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- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, TX
Instructor, Department of Political Science Fall 2022 –
Projects Director, Peace, War, and Social Conflict Lab Fall 2022 –
- Modern War Institute at West Point**, West Point, NY
Non-resident Fellow Sep 2022 –
- EDUCATION **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, TX
PhD, Political Science, 2022
» Dissertation: *Militarized Conflict Intervention: Incentives, Constraints and Strategic Behavior*
MA, Political Science, 2017
- University of St. Andrews**, St. Andrews, Scotland
MLitt, International Security Studies, 2011
- Biola University**, La Mirada, CA
BA, Intercultural Studies, 2009
» Torrey Honors Institute
» Summa Cum Laude
- PUBLICATIONS 2022. “International Crisis Termination and Presidential Approval.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 18(3): first view online. (with James Wright)
2022. “Conflict Contagion Via Weapons Proliferation Out of Collapsed States.” *Small Wars & Insurgencies*: first view online. (with Ori Swed)
2021. “The Proliferation of Drones to Violent Nonstate Actors.” *Defence Studies* 21(1): 1-24. (with Ori Swed)
2020. “Off the Shelf: The Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Threat.” *Air & Space Power Journal* 34(3): 29-43. (with Ori Swed)
2020. “Are Women More Averse to Corruption Than Men? The Case of South Korea.” *Social Science Quarterly* 101(2): 473-489. (with Aie-Rie Lee)
2020. “Exploring Bias in Student Evaluations: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53(2): 270-274. (with Kristina Mitchell)
2020. “Domestic Political Consequences of International Rivalry.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(4): 703-728. (with Daehee Bak and Toby Rider)

BOOK
CHAPTERS

2022 (forthcoming). “Violent Nonstate Exploitation of Commercial Drones.” In *The De Gruyter Handbook on Drone Warfare*. Edited by James Rogers. (with Ori Swed)

2021. “[Between Scylla and Charybdis: The Threat of Democratized Artificial Intelligence](#).” In *Towards an International Political Economy of Artificial Intelligence*, 177-194. Edited by Tugrul Keskin and Ryan David Kiggins. Switzerland: Springer / Palgrave Macmillan. (with Ori Swed)

POLICY
COMMENTARY

2022, Jul 12. “[Weak States and Loose Arms: Lessons and Warnings, From Afghanistan to Ukraine](#).” *War on the Rocks*. (with Ori Swed)

2020, Aug 27. “[An Allegory of the Cave: Innovation and Terrorist Drones](#).” *War Room*. (with Ori Swed)

WORKING
PROJECTS

“The Empirical Determinants of Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Adoption.” (with Ori Swed) – revise and resubmit at *Armed Forces & Society*

“US Military Intervention and Presidential Framing.” – revise and resubmit at *Journal of Politics*

“Fight or Flight: Intervention in Civil War for Resilient FDI.” – under review at *International Studies Quarterly*

“Rally Effects Amid Diversionary Domestic Conditions.” – under review at *Foreign Policy Analysis*

“A Wiki-based Dataset of Military Operations with Novel Strategic Technologies (MONSTR).” (with J Andrés Gannon) – under review at *International Interactions*

“Hamstrung: Sources of and Solutions for Political-Military Mismatch.” (with J Andrés Gannon) – prepared for the Modern War Institute and US Army War College’s [Civil-Military Relations and Modern War Essay Collection](#)

“Cruisin’ for a Bruisin’: Suboptimal Strategies in Limited Wars.” (with J Andrés Gannon)

“The Whole Package: The Tailoring of US Force Structure Combinations in Modern Warfare.” (with J Andrés Gannon)

“Drone Webs: The Diffusion of UAV Innovation via Social Networks.” (with Ori Swed)

“A Risk-Assessment Model of Violent Nonstate Drone Threats to US Targets.” (with Gary Ackerman)

*we*THINK. “UAVs in Urban Attacks” wargame design working group

INVITED
TALKS

2022 November - "Emerging Technology and International Security: Challenges and Opportunities," [New Voices in National Security Initiative](#) (Bridging the Gap, New America)

2022 July - "Security Issues in Political Science," [The Republican Professor Podcast](#) (hosted by Dr. Lucas J. Mather)

2021 October - "UAV/UGVs and Near Future Conflicts," [weTHINK](#). Working Group Kickoff Roundtable

2021 June - "The Malign Use of Drones by Nonstate Actors: Vulnerabilities and Future Threats," [Vulnerabilities of the Drone Age \(VDA\)](#) Advanced Research Workshop (Center for War Studies Denmark, Center for Security Studies Zurich, NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme)

CONFERENCES
& WORKSHOPS

2022 - Modern War Institute Workshop (West Point, NY), International Studies Association (ISA) (Nashville, TN), *International Organization* Editorial Café, Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) (San Antonio, TX)

2021 - APSA (Seattle, WA), ISA (virtual), SPSA (virtual), NATO SPS VDA Advanced Research Workshop on Countering Hostile Drones (virtual), International Institute of Strategic Studies Workshop on Armed UAVs (virtual), Texas Tech University (TTU) Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (Lubbock, TX), TTU 'United in Research' Cross-disciplinary Doctoral Conference (Lubbock, TX)

2020 - ISA (canceled due to COVID-19), TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (Lubbock, TX)

2019 - International Conference on Education, Humanities and Social Sciences (Seoul, Korea), ISSS-IS Joint Annual Conference (Denver, CO), APSA (Washington, DC), ISA (Toronto, CA), Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), Texas Triangle Conference (Fredericksburg, TX), TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (Lubbock, TX)

2018 - ISA (San Francisco, CA), Texas Triangle Conference (College Station, TX), TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (Lubbock, TX)

TEACHING

2022 Fall - instructor for *US Foreign Policy*, *International Politics*, *Introduction to Political Analysis* (TTU, Department of Political Science)

2021 Fall, 2021 Spring - independent instructor for *Introduction to Political Analysis* (TTU, Department of Political Science)

2020 Fall - independent instructor for *Politics of International Military Force* (TTU, Department of Political Science)

2020 Spring, 2019 Fall – independent instructor for *International Politics* (TTU, Department of Political Science)

2018 Fall – co-teaching for *Game Theory* (with Kristina Mitchell, TTU, Department of Political Science)

2015 Fall to 2019 Spring – teaching assistant for *International Politics; Introduction to Political Analysis; Game Theory; Conflict in the Middle East; Political Leadership and International Conflict; International Organization; Trade, Conflict, and Economic Statecraft; Comparative Politics; Careers in Politics and Policy; Legislation; and American Government*

AWARDS &
HONORS

R. Guy Carter Scholarship (2021)
William A. Jackson Scholarship (2021)
Gordon Treadaway Scholarship (2021)
William E. Oden Endowed Scholarship (2019, 2021)
Outstanding TTU Graduate Research Paper (2021, 2022)
Kent Presson Scholarship (2018, 2020)
Professing Excellence Award nominee (2020)
Peace, War, and Social Conflict research grant (2020)
AT&T Scholarship Foundation fellow (2015 – 2019)

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association	American Political Science Association
Peace Science Society International	Southern Political Science Association
Peace, War, and Social Conflict Lab	Women in Political Science
Women in International Security	Women in Conflict Studies

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Riley Industrial Services, Inc.
Texas Administrative Manager Feb 2012 – Aug 2018

Biola University Campus Safety Department
Field Officer, Terrorism Liaison Officer Jun 2009 – Sep 2010

Kaiser Permanente
Security Operations Coordinator, Orange County Feb – Jun 2009

US Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Middle East Policy
Director’s Intern Aug – Dec 2007

PROFICIENCIES

Methods – regression analysis, time series analysis, game theoretic models, social network analysis, quantitative text analysis, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Software – Stata, R, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS Pro 2.7, Gephi, Microsoft suite

SERVICE

reviewer for multiple journals

Discussant / Chair – TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (2019), SPSA (2021, 2022)

Organizer – Texas Triangle Conference (2019, co-organized with Toby Rider), ISA panel on the “Complexities of Modern Warfare” (2023)

External Thesis Advisor – US Military Academy, Defense & Strategic Studies senior cohort

Faculty Advisor – TTU chapter of [Network of Enlightened Women](#)

Founding Member - [Lubbock Women for Good](#)

REFERENCES

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