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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

United States Military Academy 2020–Present
Assistant Professor and Director of Research, The Modern War Institute

United States Military Academy 2018–2020
Assistant Professor of International Affairs, Department of Social Sciences
Executive Director, the Rupert H. Johnson Grand Strategy Program

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, The University of Pennsylvania, 2018
Dissertation: *Patrons and Personnel: The Determinants of Military Recruitment Policies*
Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

M.A. in Political Science, Columbia University, 2011

B.A. in Political Science with Honors, McGill University, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Patrons and Personnel: The Foreign Determinants of Military Recruitment Policies,” *Security Studies* 30:3 (2021), 354–384.

“Suboptimal Selective Service: An Analysis of the Obstacles to Selective Service Reform in American Political Institutions.” *Journal of Strategic Security* 14:2 (2021), 74–88. With Leah E. Foodman.

Book Chapters

“Dissents and Sensibility: Conflicting Loyalties, Democracy, and Civil-Military Relations,” in *Reconsidering American Civil-Military Relations: The Military, Society, Politics and Modern War*, eds. Lionel Beehner, Risa Brooks, and Dan Maurer, 63–83. London, UK: Oxford University Press, 2021. With Michael A. Robinson and Lindsay P. Cohn.

Commentary and Editor-Reviewed Articles

“The Future of US Security Force Assistance.” The Modern War Institute, November 23, 2021. With Renanah Joyce and Tucker Chase.

“The Downside of High Trust in the Military.” The New York Times, Section A, Page 23, September 16, 2021. With Jessica Blankshain.

“Essay by Max Margulies in Teaching Roundtable on the Cold War in IR.” H-Diplo Roundtable XXII-50, July 17, 2021. Pages 11–14.

“Congress considers future of the military draft, while Supreme Court holds off. *The Conversation*, June 7, 2021. With Amy Rutenberg.

“Shifting Norms About Secretary of Defense Has Long-Term Consequences: On the Austin Nomination,” *Just Security*, December 22, 2020. With Jessica Blankshain and Danielle Lupton.

“Coercion and Competition: Evaluating American Options for Overcoming Adversaries and Avoiding War,” *The Modern War Institute*, December 10, 2020.

“Trump’s election fraud allegations suggest military voters uniformly supported him. It’s not so,” *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage)*, November 18, 2020. With Danielle Lupton.

“The National Commission on Public Service is Right to Endorse Women’s Draft Registration,” *Lawfare*, March 27, 2020.

“What Discord Follows: The Divisive Debate on Military Disobedience,” *War on the Rocks*, August 2, 2019. With Lindsay P. Cohn and Michael A. Robinson.

“The Greatest Sacrifice: Why Military Service Should Not Be an Obligation of Citizenship,” *War on the Rocks*, May 31, 2018.

Book Reviews

Faithful Fighters: Identity and Power in the British Indian Army, by Kate Imy. *Armed Forces & Society* (2021).

Rough Draft: Cold War Military Manpower Policies and the Origins of Vietnam-Era Draft Resistance, by Amy Rutenberg. *Political Science Quarterly* 136:2 (Summer 2021): 377–379.

Divided Armies: Inequality and Battlefield Performance in Modern War, by Jason Lyall. *Political Science Quarterly* 136:1 (Spring 2021): 197-198.

IN PROGRESS

Under Review or in Revision

“Divided Loyalty: Are Conscript Militaries Less Likely to Repress Antigovernment Protests?” With Paul L. Johnson. (*Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Peace Research*)

“Drafting Restraint: Are All-Volunteer Forces More Likely to Go to War than Conscript Armies?”

“Trust in the Military.” Invited article for *Daedalus*. With Jessica Blankshain.

Working Papers and Projects

“The Army You Have: How Military Recruitment Shapes Strategy” (Book Project)

“Imagining Regime Security: The Role of Ideology in Mediating Security Force Design.” With Drew Kinney.

“Call of Duty: Testing Whether Perceptions of Volunteerism Affect Support for the Use of Force Abroad.” With Keith Carter.

“Military Training and Combatant Socialization.” With Andrew Bell.

“National Guard Funding and Deployments.” With Keith Carter and Carson Homme

DATASETS

Instances of Military Design, 1918 –2011.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Faculty Research Fund Grant, United States Military Academy, 2021

Charles Koch Foundation, 2020

Political Science Department Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2018

Teece Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2016

American Political Science Association Centennial Center, 2016

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2012–17

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Moderator for “The Future of U.S. Security Force Assistance,” International Affairs Forum/Irregular War Initiative Joint Event, November 9, 2021.

Speaker for The Chairman’s Action Group at the Pentagon, October 15, 2021.

Panelist for “The Unintended Consequences of Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency,” at the Conference on the Ethics of War and Peace: The War on Terror Then & Now: Twenty Years after 9/11, October 13, 2021.

Facilitator for Irregular Warfare Initiative Virtual Conference, September 10, 2021.

Moderator for “Canada and the Arctic: Climate Change and Security” panel. Impacts of Climate Change on Human Security: What Can Be Done? [Online Conference](#). May 18, 2021.

Moderator for “Is America’s All-Volunteer Force Sustainable,” Fifth Annual All-Volunteer Force Forum at Catholic University, March 31, 2021.

Moderator for “How to Prevent Coups d’Etat, with Erica De Bruin,” International Affairs Forum, November 17, 2020.

Panelist for “The Army in Strategy,” West Point Graduate Scholarship Program, February 20, 2020.

Participant in “Future of Civil-Military Relations Workshop” at the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, November 9–10, 2019.

Participant in Summer Workshop for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, July 2019.

Discussant for *Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy* Workshop hosted by the Modern War Institute, West Point, May 9, 2019.

Participant in “Designing Security Institutions in Developing Countries” Workshop at the Peace Science Society International North American Annual Meeting, 2017.

Participant in “Who Actually Guards the Guardians?” Workshop at the Peace Science Society International North American Annual Meeting, 2014.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interviewed and quoted for “Josh Hawley Will Be Damned if He Allows Women to Get Drafted,” [The Daily Beast](#), November 10, 2021.

Interviewed and cited for “The military draft is making a comeback,” [The Economist](#), Oct 2, 2021 edition.

Radio Interview with Arnie Arnesen on *The Attitude* about the future of the draft. September 14, 2021

Hilary Matfess, “Episode Two: Max Margulies and Conscription's Effect on Conflict Initiation.” *Say More on That* Podcast, December 23, 2020.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Presenter: 2016, 2017 (poster session), 2019, 2020, 2021
Chair/Discussant: 2020

International Studies Association Annual Meeting
Presenter: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (cancelled), 2022 (accepted)
Chair/Discussant: 2018

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society
Presenter: 2021

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Presenter: 2014, 2016

Peace Science Society International, North American Annual Meeting
Presenter: 2016, 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at United States Military Academy

Research Methods in Strategic Studies

American Grand Strategy in East Asia

Topics in Grand Strategy: Sources of Power and Strategy

Grand Strategy Field Study: The Rise and Fall of Great Powers

Introduction to Grand Strategy

Introduction to International Relations

Courses Taught at Other Institutions

Introduction to International Relations (University of Pennsylvania, co-taught at La Salle University).

Rise and Fall of Dictators (co-taught at La Salle University)

Undergraduate Thesis Supervision

Konrad Babraj, United States Military Academy. Defense and Strategic Studies Program, 2022.

Liz Fursova, United States Military Academy, “The Effect of Gender-Neutral Physical Standards on Integration of Women in Combat.” Defense and Strategic Studies Program, 2021.

Ted Wages, United States Military Academy, “Variation in Pandemic Responses Among Democracies.” International Affairs Program (co-chaired with Tania Chacho), 2021.

Nathan Kreher, United States Military Academy, “Subnational Determinants of Violence: Examining Conflict Distribution in the West Bank.” International Affairs Program, 2019.

Teaching Assistant and/or Grader (University of Pennsylvania)

American Foreign Policy

Causes of War and Peace

Ethnic Conflict

Introduction to International Relations

War, Strategy, and Politics

SELECTED SERVICE

To Institution

Collaborative Academic Institutional Review Board Member, 2022–

Officer Representative, Army Women’s Tennis Team, 2021–

Faculty Associate, West Point Graduate Scholarship Program, 2020–

Thesis and Capstone Programs Director, Defense and Strategic Studies Program, United States Military Academy, 2020–

Organizer and Moderator for Modern War Institute “War Council” Series, 2020–

Dean’s Interdepartmental Awards Committee Member, 2021

Organizer and Moderator for Modern War Institute “War Studies Conference,” 2020, 2021

Assistant Officer Representative, Big Brothers Big Sisters Club at West Point, 2019–2021

Organizer and Moderator for *Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy* Book Workshop at West Point’s Department of Social Sciences, 2019

To Discipline

Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Award Committee 2021, American Political Science Association International Security section

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*

Other

Dissertation Examiner for Laura Resnick Samotin, Ph.D. Political Science, Columbia, 2022

Interviewed twice for the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, 2020

Two-week assignment, US Army Mission Command Element, Poznan, Poland, 2019

Organizer for International Relations Graduate Student Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, 2014–2017

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Security Fellow, The Truman National Security Project, 2021–2022

Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate in College and University Teaching, University of Pennsylvania, 2015

Freelance Academic Copy Editor, 2012–2016

Policy Fellow, *Public International Law and Policy Group*, 2012