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### EMPLOYMENT

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#### GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, 2008-present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2007-2008

### EDUCATION

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#### YALE UNIVERSITY

*Ph.D.*, with Distinction, Political Science, 2007; *M.Phil.* (2004), *M.A.* (2003)  
*Dissertation*: “Wars of Choice: Leadership, Threat Perception, and Military Interventions”  
*Committee*: Professors Bruce Russett (Chair), Keith Darden, and John Lewis Gaddis

- 2009 Dissertation Prize, Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS): best dissertation in strategic studies in 2007 or 2008 (co-recipient)
- 2008 John Addison Porter Prize, Yale University: University-wide student prize for scholarship in any field, presented “in such a literary form as to make the product of general human interest” (co-recipient)

#### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

*M.Phil.*, International Relations, 2001

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY

*A.B., magna cum laude*, Physics and Astronomy and Astrophysics, 2000  
Phi Beta Kappa, 2000

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### *Book*

2011. *Leaders at War: How Presidents Shape Military Interventions* (Cornell University Press, Cornell Studies in Security Affairs Series)

- 2012 Jervis-Schroeder Best Book Award, APSA International History and Politics Section

#### *Journal Articles*

2010. “The Army You Have: The Determinants of Military Mechanization, 1979-2001” (with Todd S. Sechser). *International Studies Quarterly* 54(2): 481-511.

2009. "Transformative Choices: Leaders and the Origins of Intervention Strategy." *International Security* 34(2): 119-161.
2006. "A New Electorate? Comparing Preferences and Partisanship Between Immigrants and Natives" (with Rafaela Dancygier). *American Journal of Political Science* 50(4): 962-981.
2006. "Setting Boundaries: Can International Society Exclude 'Rogue States'?" *International Studies Review* 8(1): 23-53.
2000. "Structures of the Linear Silicon Carbides SiC<sub>4</sub> and SiC<sub>6</sub>: Isotopic Substitution and *Ab Initio* Theory" (second author, with V.D. Gordon, A.J. Apponi, M.C. McCarthy, P. Thaddeus, and P. Botschwina). *Journal of Chemical Physics* 113(13): 5311-5320.

### ***Other Publications***

2012. Author's Response, H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Review of *Leaders at War*.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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- "Changing Threats or Changing Leaders? Threat Perception and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Post-Cold War Era" (R&R)
- "The Electoral (Dis)Connection in U.S. Foreign Policy"
- "Power Projection in International Relations"

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

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| 2012      | Jervis-Schroeder Best Book Award, APSA International History & Politics Section           |
| 2012-2013 | <i>Residential Fellowship</i> , Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars          |
| 2011      | <i>Term Member</i> , Council on Foreign Relations   |
| 2011      | Elliott School Faculty Research Fund (\$5,000)  |
| 2010      | George Washington University Facilitating Fund (\$14,308)                                 |
| 2009      | <i>CAMOS Dissertation Prize</i> (co-recipient)  |
| 2009      | George Washington University Facilitating Fund (\$11,913)                                 |
| 2008      | <i>John Addison Porter Prize</i> , Yale University (co-recipient)                         |
| 2007-2008 | <i>Postdoctoral Fellowship</i> , Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University |
| 2006-2007 | <i>Visiting Scholar</i> and <i>Bryce Fund Grant</i> , APSA Centennial Center              |
| 2005-2006 | <i>Brookings Institution Predoctoral Fellowship</i> , Foreign Policy Studies Program      |
| 2005-2006 | <i>Yale Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Research Grant</i>         |
| 2004-2006 | <i>Smith Richardson Fellowship</i> , Yale International Security Studies Program          |

- 2001-2005 *National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship* (3 years)
- 2004 *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship* (awarded for summer course in intensive advanced Russian, Columbia University)
- 2003 *FLAS, Yale European Studies Council, and Smith Richardson Fellowships* (awarded for summer course in intensive intermediate Russian, Georgetown)
- 2001-2003 *Sterling Prize Fellowship*, Yale University
- 2000-2001 *Harvard-Cambridge Scholarship*, for study at the University of Cambridge
- 1999 *Leo Goldberg Prize*, for Best Junior Thesis in Astronomy, Harvard University
- 1998, 2002 *Co-Inventor*, US Patent No. 5,833,660 (issued 1998) and Canadian Patent No. 2,167,787 (issued 2002) for invention of a non-reusable syringe designed to help prevent the spread of HIV (with Gabriella Pollack)
- 1996 *Co-Inductee*, National Gallery for America's Young Inventors (with Gabriella Pollack)
- 1995 *Co-Winner*, First Place, NYNEX Science and Technology Awards (with Gabriella Pollack) (received a scholarship and a research grant for non-reusable syringe)

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

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“The Electoral (Dis)Connection in U.S. Foreign Policy.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, April 2012; and at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2012.

“Public Opinion and Unconventional War.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2011. Earlier version presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2010.

“Wars of Choice: How Leaders Shape Military Interventions.” Presented at the GW Cold War Group Workshop, February 2009.

“The Army You Have: The Determinants of Military Mechanization, 1979-2001” (with Todd S. Sechser). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, February 2009. Earlier version presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2008.

“Wars of Choice: Leadership, Threat Perception and Military Interventions.” Presented at the GWU Institute for Global and International Studies Seminar, January 2008; the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2008; and at the Olin Institute National Security Seminar, October 2007. Earlier versions presented at the APSA Brownbag Speaker Series, May 2007; the International Security Studies Colloquium, Yale University, October 2006; the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 2006; and the International Relations Workshop, Yale University, March 2006 and February 2004.

Selected participant, Women in International Security Summer Symposium, Georgetown University, June 2006.

“Selecting the Targets of Military Interventions: the Eisenhower Administration and the Middle East Crises of 1958.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2005; at the International Relations Workshop, Yale University, April 2005; and at the International Security Studies Colloquium, Yale University, February 2005.

Selected participant, Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, George Washington University, June 2004.

“The Political Attitudes of Immigrants and Natives in Germany and Great Britain” (with Rafaela Dancygier). Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004; and the Southern Political Science Association, January 2004.

“Why Do Nations Disobey International Law?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2003.

#### **INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS**

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2012	Yale University, International Relations Speaker Series
2011	University of Virginia, Conference on the Presidency and U.S. Foreign Policy
2010	American University, School of International Service
2010	Princeton University, International Relations Colloquium
2009	University of Notre Dame, International Security Program
2008	University of Virginia, Miller Center of Public Affairs
2008	Princeton University, Workshop on Ideas and Rising Powers, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies
2008	University of Chicago, Program on International Security Policy
2005	Santa Fe Institute, History and Complexity Working Group

#### **TEACHING**

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Advanced Theories of Foreign Policy Decision-Making (graduate)

Military Intervention (graduate)

U.S. Foreign Policy (undergraduate)

U.S. Foreign Policy (graduate)

## RESEARCH AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

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*Research Assistant*, Yale Law School, 2003-2004

Selected and edited excerpts and aided with introductory material for *Foundations of International Law and Politics*, by Professors Oona A. Hathaway and Harold Hongju Koh.

*Research Assistant*, Yale Department of Political Science, Spring 2002

Research on early warning of civil conflict for Professor Nicholas Sambanis.

*Research Assistant*, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 1998-2000

Research in microwave and optical spectroscopy in the laboratory of Professor Patrick Thaddeus.

*National Security Intern*, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Summer 1998

## UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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*Reviewer*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *International Relations*, Cornell University Press, National Science Foundation

APSA Data Access and Research Transparency (DA-RT) Working Group, Qualitative Committee, 2011-present

Chair Selection Committee, GWU, 2011

International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee, GWU, 2009-2010

*Co-Instructor*, Module on “Historiography and Archival Research,” Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University (with Jim Goldgeier and Andrew Moravcsik), 2009-present

*Presenter*, Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, George Washington University, 2008-present

*Governing Board and Selection Committee Member*, Harvard-Cambridge Scholarships  
Served on alumni-run committee to select future Harvard-Cambridge scholars (various years, 2002-2010); served on governing board overseeing scholarship activities (2004-2010).

## LANGUAGES

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French (10 years of study); Russian (reading).

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