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ACADEMIC University of Virginia — Charlottesville, VA

Positions Assistant Professor, Department of Politics Aug 2025—present

Stanford University — Stanford, CA

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science Sep 2024–Aug 2025

EDUCATION Princeton University — Princeton, NJ

Ph.D., M.A., Department of Politics

Subfields: International Relations, Formal Theory and Quantitative Analysis, and Political Economy (joint with Department of Economics)

Marist University — Poughkeepsie, NY B.S., magna cum laude, School of Management

Publications "Competitive Diplomacy in Bargaining and War" [manuscript]

Accepted, American Journal of Political Science

"Preventive War and Sovereign Debt" with Colin Krainin, Kristopher W. Ramsay, and Bella Wang. Conflict Management and Peace Science, 39 (5): 487–519 (2022). [article] [supplementary appendix] [replication code]

WORKING PAPERS "What Makes a World War? A Structural Analysis of Integration" [manuscript]

— Awards:

"Best APSA Paper" by APSA Formal Theory Section

"Best Graduate Student Paper" by the Formal Models of Conflict Conference

"Diversionary Proxy War" with Natalie Ayers, Christopher Blair, and Austin Wright [manuscript]

"Social Structure and Redistributive Politics" with Perry Carter [manuscript]

IN PROGRESS "Battlefield Information Manipluation" with Christopher Blair and

Austin Wright

"Economic Growth in the Shadow of Power"

"Loyalty and Expertise in Foreign Policy Advising" with Matt Malis

"Propping Up Allies and Reputational Concerns in War" with Kristopher W. Ramsay

Workshops & Invited Talks Stanford Graduate School of Business, Political Economy Seminar, May 2025

California Institute of Technology, Bray Seminar Series, April 2025

North American Meeting of the Peace Science Society University of Michigan, November 2024

Formal Models of Conflict Conference University of Pittsburgh, October 2024

International Political Economy Society (IPES) Meeting Georgetown University, October 2023

Formal Models of Conflict Conference University of Pittsburgh, October 2023

Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (PolMeth) Stanford University, July 2023

Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference University of Rochester, June 2023

Political Economy and International Relations Workshop IE University with University of Rochester, May 2023

Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Seminar Series, May 2023

Political Economy of International Security Workshop University of Southern California with Vanderbilt University, April 2023

Empirical Models of Political Economy Conference California Institute of Technology, February 2023

Comparative Politics and Formal Theory Conference Harvard University, June 2022 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute Participant, Duke University, July 2021

Annual Conferences American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

International Studies Association Conference

2023, 2022

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2023, 2022

SERVICE

Organizer for Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-

22, Princeton, Spring 2024)

Mentoring Faculty in Residence for Empirical Implications of Theoretical

Models (EITM) Summer Institute (Princeton University, July 2023)

Organizer for Princeton University Research Program in Political Economy

Seminar Series (2021–2023)

Teaching

Stanford University

Formal Models of International Relations — POLISCI 351 Grad

Lead Instructor, Spring 2025

Political Economy of Conflict — POLISCI 248 Undergrad

Lead Instructor, Winter 2025

Introduction to International Relations — POLISCI 101 Undergrad

Teaching Assistant for James Fearon, Autumn 2024

Princeton University

Formal Political Analysis I — POL 575 Grad

Teaching Assistant for Gleason Judd, Spring 2022

Formal Political Analysis II — POL 576 Grad

Teaching Assistant for Germán Gieczewski, Fall 2021

Political Economy — POL 349 Undergrad

Teaching Assistant for Germán Gieczewski, Fall 2020

OTHER WORK

Quantitative and Analytical Models Consultant

Experience Princeton University

2022 - 2024

Research Assistant for Matias Iaryczower

Princeton University 2022, 2020

Research Assistant for Kristopher Ramsay

Princeton University 2019

Analyst, Structured Finance

DBRS (Morningstar) 2015–2017

FELLOWSHIPS P

Princeton University

& Honors Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Fellowship

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Associate

William S. Carpenter Fellowship

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Fellowship

Marist University

Beta Gamma Sigma, International Business Society Beta Alpha Psi, International Honor Organization

Presidential Scholarship, Marist's highest merit scholarship