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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  
Two-time Nonresident 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 “US Military Intervention and Presidential Framing.” – conditionally accepted (pending data replication) at *Journal of Politics*
2023. “Emulating Underdogs: Tactical Drones in the Russia-Ukraine War.” *Contemporary Security Policy* 44(4): forthcoming. (with Ori Swed)
2023. “A Wiki-based Dataset of Military Operations with Novel Strategic Technologies (MONSTr).” *International Interactions*: first view online. (with J Andrés Gannon)  
» dataset and interactive website [here](#)
2023. “The Empirical Determinants of Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Adoption.” *Armed Forces & Society*: first view online. (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](https://doi.org/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. “[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)

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)

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

2024 (forthcoming). “[Autonomous Weapons.](#)” In *Oxford Handbook on Global Security and Change in Armed Conflict*. Edited by Annette Idler and Kate Tkacova.

2024 (forthcoming). “[Leadership Challenges and Autonomous Weapons.](#)” In *Oxford Handbook on Remote Warfare*. Edited by Jai Galliot and Theo Farrell.

2023 (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, Aug 28. “[Hamstrung: Sources of and Solutions for Political-Military Mismatch.](#)” *Modern War Institute* (MWI) and US Army War College’s *Civil-Military Relations and Modern War Essay Collection* (with J Andrés Gannon)

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

“Fighting in the War Room: Electoral Origins of High-tech Warfighting.”  
(with J Andrés Gannon) – under review at *International Organization*

“Public Opinion, Emerging Technologies, and Foreign Policy Attitudes.”  
(with Ryan Shandler) – under review at *Journal of Politics*

“We’ve Created a MONSTr: A new dataset of US military operations.” (with  
J Andrés Gannon) – under review at *MWI*

“US Army Leadership: It’s Time for Tactical Drones.” (with Ori Swed) -  
under review at *MWI*

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

“A Risk-Assessment Model of Violent Nonstate Drone Threats to US Tar-  
gets.” (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)

“UAS in Urban Attacks” Red Teaming Exercise Report

INVITED  
TALKS &  
WORKSHOPS

2023 Nov - “Proliferation: From Armed to Tactical Drones,” Army Futures  
Command *UAS in 2040* Workshop (Army War College, Carlisle Barracks,  
PA)

2023 Nov - “New Avenues in Research on Future Force Planning,” PSSSI  
Workshop (Washington University, St. Louis, MO)

2023 Oct - “Opening Keynote Address,” [Second Webinar and Tabletop Exercise](#),  
[Global Counterterrorism Forum Initiative to Operationalize the Berlin  
Memorandum](#) (virtual)

2023 Sep - “Unmanned System Threats Against Critical Infrastructure and  
Urban Settings,” *weTHINK. UAVs in Near Future Conflict* Mini-conference  
(virtual)

2023 Aug - “Skillsets Needed in Modern War,” *War Studies Conference: Re-  
thinking Recruitment for Modern War* (MWI at West Point, NY)

2023 Jul - “Unmanned VEO Threats Workshop,” [Combating Terrorism Center](#) at West Point and Defense Intelligence Agency’s Defense Combating Terrorism Office (virtual)

2023 Jun - “Current and Suggested Future Research Efforts,” [Preventing and Countering Terrorist Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#), United Nations (UN) Office of Counter-Terrorism (UN Headquarters, NY)

2023 Apr - “Consultation on UAS Guiding Principles on Threats Posed by Terrorist Misuses,” [United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate \(UNCTED\)](#)

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

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

2021 Oct – “UAV/UGVs and Near Future Conflicts,” [weTHINK](#). Working Group Kickoff Roundtable

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

2021 Jun – “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** - Journeys in World Politics, International Studies Association (ISA), Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), Peace Science Society International (PSSI)

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

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

**2020** – ISA (canceled), TTU Graduate School (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 Fall – Game Theory, Political Science in Science Fiction

2023 Spring – Politics of International Military Force, International Politics, Political Analysis

2022 Fall – US Foreign Policy, International Politics, Political Analysis

2021 Spring, 2021 Fall – Introduction to Political Analysis

2020 Fall – Politics of International Military Force

2020 Spring, 2019 Fall – International Politics

**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)

SERVICE

reviewer for multiple journals

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

Organizer – Texas Triangle Conference (2019, co-organized with Toby Rider), ISA panel on the “Complexities of Modern Warfare” (2023), PSSI Workshop on “New Avenues in Research on Future Force Planning” (2023, co-organized with J Andrés Gannon and Andrew Reddie)

Thesis Advisor - Jaycee Tyler (undergraduate)

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

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS International Studies Association  
Peace Science Society International  
Peace, War, and Social Conflict Lab  
Women in International Security  
American Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Women in Political Science  
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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS Pro 2.7, Gephi

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