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## Appointments

Professor of Politics, Princeton University, July 2017–present  
Associate Professor of Politics, Princeton University, July 2011–2017,  
Robert K. Root University Preceptor, Princeton University, 2008–2011  
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Princeton University, July, 2005–2011  
Instructor, Department of Politics, Princeton University, July 2004–July, 2005

## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Rochester, 2005  
M.A. Political Science, the George Washington University, 2000  
B.A. Political Science, University of New Hampshire, 1998

## Administration

Director of Graduate Studies, 2017–present  
Director of Emerging Scholars Program, 2015–2021.  
Director of the Graduate Program in Political Economy, 2014–present  
Co-Director, Program in Quantitative and Analytical Political Science, 2009–present  
Acting Director of Graduate Studies 2013–2014  
Acting Director of the Graduate Program in Political Economy, 2011–14  
Formal and Quantitative Methods Field Coordinator, 2011–2012, 2014

## Book Manuscripts

*Prometheus Exchange: the Arms Trade Network and the Globalization of Violence*, in progress.

## Articles

- [24] forth. “Preventive War and Sovereign Debt” (with Colin Krainin, Joseph J. Ruggiero, and Bella Wang) *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.
- [23] forth. “Third Party Intervention and Strategic Militarization” (with Adam Meirowitz, Massimo Morrelli, and Francesco Squitani) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*.
- [22] forth. “Dyadic Conflict: Elites, Citizens, and War” (with Colin Krainin) *Journal of Politics*.
- [21] 2019. “Dispute Resolution Institutions and Strategic Militarization” (with Adam Meirowitz, Massimo Morrelli, and Francesco Squitani) *Journal of Political Economy*.

- [20] 2018. “Investment, Bargaining, and Efficiency” (with Erol Ackay and Adam Meirowitz) *Review of Economic Design*, 22:3, 123-147.
- [19] 2017. “Gulliver Untied: Entry Deterrence in a Unipolar World” (with Joanne Gowa) *International Organization*, 71:3, 459-490.
- [18] 2017. “Information, Uncertainty, and War” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 20, 505-527.
- [17] 2017. “A Non-Speculation Theorem with Application to Committee Design” (with Mark Fey and Jidong Chen) *BE Journal of Theoretical Economics*. 17:2, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/bejte-2015-0103>
- [16] 2016. “Capabilities, Uncertainty, and the Risk of War in Crisis Bargaining” (with Brett Benson and Adam Meirowitz) *Research and Politics*. 3: 3, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053168016657687>.
- [15] 2014. “Inducing Deterrence through Moral Hazard in Alliance Contracts” (with Brett Benson and Adam Meirowitz) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 58: 2, 307-335.
- [14] 2013. “Commitment and Credibility in Crisis Bargaining” (with Mark Fey and Adam Meirowitz) *Political Science Research and Methods: Journal of the European Political Science Assoc.*
- [13] 2013. “The Calculus of the Security Dilemma” (with Avidit Acharya) *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 8:8, 183-203.
- [12] 2012. “Evolution of Cooperation and Skew under Imperfect Information” (with Erol Akcay, Adam Meirowitz, Simon Levin) *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, DOI:10.1073/pnas.1212925109.
- [11] 2011. “Revisiting the Resource Curse: Natural Disasters, the Price of Oil, and Democracy” *International Organization*, 65:3, p. 507–529.
- [10] 2011. “Cheap Talk Diplomacy, Voluntary Negotiations, and Variable Bargaining Power” *International Studies Quarterly*, 55:4, p. 1003–1023.
- [9] 2011. “Uncertainty and Incentives in Crisis Bargaining Games” (with Mark Fey) *American Journal of Political Science* 55:1, 149–169.
- [8] 2010. “When is Shuttle Diplomacy Worth the Commute? Information Sharing through Mediation” (with Mark Fey) *World Politics*. 62:4, 529-560.
- [7] 2010. “Outside Options and Burden-Sharing in Nonbinding Alliances” (with Songying Fang) *Political Research Quarterly*. 63:1, 188–202. (EITM Best Poster Award, MPSA 2004).
- [6] 2009. “Mechanism Design Goes to War: Peaceful Outcomes with Interdependent and Correlated Types” (with Mark Fey) *Review of Economic Design*. 13:3 233–250.
- [5] 2008. “Settling it on the Field: Battlefield Events and War Termination” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 52:6, 850–879.
- [4] 2008. “Design, Inference, and the Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism.” (with Scott Ashworth, Josh Clinton, and Adam Meirowitz) *American Political Science Review*. 102:2, 269–273.
- [3] 2007. “Mutual Optimism and War” (with Mark Fey) *American Journal of Political Science*. 51:4, 738–754.
- [2] 2006. “The Common Priors Assumption: A comment on Bargaining and the Nature of War.” (with Mark Fey) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 50:4, 607–613.

[1] 2004. “Politics at the Water’s Edge: Crisis Bargaining and Electoral Competition” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 48(4): 459–486. (Carl Beck Award Winner, ISA 2003).

## Book Chapters

[2] 2020. “Applied Game Theory: An overview and first thoughts on the use of Game Theoretic Tools.” (with Adam Meirowitz) in Sage Handbook of Research Methods: Political Science and International Relations.

[1] 2017. “Negotiations in Foreign Policy”. In Oxford Research Encyclopedia: Foreign Policy Analysis, New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.453.

## Selected Working Papers

“Conflict and Conservation” (with Noam Reich)

“Trading Fire: the Arms Trade Network and Civil War” (with Brett Benson)

“The Fanatical Peace” (with Peter Bils and Richard Jordan)

“Mutual Optimism in the Bargaining Model of War” (with Mark Fey)

“The Effective Power of Military Coalitions: A Unified Theoretical and Empirical Model” (with Brenton Kenkel)

“Optimal Domestic Constraints in International Crises” (with Scott Ashworth)

“Reasoning about War with Uncertainty about Victory” (with Mark Fey)

## Grants and Awards

Stanley Kelley Jr. Teaching Award, 2016.

NSF Grant (Emerging Frontiers in Science) EF-1137894, 2011–2014, “*The Evolution of Incentives and Social Structure under Imperfect Information*” (with Erol Akcay, Adam Meirowitz and Simon Levine)

NSF Grant (Social and Economic Sciences) SES-0413381, 2004–2006, 2007 “*The Statistical Analysis of Bargaining Games*,” (with Curt Signorino)

Bobst Center of Peace and Justice Research Grant 2013-2014

EITM Best Poster Award, MPSA, 2004 (with Songying Fang)

Carl Beck Award, International Studies Association, 2003

## Recent Invited Seminars

New York University (2021), Stanford University (2020), Washington University, St Louis (2019), Texas A&M (2018), University of Rochester (2017), Vanderbilt (2016), University of Calgary (Economics) (2016), NYU (2016), Wasada University (2015), Columbia University (2015), Harris School-Chicago (2014)

## Teaching

Conflict and Negotiation (U)

(G)raduate, (U)ndergraduate

Mathematical Models in Political Science (U)

Research Methods in Political Science (U)

International Organization (U)

Mathematics for Political Science (G)

Formal Theory I (G)

Formal Theory II (G)  
International Relations Field Seminar (G)  
Quantitative Methods I: Prob. Theory (G)  
ECPR Summer Institute, Political Game Theory, Slovenia (2011)(G)  
Topics in Formal Theory: International Relations (G)

**Former Students:**

Scott Abramson (University of Rochester)  
Avidit Acharya (Stanford University)  
Ryan Brutger (University of Pennsylvania)  
Peter Buisseret (Harvard University)  
Jidong Chen (Tsinghua University)  
Rex Douglas (UCSD, California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation)  
Sharan Gewral (William and Mary)  
Richard Jordan (Baylor University)  
Amanda Kennard (Stanford)  
Insong Kim (MIT)  
Nikitas Konstantinidis (IE University)  
Korhan Kocak (NYU Abu Dabi)  
Thomas Scherer (UCSD, California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation)  
Dustin Tingley (Harvard University)  
Austin Wright (University of Chicago)

**University and Professional Service**

Consultant: Booz Allan Hamilton, 2011-present  
Faculty Fellow, Dean Mathey College  
Associate Editor, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 2019-present  
Associate Editor, *World Politics*, 2005–2014  
Editorial Board of *American Journal of Political Science*, 2014-2018  
Editorial Board of *Journal of Politics*  
Editorial Board of *Journal of Theoretical Politics*  
Editorial Executive Committee of *World Politics*, 2014-2019  
APSA Section Coordinator: Formal Theory Section, 2016