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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2013)
Dissertation: "Secrecy, Acknowledgement, and War Escalation: A Study in Covert Competition." Committee: Randall Schweller (Chair), Richard Herrmann, Jennifer Mitzen
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

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

BOOKS

Facing Off and Saving Face: Secrecy and Limited War in World Politics. Forthcoming, Princeton University Press.

PUBLICATIONS

Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson, "The Spotlight's Harsh Glare: Rethinking Publicity and International Order." Forthcoming, *International Organization*.

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

“Hidden in Plain Sight: Escalation Control and the Covert Side of the Vietnam War.” (under review)

“Amity Lines and Escalation Ladders: Schmitt, Schelling, and the Limited War Tradition.” With Eric Grynawski. (under review)

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

“Rethinking Secrecy in International Politics.”

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

COMMENTARY

- “Trump and Covert Operations in Syria: A Not-So-Artful Deal?” With Michael Poznansky. *War on the Rocks*, August 1, 2017.
- “Obama used covert retaliation in response to Russian election meddling. Here’s why.” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, June 29, 2017.
- “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

Fellowships

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 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 Fellow, 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, Dept 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

2017-8: George Washington; Harvard; Dartmouth

2016-7: Michigan; Brown; MIT; Georgetown, Northwestern

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

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012-2013, 2015-2017

International Studies Association Annual Conference: 2010-2016

International Political Economy Society: 2014-2015

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

APSA 2018 Division Chair. Division 18: International Security

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*, *Review of International Organization*, *H-Diplo*, *European Journal of International Relations*

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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