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- ACADEMIC **Texas Tech University**, Lubbock, TX
- APPOINTMENTS 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 2023. “The Empirical Determinants of Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Adoption.” *Foreign Policy Analysis*: forthcoming. (with Ori Swed)
2022. “International Crisis Termination and Presidential Approval.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 18(3): 1-26. (with James Wright)
2022. “Conflict Contagion Via Weapons Proliferation Out of Collapsed States.” *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, DOI: 10.1080/09592318.2022.2050652. (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. “Domestic Political Consequences of International Rivalry.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(4): 703-728. (with Daehee Bak and Toby Rider)

2020. [“Exploring Bias in Student Evaluations: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity.”](#)
PS: Political Science & Politics 53(2): 270-274. (with Kristina Mitchell)
- 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
- 2023, Jan/Feb. [“Learning on the Fly: Drones in the Russian-Ukrainian War.”](#)
Arms Control Today 53(1): 6-11.
- 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.”](#)
US Army War Room. (with Ori Swed)
- WORKING
PROJECTS
- “US Military Intervention and Presidential Framing.” – revise & resubmit at
Journal of Politics
- [“A Wiki-based Dataset of Military Operations with Novel Strategic Technologies \(MONSTr\).”](#) (with J Andrés Gannon) – revise & resubmit at *International Interactions*
- “Fight or Flight: Intervention in Civil War for Resilient FDI.” – under review
at *International Studies Quarterly*
- “Empowered Public Opinion in an Era of Emerging Technologies.” (with
Ryan Shandler)
- “The Voters’ New Voice: Emerging Technology, Public Opinion, and Security.” (with Ryan Shandler)
- “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](#)
- “Fighting in the War Room: Electoral Origins of High-tech Warfighting”
(with J Andrés Gannon)
- “The Whole Package: The Tailoring of US Force Structure Combinations in
Modern Warfare.” (with J Andrés Gannon)

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

“War and Complexity: From Institutional Intricacy to Complex Battlefield.” (with Ori Swed)

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

“Sideways Innovation: When Armies Imitate Rebels.” (with Ori Swed) - prepared for the *Contemporary Security Policy* special forum on “What We Got Wrong: War in Ukraine and Security Studies”

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

INVITED
TALKS &
WORKSHOPS

2022 December - “Expert Roundtable on Future Use of Terrorist Unmanned Aerial Systems,” [UN Counterterrorism Executive Directorate](#) x NYU Workshop ([NYU Center for Global Affairs](#))

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,” *we*THINK. Working Group Kickoff Roundtable

2021 June - “Armed Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles: Today and Tomorrow,” ([International Institute of Strategic Studies - Europe](#))

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

2023 - International Studies Association (ISA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

2022 – ISA, *International Organization* Editorial Café, SPSA

2021 – American Political Science Association (APSA), ISA, SPSA, Texas Tech University (TTU) Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference

2020 – ISA (canceled due to COVID-19), TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities (A&H) Conference

2019 – International Conference on Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, ISSS-IS Joint Conference, APSA, ISA, Midwest Political Science Association, Texas Triangle, TTU Graduate School A&H Conference

2018 – ISA, Texas Triangle, TTU Graduate School A&H Conference

TEACHING

2023 Spring - instructor for *Politics of International Military Force*, *International Politics*, *Introduction to Political Analysis* (TTU, Department of Political Science)

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)

Oustanding 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

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

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

SERVICE reviewer for multiple journals

Discussant / Chair – SPSA (2021, 2022, 2023), ISA (2023)

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 [Daehee Bak](#) [Toby Rider](#)
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