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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2015 -	<b>University of Chicago</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	<b>Chicago, IL</b>
2014 - 2015	<b>Georgia State University</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
2013 - 2014	<b>Princeton University</b> Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs	<b>Princeton, NJ</b>

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2013)  
M.A., Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2009)  
*Fields:* International Relations; Political Psychology (with distinction)  
B.A., James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (2003)  
*Major:* International Relations (with honors)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Security, Politics of Secrecy & Intelligence, International Relations Theory, Diplomatic History, International Organizations, U.S. Foreign Policy, Nuclear Weapons, Archival Research

## DISSERTATION

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Secrecy, Acknowledgement, and War Escalation: A Study in Covert Competition  
*Committee:* Randall Schweller (Chair), Richard Herrmann, Jennifer Mitzen

## PUBLICATIONS

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Austin Carson and Keren Yarhi-Milo. "Covert Communication: The Intelligibility and Credibility of Signaling in Secret," *Security Studies*, Vol 26, No 1, 2017, pp. 124-156.

Austin Carson, "Facing Off and Saving Face: Covert Intervention and Escalation Management in the Korean War," *International Organization*, Vol 70, Iss 01, Winter 2016, pp. 103-131.

Bear Braumoeller and Austin Carson, "Political Irrelevance, Democracy, and the Limits of Militarized Conflict." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Volume 55, No. 2, April 2011, 292-320.

## **WORKING PAPERS & PROJECTS**

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*Facing Off and Saving Face: Secrecy and Limited War in World Politics.* Book manuscript.

“The Spotlight’s Harsh Glare: Rethinking Publicity and International Order.” With Allison Carnegie (under review).

“Socializing Secrecy in International Politics.”

“The Power in Opacity: Rethinking Information in International Organizations.” With Alex Thompson.

“The Disclosure Dilemma: Nuclear Intelligence and International Organization.” With Allison Carnegie.

“The Disclosure Dilemma: Sensitive Economic Information and International Organizations.” With Allison Carnegie.

“Secrets and the Secretariat: Intelligence Disclosures and Power in International Organizations.” With Allison Carnegie.

## **COMMENTARY**

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“The logic for (shoddy) U.S. covert action in Syria.” With Michael Poznansky. *War on the Rocks*, July 21, 2016.

“Did Russian personnel help take down MH17?” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, July 22, 2014.

“Pretending that leaked information is secret hurts democratic debate.” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, May 12, 2014.

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

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### *Fellowships*

- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2013-2014
- Summer Research Scholar, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., 2013
- Predoctoral Research Fellowship, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 2012-2013
- University Fellowship, Ohio State University Graduate School, 2007-2008

### *Awards*

- “Outstanding Graduate Student Paper,” International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2013 (for “Facing Off and Saving Face”)
- Commendation for Teaching, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-2012

### *Grants*

- Title VIII Summer Research Scholarship, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., 2013 (\$5,000)
- Harvey Walker R. Grant, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2011 (\$1,200)
- Graduate Student Early Dissertation Research Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 2008 (\$5,000)

### **INVITED TALKS**

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2016-7: Michigan; Brown; MIT; Georgetown.

2015-6: Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research; Texas A&M (Bush School); Emory.

### **CONFERENCES**

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American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012-2013, 2015-2016.

International Studies Association Annual Conference: 2010-2015.

International Political Economy Society: 2014-2015.

New Faces in International Security, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, 2012.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Reviewer for *International Organization*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Security*, *Security Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *H-Diplo*.

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Research Analyst, Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington D.C., 2003-2005.

Research, analysis, and project management for projects on non-proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons in the International Security Program  
(Supervisors: Robert Einhorn, Michele Flournoy)

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations