *Arms and Influence*.” For *Politics and Strategy*.
<http://www.classicsofstrategy.com/Schelling-Arms-and-Influence-Essay.pdf>
- 2009 “One Discipline or Many? 2008 TRIP Survey of International Relations Faculty in Ten Countries” with Daniel Maliniak, Amy Oakes, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney.
wm.edu/offices/itpir/_documents/trip/final_trip_report_2009.pdf

Courses Taught (Instructor of Record)

Fundamentals of International Politics
 Grand Strategy
 Leadership & Foreign Policy
 Power & Morality
 War, Politics, & Literature
 Graduate Research Methods
 Teaching Political Science
 Education & Statesmanship (Ind. Reading course)
 Grand Strategy in the 21st Century (Ind. Reading course)
 Nuclear Strategy (Ind. Reading course)

Invited Presentations and Workshops

- Apr 2022 “Stability, Attribution, and Third Parties in Cyberspace.” Great Power Competition in the 21st Century, Lawrence Livermore National Labs
- Nov 2019 “Rationalist Explanations for War in Multipolar Worlds.” University of Texas
- Apr 2019 “Game Theory and Autonomous Systems.” Symposium on Autonomous Systems and International Governance, Penn State
- May 2018 “Rationalist Explanations for War in Multipolar Worlds.” Revisiting the Paradigms Workshop, University of Chicago
- Apr 2018 “Rationalist Explanations for War in Multipolar Worlds.” Faculty Colloquium, UCLA
- Feb 2018 “Rationalist Explanations for War in Multipolar Worlds.” Formal Models of International Relations Conference, University of Southern California

- June 2017 Participant, Philip Merrill Center Teachers' Workshop, Johns Hopkins
- July 2016 Participant, Summer Seminar on History and Statecraft, Clements Center
- Feb 2016 "War has its own Momentum." Formal Models of International Relations Conference, University of Southern California
- May 2015 "War has its own Momentum." Empirical Implications of Bargaining Theory (EIBT).
- July 2013 Participant, Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Columbia University

Conferences (select, since 2016)

- Mar 2025 "The Role of Art in Statesmanship: Churchill's Painting as a Pastime" Ciceronian Society, Harrisburg VA
- Feb 2024 "Gladiator and the Dream of Rome" Ciceronian Society, Plano TX
- Apr 2023 "A Formal Analysis of Formal Equality" New England Political Science Association, Mystic CT
- Sep 2021 "Fanatical Peace." Southern Economics Association, Houston TX
- Sep 2020 "Stability, Attribution, and Third Parties in Cyberspace." American Political Science Association, Seattle
- Jan 2020 "Rational Origins of Revisionist War." Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR
- Sep 2019 Roundtable on Contingency and International Relations. American Political Science Association, Washington, DC
- Apr 2019 "The Rational Origins of Revisionist War" and "Shakespeare's *Coriolanus*." New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME
- Sep 2018 "Can Increasing Inequality be Avoided?" American Political Science Association, Boston, MA
- Sep 2017 "Transparency and Wartime Leadership." American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA
- Apr 2017 "Can Increasing Inequality be Avoided?" with Benjamin Johnson. Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- Feb 2017 "A Bargain Might Not Exist." International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD
- Sep 2016 "Signaling Revolutionary Resolve" with Austin Wright. American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA

Teaching Seminars and Workshops

USMC Educators' Workshop

Quantico, VA (June 2024)

Christian Critiques & Defenses of Markets

AEI Workshop, Kansas City (January 2022)

Character Across the Curriculum

Institute for Faith & Learning, Baylor University (Fall and Spring 2019-2020)

Summer Faculty Institute

Academy for Teaching & Learning, Baylor University (June 2018)

Basin Harbor Teaching Workshop

Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, Johns Hopkins SAIS (June 2017)

Teaching Seminars (select)

Teaching Empathy (Baylor, Spring 2020)

Teaching as Performance: A Stanislavskian Acting Approach (Baylor, Fall 2019)

The Pedagogical Importance of Getting to Know Each Other (Baylor, Fall 2019)

The Habit of Attention (Baylor, Spring 2019)

Open But Not Empty: What Makes Hospitality Possible (Baylor, Fall 2018)

The Intellectual Virtues (Baylor, Fall 2018)

Playing Games in the Classroom (Baylor, Fall 2018)

The Power of Story in Transformative Teaching (Baylor, Fall 2017)

Using Formative Assessment in the Classroom (Baylor, Fall 2017)

Nurturing Good Habits of Mind (Baylor, Spring 2017)

What We Know about How Students Learn (Baylor, Spring 2017)

Remaining Unbiased in the Classroom (Baylor, Fall 2016)

Designing a Course (Princeton, Fall 2015)

Master Class on Lecturing (Princeton, Spring 2014)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2024	Mentor Grant, IHS
2024	National Advisor of the Year, Alexander Hamilton Society
2023	Student Organization Advisor of the Year
2022	Small Workshop Grant, Institute for Humane Studies
2020	Geopolitics of Emerging Technologies Paper Award, Burkle Center (UCLA)
2019	Character Across the Curriculum, Baylor University
2018	Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University
2017	Summer Sabbatical and Research Leave, Baylor University
2015-16	Research Fellow, Center for International Security Studies (Princeton)
2015	Graduate Student Travel Grant, Peace Science Society
2015	Institute for Humane Studies Scholarship
2015	Research Grant, Center for International Security Studies
2014-15	A.B. Krongard Fellowship, Princeton University

2014-15 Research Fellow, Center for International Security Studies (Princeton)
2011-14 Princeton University Fellowship
2010-11 William S. Carpenter Fellowship, Princeton University