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POSITIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

German Marshall Fund of the United States

Senior Fellow, Democracy and Security Network June 2025 –

University of Pennsylvania

Visiting Scholar, Perry World House May 2025 –

U.S. Army War College

Founder and Director, USAWC Civil-Military Relations Center 2022 – 2025

Chair, Department of National Security and Strategy 2021 – 2025

Associate Professor 2021 – 2025

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

Adjunct Professor 2022

U.S. Air War College, Department of International Security Studies

Assistant Professor 2017 – 2021

University of Notre Dame, International Security Center

Postdoctoral Fellow, Innovative Approaches to Grand Strategy 2016 – 2017

RAND Corporation, Washington D.C.

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow 2015 – 2016

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Political Science (August 2015)

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology

Committee: Scott Sagan (Chair), Kenneth Schultz, David Laitin, James Fearon

Dissertation: “The Politics of Military Operations”

- Awarded first runner-up, Kenneth Waltz Prize from the American Political Science Association for best dissertation written in the field of security studies.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Bachelor of Science (S.B.) in Political Science (June 2010)

FELLOWSHIPS

Stephen M. Keller Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations 2023 – 2028

Shawn Brimley Next Generation National Security Leaders Fellowship, 2023
Center for a New American Security

Research Fellow, Modern War Institute 2022 – 2023

Next-Gen Fellow, Foreign Policy for America 2022

Security Fellow, Truman National Security Project	2018 – present
Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship (Postdoctoral), RAND Corporation	2015 – 2016
Sakurako and William Fisher Family Graduate Fellowship	2011 – 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Volumes

Forthcoming January 2026. *Bend but Do Not Break: Shaping the Future of the All-Volunteer Force* (co-edited with Jaron Wharton, Katherine Kuzminski, Max Margulies, Keith Carter, and Jason Dempsey), Oxford University Press.

- Debuted at #1 in *Government* and #1 *New Release* in *National and International Security* on Amazon.com

The Politics of Military Operations (R&R with Cambridge University Press)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2024. “Race, Religion, and American Support for Humanitarian Intervention,” (with Jonathan Chu) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 68(10), 2076-2100.

- Winner, best conference paper in *Religion and Politics* presented at the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)

2023. “Civil-Military Relations and Political-Military Relations in the Context of Threat Resiliency,” *Journal of Intelligence, Conflict, and Warfare* 5:3 (2023), 110-112.

2022. “Technology Acquisition and Arms Control: Thinking Through the Hypersonic Weapons Debate,” *Texas National Security Review* 5:4 (Fall 2022).

2022. “Polarization, Casualty Sensitivity, and Military Operations: Evidence from a Survey Experiment,” *International Politics* 59 (5), 981-1003.
Special issue on polarization and foreign policy, Gordon Friedrichs and Jordan Tama (ed)

2019. “Electoral Politics, Party Polarization, and Arms Control: New START in Historical Perspective,” *Orbis* 63 (4): 545-564.

2019. “Use It or Lose It: The Political Economy of Counterinsurgency Strategy” (with LTC John Kendall), *Armed Forces & Society* 43 (3): 399-429.

Book Chapters

“Polarization, Politicization, and Violent Extremism: The Army responds to January 6th,” in *The Army and Social Change*, ed. Beth Bailey and David Kieran (forthcoming with Cornell University Press, 2026).

“The Future of Civil-Military Relations Education in Professional Military Education,” in *Civil-Military Relations Primer*, ed. Todd Schmidt (Army University Press, volume on hold for publication due to new DOD priorities)

“Conclusion,” in *Bend But Do Not Break: Shaping the Future of the All-Volunteer Force*, ed. Jaron Wharton, Katherine Kuzminski, Max Margulies, Keith Carter, Jason Dempsey, and Carrie Lee (Oxford University Press, forthcoming January 2026).

2024. “Polarization, Casualty Sensitivity, and Military Operations,” in *Polarization and Foreign Policy: When Politics Crosses the Water’s Edge*, ed. Gordon Friedrichs and Jordan Tama (Palgrave Macmillan).

2023. “Military Politics on the Battlefield: Strategy and Effectiveness in War” in *New Perspectives on Military Politics*, edited by Thomas Crosbie (Berghahn Books).

2020. "Hypersonic Weapons and Deterrence: Asking the Right Questions," in *NATO Defense College Research Paper 10: Recalibrating NATO Nuclear Policy*, ed. Andrea Gili.

Monographs and Reports

- "Stealing Security: 10 Steps Authoritarian Leaders Take to Politicize the Military and Consolidate Power," Washington, DC: German Marshall Fund. *Forthcoming January 2026*
2025. "Counterinsurgency Myths and Methods: Evidence from Tal Afar," *Modern War Institute Research Report*. West Point, NY: West Point Press.
2017. "Hypersonic Missile Nonproliferation: Hindering the Spread of a New Class of Weapons" (With Richard Speier, George Nacouzi, and Rich Moore). Santa Monica: RAND Corporation.
2017. "Reimagining the Character of Urban Operations for the United States Army" (With Gian Gentile, David Johnson, Lisa Saum-Manning, Raphael Cohen, Shara Williams, Michael Shurkin, Brenna Allen, and Sarah Soliman). Santa Monica: RAND Corporation.

Civil-Military Relations Corner, *Parameters* (Army War College Press)

2025. "Civil-Military Relations and Democratic Backsliding," *Parameters* 55:1 (Spring), 149-152.
2024. "The Military and Democratic Transition: Paradoxes of the Democratic Ethos," *Parameters* 54:4 (Winter), 141-144.
2024. "The Military and the Election: Thinking through Retired Flag Officer Endorsements," *Parameters* 54:3 (Fall).
2024. "Introduction to the US Army War College Civil-Military Relations Center," *Parameters* 54:2 (Summer)

Special Issues and Series

2025. "The Personalization of the Military and Implications for National Security," *Journal of National Security Law and Policy Special Issue: Examining National Security Issues in the Second Trump Administration* (Georgetown Law School, Oct 1, 2025).
2023. "Modern Issues in Civil-Military Relations," co-edited with Max Margulies, *Modern War Institute Commentary Series* (8 essays).

Public Engagement Writing

2025. "The Soldier in the Illiberal State is a Professional Dead End," *War on the Rocks* (Dec 1, 2025)
2025. "Rough Seas Ahead: Transatlantic Takeaways from Hegseth's Meeting with the Generals," *German Marshall Fund Insights* (Oct 2, 2025)
2025. "You Rang? The lead-up to Secretary Hegseth's unprecedented, not-so-secret meeting," *German Marshall Fund Insights* (Sept 26, 2025)
2025. "Trump's Department of War rebrand won't make America stronger," *Financial Times* (Sept 10, 2025)
2025. "The U.S. Pivot From the Middle East to Asia is Still Wishful Thinking," *World Politics Review* (June 17, 2025).
2025. "Trump is Pushing U.S. Civil-Military Relations to the Brink," *World Politics Review* (June 11, 2025)
2024. "The Paradox of Israeli Deterrence: How a Campaign Against Hezbollah Could Lower Iran's Inhibitions," *Foreign Affairs* (November 19, 2024)
2023. "Rethinking civil-military relations for modern strategy," (with Max Margulies) *Modern War Institute* (August 14, 2023)

2022. "What the January 6 hearings did and didn't say about the military," Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (July 22, 2022)
2021. "Gen. Milley reportedly tried to work around Trump on nukes. Did he have the authority to do this?" Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (September 15, 2021)
2021. "Education against Extremism: Suggestions for a Smarter Stand-Down," (with Celestino Perez) *War on the Rocks* (July 16, 2021)
2021. "Democracy at home must be at the forefront of foreign policy," for *U.S. Army War College Whiteboard Series: The Administration's Top Foreign Policy Priority* (April 8, 2021)
2021. "The National Guard has been called out in Washington, D.C. Here's what you need to know" (With Jim Golby). Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (January 7, 2021)
2020. "Sleepwalking into World War III" *Foreign Affairs* (Oct 19, 2020)
2020. "Lt. Col Vindman's retirement will hurt military effectiveness. This is why." Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (July 9, 2020)
2020. "Dear Civil-Military Relations Community: The (Retired) Generals are Speaking. We Should Listen," Commentary, *Duck of Minerva* (June 3, 2020)
2019. "Lies, Damned Lies, and Statistics: The Politics of the Afghanistan Papers." Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (December 18, 2019)
2019. "Trump overrode the Navy's plans to discipline a SEAL. That wasn't as troubling as some think." Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (December 10, 2019)
2019. "Wargaming Has a Place, but is No Panacea for Professional Military Education," (with Bill Lewis) Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (August 5, 2019)
2018. "Why Democracy Promotion is in the Strategic Interest of the United States," *Truman National Security Project Doctrine Blog* (September 10, 2018)
2018. "McRaven's Message, Leadership, and the Profession of Arms," Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (August 27, 2018)
2018. "Why has Trump been threatening to attack Syria? (Hint: It's probably not about Syria)" Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (April 13, 2018)
2017. "The military doesn't love Trump back. This is why." Analysis, *Washington Post Monkey Cage* (November 10, 2017)
2017. "Operation Torch at 75: FDR and the Domestic Politics of the North African Invasion." Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (November 8, 2017)
2016. "Warning Orders: Strategic Reasons for Publicizing Military Offensives," Commentary, *War on the Rocks* (October 28, 2016)

Book Reviews

2025. Book review, *Mightier than the Sword: Civilian Control of the Military and the Revitalization of Democracy* by Alice Hunt Friend (Stanford University Press, 2023), *H-Diplo Jervis Forum Roundtable*, November 24, 2025.
2024. "A Full Diagnosis of Civil-Military Health Should Include the National Guard and Reserves," Book review of *The Inheritance: America's Military After Two Decades of War* by Mara Karlin (Brookings Institution Press, 2022), *Texas National Security Review*, May 30, 2024
2019. Book Review, *Four Guardians: A Principled Agent View of Civil-Military Relations* by Jeffrey Donnithorne (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018). *Journal of Military History*, July 2019.
2018. Book Review, *Forward with Patton: The World War II Diary of Colonel Robert S. Allen* edited by John Nelson Rickard (Lexington, KY: University Press Kentucky, 2017). *H-War*, August 2018.

2018. Book Review, *Over the Horizon* by David Edelstein (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2017). *Marine Corps University Journal* 9(3): Fall 2018.
2018. Policy Brief to U.S. Surgeon General, "Appendix: Casualty Sensitivity During War" (with Tanisha Fazal). *SPIRAL II Brief for USAF Surgeon General*. April 2018.
2017. Book Review, *The Mirror Test* by Kael Weston (New York: Knopf, 2016). H-Diplo, May 2017. <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=48784>

Working Papers

- "Liberation Technologies and Civil-Military Relations: Lessons from the Arab Spring"
- "Principles of Civil-Military Relations and the Origins of Crises"
Last presented at Annual Meeting of International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association (Fall 2025)
- "Partisanship, Extremism, and the All-Volunteer Force: The US Military and the Democratic Ethos" (commissioned book chapter)
Last presented at the APSA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (Sept 2023)
- "Politics and Strategy: A Guide"
Last presented at IUS on Armed Forces and Society, Ottawa, CA (Oct 2022).
- "The Politics of Military Operations: Evidence from Vietnam"
Last presented at Journeys in World Politics, Iowa City IA (May 2017)
- "Domestic Politics and the Strategic Bombing Campaigns of World War II"
Last presented at the ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans LA (Feb 2015)

Research in Progress

- "Democratizing Civil-Military Relations in the United States" (commissioned book chapter)
- "Response Options: The American Officer Corps and the Trump Administration"
(commissioned book chapter)
- "Polarization, Extremism, and Military Service: The Role of Veterans in Society"

Original Datasets

2018. "Monthly Wartime Casualties in Democracies"
Catalogues month-to-month military service members killed in action (hostile) in major wars fought by: U.S., UK, Australia, and France
2014. "Afghanistan Order of Battle - Province Level"
Locations of maneuver companies in Afg by province-month, Jan '05 - Dec '12.
2011. "Iraq Order of Battle - District Level"
Catalogues the locations of each combat battalion in Iraq at the district-month level, February 2004 - October 2008.

AWARDS

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| Madigan Award for Best Article, US Army War College
"Technology Acquisition and Arms Control: Thinking Through the Hypersonic Weapons Debate," <i>Texas National Security Review</i> 5:4 (Fall 2022). | 2023 |
| Faculty Award for Best Public Scholarship, US Army War College
"What the January 6 hearings did and didn't say about the military," <i>Analysis, Washington Post Monkey Cage</i> (July 22, 2022) | 2023 |
| Madigan Award for Best Article, US Army War College | 2022 |

“Polarization, Casualty Sensitivity, and Military Operations: Evidence from a Survey Experiment,” *International Politics* 59:5 (2022), 981-1003.

Faculty Award for Excellence in Service, Air War College	2020
Best Conference Paper in Religion and Politics, APSA Annual Meeting “The Role of Race and Religion in Support for Armed Humanitarian Intervention: Evidence from a Survey Experiment,” (with Jonathan Chu)	2019
Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences <i>Winner</i> , Young Investigators Competition (with Jonathan Chu)	2018
First Runner-Up, Kenneth Waltz Dissertation Prize in Security Studies American Political Science Association	2015

GRANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Freedom Together Foundation (\$450,000)	2025
Lucille and David Packard Foundation (\$600,000)	2025
U.S. Air Force, Air University Integration Cell Internal Grant (\$10,000)	2020
Canadian Defence and Security Network, Partner (\$40,000)	2019
U.S. Air Force, Air University Integration Cell Internal Grant (\$1,500)	2017
LBJ Foundation Moody Research Grant (\$3,000)	2017
Stanford University Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (\$5,000)	2014

TEACHING AND EDUCATION

US Army War College	Carlisle, PA
National Security Policy and Strategy	
The Military and Society: An Integrated Research Project	
Contemporary Issues in Civil-Military Relations	
Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs	New York, NY
Foundations of International Security Policy	
Air University and US Air War College	Maxwell AFB, AL
<i>Course Director</i> , National Security Decision-Making	
<i>Director</i> , Air University Nuclear Deterrence Working Group	
Contemporary Issues in Civil-Military Relations	
Regional Security Studies – United States	
Regional Security Studies – Middle East	
Global Security	
Methods in Security Studies (workshop series)	
Recurring Invited Lectures and Panels	
“Civil-Military Relations for Strategic Leaders” (tri-annual)	2023 – present
USAF Strategic Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, DC	
Presentation to new one-star general officers in the United States Air Force.	

“Civil-Military Relations for Strategic Leaders” (annual) 2023 – 2025
US Army Strategic Leader Development Seminar, Washington, DC
 Presentation to new one-star general officers in the United States Army.

Guest Lectures and Invited Talks

“Civil-Military Relations in a Second Trump Administration” 2024
German Marshall Fund, Washington, DC

“Extremism and the 2024 Election: Prospects of Political Violence” 2024
Wesleyan University, Middletown CT

“Israel, Hamas, and the Laws of Armed Conflict” 2023
Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY

“The Military, Democracy, and U.S. Foreign Policy Today” 2023
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO

“The All-Volunteer Force and American Democracy Today” 2023
Pritzker Military Museum and Library, Chicago, IL

“Civilian Control: Principles, Norms, and Taboos” (moderator) 2023
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

“What Will the Future of War Look Like?” 2023
USMC Talent Management Task Force AVF Symposium, Annapolis, MD

“Civil-Military Relations in the Context of Threat Resiliency” 2022
Canadian Assn for Security and Intelligence Studies, Vancouver, Canada

“Hypersonic Weapons and the Future of Deterrence” 2022
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Lecture Series, CA

“Challenges in Civil-Military Relations Today” 2022
CDSN Summer Institute, Carleton University, Canada

“Continuity and Change in U.S. Foreign Policy: The Biden Agenda” 2022
US Army War College Great Decisions Program, Carlisle, PA

“Understanding Afghanistan” 2021
Atlanta World Affairs Council, Atlanta, GA

“The Politics of Military Operations” 2021
Carleton University, Canada

“Leading Discussions About Extremism in the Military” 2021
Town Hall with Lt. Gen Mary O’Brien, Commander USAF A2/6

“Hypersonic Weapons and Deterrence: Considerations for NATO” 2021
NATO Nuclear Planning Group Virtual Brief, Brussels, Belgium

“U.S. Democracy in Crisis: The Coup Attempt and its Consequences” 2021
Monterrey Institute of Technology, Monterrey, Mexico

“Crisis or Containment? U.S.-Iranian Relations After Soleimani” 2020
Monterrey Institute of Technology, Monterrey, Mexico

“The Politics of Military Operations” 2020
Duke University, Durham, NC

“The Role of Race and Religion in Humanitarian Intervention” 2020
Air University Faculty Roundtable, Maxwell AFB

“Civil-Military Relations and the New Cult of the Offensive” 2019
Air War College National Security Forum, Maxwell AFB

“Civil-Military Relations in the Trump Administration” 2018
Atlanta World Affairs Council, Atlanta, GA

“Hypersonic Missiles and Deterrence” 2017
Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB

“Domestic Politics and Civil-Military Relations” 2014
University of California, San Diego, CA

Student Advising Awards

Nominee, Secretary of Defense Essay Competition (Army War College) 2022
Winner, Human Capital Innovation Award (Air War College) 2021
Winner, Best Paper on the Military and Society (Air War College) 2021
Winner, Joint Chiefs of Staff Long Essay Competition (National level) 2020
3rd Place, Joint Chiefs of Staff Short Strategy Paper (National level) 2020
Winner, Best Paper on the Military and Society (Air War College) 2020
Winner, Excellence in Writing (Air War College) 2019

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

West Point War Studies Conference: The All-Volunteer Force Aug 2023
West Point, NY

Workshop on the Military and Democracy in Uncertain Times March 2023
Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Academic Exchange (by invitation) June 2022
Israel and Palestinian Territories

New America Workshop on Civil-Military Relations (by invitation) Jan 2022
Virtual Workshop

Arms Control Association Virtual Workshop on Hypersonic Weapons Sept 2021
Virtual Workshop

Early Career Nuclear Strategists Workshop July 2019
NATO Defense College, Rome, Italy

Bridging the Gap International Summer Policy Institute June 2017
American University, Washington, DC

Journeys in World Politics May 2017
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference Sept 2016
Durham, NC

Young Turks Civil-Military Relations Conference May 2015
Duke University, Durham, NC

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“Civil-Military Challenges in Modern War” May 2024
Approximately 200 participants across the military, academia, and think tank community to discuss challenges and opportunities in civil-military relations for recruiting, fighting, and sustaining war in the 21st century.

“Military and Society: The All-Volunteer Force Turns 50” May 2023
Approximately 140 participants across the military, academia, and think tank community to discuss challenges and opportunities in recruiting as the All-Volunteer Force celebrates its 50th anniversary.

“Diversity in the Military: Key Considerations” Jan 2021
Approximately 12 participants to discuss diversity and military effectiveness.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

IS – ISSS Annual Meeting <i>Washington, DC</i>	Oct 2025
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	Sept 2024
USAWC Annual Conference on Civil-Military Relations (organizer) <i>Carlisle, PA</i>	May 2024
International Studies Association Annual Convention <i>San Francisco, CA</i>	Apr 2024
The Army and Social Change Symposium <i>Columbus, GA</i>	Feb 2024
IS – ISSS Annual Meeting <i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>	Oct 2023
Inter-University Seminar on the Armed Forces and Society <i>Reston, VA</i>	Oct 2023
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	Sept 2023
USAWC Annual Conference on Civil-Military Relations (organizer) <i>Carlisle, PA</i>	May 2023
International Studies Association Annual Convention <i>Montreal, Canada</i>	Mar 2023
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society – Canada <i>Ottawa, Canada</i>	Oct 2022
New America Workshop on The Military and Democracy (By invitation) <i>Washington, DC</i>	Sept 2022
European Initiative for Security Studies Annual Conference <i>Berlin, Germany</i>	June 2022
New Perspectives on Military Politics (By invitation) <i>Copenhagen, Denmark</i>	Nov 2021
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society <i>Reston, VA</i>	Oct 2021
USFA Academy Assembly (By invitation) <i>US Air Force Academy, Colorado Spring, CO</i>	Oct 2021
Diversity in the Military: Key Considerations (Co-Organizer) <i>Virtual meeting online, sponsored by Air University</i>	Jan 2021
Domestic Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy (By invitation) <i>Virtual, sponsored by American University</i>	Nov 2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting <i>Virtual</i>	Sept 2020
Atlanta World Affairs Council Guest Lecture Series (Moderator) <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	April 2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentation) <i>Washington, DC</i>	Sept 2019
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting <i>Chicago, IL</i>	April 2019
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations) <i>Toronto, Canada</i>	March 2019
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentation)	Sept 2018

<i>Boston, MA</i>	
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations)	Apr 2018
<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentations)	Sept 2017
<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Roundtable)	April 2017
<i>Chicago, IL</i>	
ISSS-ISAC Annual Meeting	Nov 2016
<i>Notre Dame, IN</i>	
Peace Science and Society Annual Meeting	Oct 2016
<i>Notre Dame, IN</i>	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Sept 2016
<i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations)	Mar 2016
<i>Atlanta, GA</i>	
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (By invitation)	Sept 2015
<i>Chicago, IL</i>	
Stanford International Relations Workshop (By invitation)	Sept 2015
<i>Stanford University, CA</i>	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentations)	Sept 2015
<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	
Stanford Security Studies Working Group Annual Conference (By invitation)	May 2015
<i>Stanford University, CA</i>	
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations)	Feb 2015
<i>New Orleans, LA</i>	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2 presentations)	Aug 2014
<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	
International Studies Association Annual Convention	Mar 2014
<i>Toronto, Canada</i>	
Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Conference (By invitation)	May 2013
<i>Washington, D.C.</i>	
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2 presentations)	April 2013
<i>San Francisco, CA</i>	
PRIO-MIT Conf. on Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism (By invitation)	Nov 2011
<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA</i>	

SELECTED MEDIA

Video and Television

2025. France24, "[The Debate: License to kill? Trump, Hegseth reject war crimes allegations](#)," (Dec 3, 2025).
2025. France24, "[The Debate: Trump's Martial Plan? US military encouraged to embrace 'warrior ethos'](#)" (Sept 30, 2025).
2021. British Broadcasting Company, "[From Bush to Biden: One war, four presidents on Afghanistan](#)" (2021).
- YouTube video has received over 82,000 views and was featured on BBC news on Aug 30, 2021.
2017. RAND Corporation, "[Hypersonic Missile Nonproliferation](#)."

- YouTube video has received over 3.5 million views and been featured on ABC News and other international media outlets.

Subject Matter Expert and commentator for CNN International, France24, ABC News, DW News, and others.

Print Media and Radio

Subject Matter Expert for New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Associated Press, The Economist, Boston Globe, The Hill, The New Republic, Military Times, The World, Yahoo News, and Nikkei Asia, The Nation

Subject Matter Expert for On Point (National Public Radio Boston)

Podcasts

Host

"Modern Issues in Civil-Military Relations" (20 episodes) 2023 – 2025

Special series of A Better Peace, US Army War College War Room

**Note, this series was deleted from the US Army War College War Room website as part of an effort to comply with new DOD guidance on issues related to identity and politics. These episodes will be reposted on a non-government platform when the files are made available.*

Episodes

2025. "[Carrie Lee Joins Tavis Smiley](#)," The Tavis Smiley Podcast (Sept 17, 2025)

2024. "[The Military and the Election: Thinking Through Retired Flag Officer Endorsements](#)," SSI Decisive Point (Oct 23, 2024).

2024. "[Introduction to the U.S. Army War College Civil-Military Relations Center](#)," SSI Decisive Point (Oct 1, 2024).

2023. "Sources of Public Trust in the U.S. Military," (with Peter Feaver) A Better Peace, US Army War College War Room (June 21, 2023).

**Note, this episode was deleted from the US Army War College War Room website as part of an effort to comply with new DOD guidance on issues related to identity and politics. It will be reposted on a non-government platform when the file is made available.*

2023. "[Civil-Military Relations: Discussing War – Afghanistan Lessons](#)," (with LTG (ret) Douglas Lute and LTC Ranjini Danaraj) A Better Peace, US Army War College War Room (May 19, 2023).

2023. "A challenging conversation: The Civil-Military Relations Center" (with Ron Granieri), A Better Peace, US Army War College War Room (May 16, 2023).

**Note, this episode was deleted from the US Army War College War Room website as part of an effort to comply with new DOD guidance on issues related to identity and politics. It will be reposted on a non-government platform when the file is made available.*

2022. "[No longer skinny, but does the NSS have heft?](#)" (with Ronald Granieri and JP Clark) A Better Peace, US Army War College War Room (Oct 25, 2022).

OTHER RELATED APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

Center for a New American Security, Washington DC	2024 – 2025
Adjunct Fellow	
RAND Corporation, Washington DC	2016 – 2018
Adjunct Political Scientist	
Conflict Dynamics International, Cambridge, MA	2010

Research Assistant, Sudan Referendum and Economic Integration Division
 United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC 2009
 Research Associate, Education and Training – International Programs

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

Foreign Language Training

Spanish (Basic): Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Arabic (Basic): Harvard University and Stanford University

Computing: STATA, LaTeX, ArcGIS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

University Affiliations

Notre Dame International Security Center (2016 – 2017)
 Empirical Studies of Conflict, Princeton University (2011 – 2015)
 Stanford Arab Studies Table, Stanford University (2011 – 2015)

Professional Memberships

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (2017 – present)
 American Political Science Association (2011 – present)
 - International Security Section
 - Foreign Policy Section
 - International History and Politics
 International Studies Association (2011 – present)
 Midwest Political Science Association (2017 – 2023)

Other Memberships

Women in International Security (WIIS), Council on Foreign Relations, Foreign Policy for
 America, Truman National Security Project

SERVICE

National Security Outreach

Contributing Editor, *War on the Rocks* 2021 – present

Political Science / Academia

International Studies Association	2024 – 2027
Governing Council Member, International Security Studies Section	
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society	2023 – 2028
Governing Council Member	
American Political Science Association	
Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	2022 – 2023
Panel/Roundtable Organizer	
International Studies Association Annual Convention	2020
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2020

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *International Security*, *International Organization*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, *World Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Armed Forces & Society*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Policy Sciences*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Texas National Security Review*, *Joint Forces Quarterly*, *Parameters*, *War on the Rocks*.

Reviewer for Oxford University Press, Columbia University Press, Bergham Books

U.S. Army War College

Student Experience Working Group	2023
Civil-Military Advisor, Senior Leader Development Seminar	2023
Faculty Co-Lead, Women of the War College	2022
Gender and Student Inclusion Working Group (WG Lead)	2021

U.S. Air War College / Air University

Department Representative, Air University Faculty Senate	2020
AWC Coordinator, Defense Contract Audit Agency Leadership Program	2020
Faculty Development Committee, AWC	2020
Presentation, "Unconscious Bias in the Academy"	
Search committee, Dept of International Security Studies	2020
Search committee, Space	2020
Jim Thorpe Faculty Sponsor – 5K Team	2018 – 2020
New Faculty Development, Dept of International Security Studies	2019 – 2020
Canvas representative, Dept of International Security Studies	2018 – 2020
Search committee, Dept of International Security Studies	2019
External examiner, School for Advanced Air and Space Studies	2018 – 2019
Academic Prep Committee, Dept of International Security Studies	2018
Appendix on casualty sensitivity, SPIRAL II Brief for USAF Surgeon General	2018
Participant in war game for U.S. Surgeon General, "Medical Support Operations in a Denied Environment (MS-CODE)"	2017
Search committee, Department of Warfighting	2017

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Marathon Running
 (2018 London, 2016 Chicago, 2012 Marine Corps, 2009 Cape Cod)
 Competitive Triathlete
 (2021 Fort Ritchie Olympic, 2018 Renaissance Man Olympic)
 Classical Vocalist
 (Numerous international and domestic solo performances, concerts)

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