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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

United States Military Academy

Associate Professor, The Modern War Institute, Aug. 2024 – Present

- Ineligible for tenure by university policy because my position is gift-funded

Assistant Professor, The Modern War Institute, Jul. 2020 – Aug. 2024

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Jul. 2018 – Jul. 2020

Director of Research/Chief Research Officer the Modern War Institute, Jul. 2020 – Present

Executive Director, Rupert H. Johnson Grand Strategy Program, Department of Social Sciences,
Jul. 2018 – Jul. 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 2018.

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

B.A. Political Science (Honors), McGill University, 2010.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Paul L. Johnson and Max Z. Margulies, “Divided Loyalty: Are Conscript Militaries Less Likely to Repress Antigovernment Protests?” *Journal of Peace Research*, forthcoming.

Max Z. Margulies, “Drafting Restraint: Do Military Recruitment Policies affect Interstate Conflict Initiation,” *Journal of Peace Research* (2024). DOI: 10.1177/00223433241255.

Max Margulies and Rachel Metz, “Issue Linkage in Security Assistance: A Pathway to Recipient Security Sector Reform,” *Journal of Strategic Studies* (2024). DOI: 10.1080/01402390.2024.2376541.

Max Z. Margulies, “Patrons and Personnel: The Foreign Determinants of Military Recruitment Policies,” *Security Studies* 30, no. 3 (2021): 354–384.

Max Z. Margulies and Leah E. Foodman, “Suboptimal Selective Service: An Analysis of the Obstacles to Selective Service Reform in American Political Institutions,” *Journal of Strategic Security* 14, no. 2 (2021): 74–88.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Michael A. Robinson, Lindsay P. Cohn, and Max Z. Margulies, “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, 2020).

Invited or Editor-Reviewed Articles

Max Z. Margulies and Jessica Blankshain, “Specific Sources of Trust in Generals: Individual-Level Trust in the US Military,” [*Daedalus*](#) 151, no. 4 (2022): 280–301.

Public Commentary

Zachary Griffiths and Max Margulies, “Running an essay competition: Behind the MWI-TRADOC Recruiting Essay Competition,” [Harding Project Substack](#), December 20, 2023.

Zachary Griffiths, Laura Keenan, and Max Margulies, “Taking an Azimuth on the US Military’s Recruiting Crisis: What We Learned from MWI and TRADOC’s Essay Competition,” [The Modern War Institute](#), December 20, 2023.

Max Z. Margulies and Laura R. Samotin, “Ukraine’s Post-War Military: The Case for Professionalism,” [The National Interest](#), December 15, 2023.

Carrie Lee and Max Margulies, “Rethinking Civil-Military Relations for Modern Strategy.” [The Modern War Institute](#), August 14, 2023.

Max Z. Margulies and Laura Resnick Samotin, “Why Russian Conscripts Can’t Subdue Ukraine,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), May 5, 2022.

Renanah Miles Joyce, Max Z. Margulies, and Tucker Chase, “The Future of US Security Force Assistance,” [The Modern War Institute](#), November 23, 2021.

Jessica Blankshain and Max Z. Margulies, “The Downside of High Trust in the Military,” [The New York Times](#), Section A, Page 23, September 16, 2021.

Max Z. Margulies, “Essay by Max Margulies in Teaching Roundtable on the Cold War in IR,” [H-Diplo Roundtable](#) XXII-50: 11–14, July 17, 2021.

Max Z Margulies and Amy Rutenberg, “Congress considers future of the military draft, while Supreme Court holds off,” [The Conversation](#), June 7, 2021.

Jessica Blankshain, Danielle Lupton, and Max Z. Margulies, “Shifting Norms About Secretary of Defense Has Long-Term Consequences: On the Austin Nomination,” [Just Security](#), December 22, 2020.

Max Z. Margulies, “Coercion and Competition: Evaluating American Options for Overcoming Adversaries and Avoiding War,” [The Modern War Institute](#), December 10, 2020.

Danielle Lupton and Max Z. Margulies, “Trump’s election fraud allegations suggest military voters uniformly supported him. It’s not so,” [The Washington Post \(The Monkey Cage\)](#), November 18, 2020.

Max Z. Margulies, “The National Commission on Public Service is Right to Endorse Women’s Draft Registration,” [Lawfare](#), March 27, 2020.

Lindsay Cohn, Max Z. Margulies, and Michael A. Robinson, “What Discord Follows: The Divisive Debate on Military Disobedience,” [War on the Rocks](#), August 2, 2019.

Max Z. Margulies, “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). DOI: 10.1177/0095327X211043148

Rough Draft: Cold War Military Manpower Policies and the Origins of Vietnam-Era Draft Resistance, by Amy Rutenberg. [*Political Science Quarterly*](#) 136, no. 2 (Summer 2021): 377–379.

Divided Armies: Inequality and Battlefield Performance in Modern War, by Jason Lyall. [*Political Science Quarterly*](#) 136, no. 1 (Spring 2021): 197–198.

WORK IN-PROGRESS

Books

Bend but do not Break: Shaping the Future of the All-Volunteer Force. Edited with Jaron S. Wharton, Keith Carter, Kate Kuzminski, Carrie Lee, and Jason Dempsey. *Under Contract with Oxford University Press*.

Under Review or in Revision

“Call of Duty: Perceptions of Volunteerism and Support for the Use of Force.” With Keith Carter.
“Military Adventurism and the Future All-Volunteer Force.” With Keith L. Carter and Isaiah Wilson III. Book chapter in *Bend but Do Not Break*.

Working Papers and Projects

“American Youth Attitudes toward the Military and the Use of Force Abroad”

“Call of Duty: Public Perceptions of Military Volunteerism and Support for the Use of Force Abroad.” With Keith L. Carter

“Variation in support for volunteerism.” With Keith L. Carter and Laura R. Samotin.

“Pride and Patriarchy: Feminist attitudes and confidence in the US military.” With Danielle Lupton and Jessica Blankshain

“How far does expertise from military service extend?” With Danielle Lupton and Jessica Blankshain.

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

“Imagining Regime Security: Ideology and Security Force Design.” With Drew Kinney.

“Conclusion.” In *Conscription in the Global Twentieth Century*, edited by Amy J. Rutenberg and under contract with University of Kansas Press.

White Paper on Military Recruitment. With Andrew Webster.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Faculty Research Fund Grant, United States Military Academy, 2021 (\$300)

Charles Koch Foundation Research Grant, 2020 (\$15,000)

Political Science Dept. Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2018

Teece Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2016 (\$5,000)

APSA Centennial Center Second Century Fund Supplementary Research Grant, 2016 (\$1,000)

FELLOWSHIPS, CERTIFICATES, AND AWARDS

Non-Resident Fellow, Institute for Global Affairs, 2023

Army Basic Instructor Badge, 2023
Security Fellow, Truman National Security Project, 2021
Army Civilian Service Commendation Medal, 2020
Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate, University of Pennsylvania, 2015

COURSES TAUGHT

United States Military Academy

American Grand Strategy in East Asia (Summer 2020)
Grand Strategy Field Study: The Rise and Fall of Great Powers (Summer 2019)
Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2024)
Introduction to Grand Strategy (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
Research Methods in Strategic Studies (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)
Strategic Studies Field Study: War in Ukraine and Deterrence in Europe (Summer 2023)
Strategic Studies Thesis (Year-long sequence, AY2021, AY2022, AY2023, AY2024, AY2025)
Topics in Grand Strategy: Sources of Strategy and Power (Fall 2020)
Winning on the Battlefield (Fall 2023)

School of Liberal and Professional Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018)

La Salle University

Introduction to International Relations (co-taught with Emma Boyle)
Rise and Fall of Dictators (co-taught with Emma Boyle)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION

John Linton, United States Military Academy, “How Strategies of External Support Contribute to Victory.” Defense and Strategic Studies Program. 2023.
Nicholas Kramer, United States Military Academy, “The Lion’s Arena: State Border Lengths and Insurgency Intensity.” Defense and Strategic Studies Program. 2023.
Konrad Babraj, United States Military Academy, “Command Uncontrolled: US Civil-Military Relation Trends and Unethical Uses of Force in Counterinsurgencies.” 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: Conflict Distribution in the West Bank.” International Affairs Program. 2021.

INVITED TALKS (EXTERNAL)

D&H Canal Historical Society, Makers of History Lecture Series, “Contemporary Challenges Facing the US Military,” June 14, 2024. Presenter.

US Army War College Civil-Military Relations Center Fall Workshop, “American Youth Attitudes toward the Military and the Use of Force Abroad,” October 26, 2023. Presenter.

Pritzker Military Museum & Library, On War Military Symposium, “Partner Perspectives: How America’s Allies Man Their Militaries,” April 14, 2023. Panelist.

Colgate University, International Relations and Foreign Policy Speaker Series, “Call of Duty? How Public Opinion Perceptions of Military Recruitment Affects Support for the Use of Force Abroad,” February 22, 2023. Presenter.

Colgate University, US Foreign Policy Guest Lecture on Civil-Military Relations, February 22, 2023. Presenter.

Wofford College, International Affairs Seminar Senior Seminar Guest Lecture on Historical and Archival Research, April 11, 2022. Presenter.

The Chairman’s Action Group, Joint Chiefs of Staff, October 15, 2021. Presenter

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

ClimateSAN, Canada and the Arctic: Climate Change and Security, Impacts of Climate Change on Human Security Online Conference, May 18, 2020. Moderator.

INVITED WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (EXTERNAL)

Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, Workshop in Civil-Military Relations in Social Context, “American Youth Attitudes toward the Military and the Use of Force Abroad,” May 9, 2024.

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, Future of Civil-Military Relations Workshop, October 15, 2023.

Center for a New American Security, “Back to the Drafting Board Tabletop Exercise,” February 5, 2024.

Center for a New American Security, All-Volunteer Force at 50 Task Force, 2022–23.

New America, The Military and Democracy: The U.S. in Comparative Perspective Conference, September 9, 2022.

Professional Military Education: Irregular Warfare in Strategic Competition Seminar, Hosted Joint Staff J-7 at National Defense University, June 10, 2022.

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

Young Scholars/Future of Civil-Military Relations Workshop, Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, November 10, 2019.

Designing Security Institutions in Developing Countries Workshop, Peace Science Society International North American Annual Meeting, November 2, 2017.

Who Actually Guards the Guardians Workshop, Peace Science Society International North American Annual Meeting, October 9, 2014.

INVITED TALKS (INTERNAL)

States, Societies, and security in the 21st Century Seminar, “Acquisition and Retention of Human Capital” Panel, February 8, 2024. Discussant.

Graduate Scholarship Program, “Social Science and Humanities Research Panel,” February 27, 2023. Panelist.

Conference on the Ethics of War and Peace, “The Unintended Consequences of Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency” Panel, October 13, 2021.
International Affairs Forum, “The Future of US Security Force Assistance,” Panel, November 9, 2021. Moderator.
International Affairs Forum, “How to Prevent Coups d’Etat,” November 17, 2020. Moderator.
Graduate Scholarship Program, “The Army in Strategy Panel,” February 20, 2020. Panelist.
The Modern War Institute, “Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy Book Workshop,” May 19, 2019, Discussant.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND COVERAGE

Podcast guest, [Army War College Podcast](#), “Foreign Policy versus Public Opinion,” January 19, 2024.
Publication featured in *RealClearDefense*, “Individual-Level Trust in the US Military,” November 19, 2022.
Quoted in Shannon Vavra, “Josh Hawley Will Be Damned if He Allows Women to Get Drafted,” [The Daily Beast](#), November 10, 2021.
Interviewed and cited in “The military draft is making a comeback,” [The Economist](#), October 2, 2021.
Publication featured in *Politico*, “What to Read,” September 16, 2021.
Guest on *The Attitude with Arnie Arnesen*, WNH FM 94.7, September 14, 2021.
Podcast guest on *Say More on That*, Podcast by Hilary A. Matfess, “Episode Two: Max Margulies and Conscription's Effect on Conflict Initiation,” December 23, 2020.

SELECT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024)
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 cancelled, 2023, 2024)
International Studies Association ISSS Annual Convention (2023)
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (2021, 2023)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2014, 2016)
Peace Science Society International Annual North American Meeting (2016, 2017, 2024)
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference (2016, 2023)
US Army War College Civil-Military Relations Center Conference (2023, 2024)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Program Leadership

SGT Kyle Osborn Scholarship AIAD Program Manager, 2023 – Present.
Defense and Strategic Studies Thesis Program Director, Fall 2020 – Present.
Modern War Institute Research Fellows program manager, Fall 2020 – Present.
Modern War Institute Affiliated Faculty program manager, Fall 2020 – Present.
Modern War Institute Research Report series editor, Fall 2020 – Present.
Modern War Institute Essay Contest Judge, Solving the Military Recruiting Crisis, 2023.
Modern War Institute Essay Contest Judge, Polar Special Operations, 2021.

Defense and Strategic Studies Capstone Program Director, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021.
Academic Advisor for Grand Strategy Minors, Department of Social Sciences, 2018 – 2020.

Event Organizer

Modern War Institute Class of 2006 War Studies Conference, 2020 – Present.
Modern War Institute Class of 2006 War Council Series, 2020 – 2023.
Modern War Institute Strength and Wisdom Network Series, 2020 – 2021.
Department of Social Sciences Grand Strategy Book Workshop, September 2019.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Superintendent's Civilian Faculty Advisor Committee representative, 2024 – Present.
Officer Representative/Faculty Advisor, Women's Army Tennis, 2021 – Present.
Faculty Associate, Graduate Scholarship Program, 2020 – Present.
Collaborative Academic Institutional Review Board, 2022 – 2023.
Dean's Interdepartmental Awards Committee, 2021.
Assistant Officer-in-Charge, Big Brothers Big Sisters Club at West Point, Spring 2019 – Fall 2020.

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Member of the Army Women's Initiatives Team, 2023 – Present.
Dissertation Examiner for Laura Samotin (Ph.D. Political Science, Columbia University), 2022.
Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Award Committee, APSA International Security Section, 2021.
Interviewed twice by the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service, 2020.
Two-week assignment to US Army Mission Command Element, Poznan, Poland, Summer 2019.
Discussant/Panel Chair: ISA 2018, APSA 2020, APSA 2022, ISA 2022
Organizer, International Relations Graduate Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, 2014 – 17
Co-Chair, Political Science Dept. Graduate Student Organization, University of Pennsylvania, 2014
Peer Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Defence and Security Quarterly*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Texas National Security Review*; Rowman and Little.