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Education:

University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA	Sept. 2022 – Present
Ph.D. Student in Political Science	
University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA	Aug. 2019
Master of Arts in International Relations with Honors	
University of Exeter, Exeter, UK	Sept. 2018
Master of Research in Politics with Distinction	
Carleton College, Northfield MN, USA	June 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Distinction	

Books:

Marchick, David, Alexander Tippett, and A.J. Wilson. *The Peaceful Transfer of Power: An Oral History of America's Presidential Transitions*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2022.

Working Papers & Work in Progress:

- “Forecasting with Confidence: How Domestic Organizations Can Alter State Time Horizons”
- “Improving Treatment Delivery with Adaptive Experimentation” (w/Zikai Li)
- “Manufacturing Power: The Political Economy of Industrial Mobilization”
- “Shortage by Design: Explaining State Underinvestment in Ammunition”
- “Allied Proliferation and Public Support for Military Retrenchment”
- “Tariffs for the Defense Industrial Base” (w/Robert Gulotty)

Fellowships, Grants, and Additional Education:

- Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, 2026
- University of Chicago Social Science Division Grodzins Prize Lectureship, 2025-2026
- Institute for Humane Studies Expense Support Grant (grant no. IHS019459), 2025
- Notre Dame International Security Center Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship, 2025-2026
- University of Chicago Department of Political Science Conference Travel Award, 2024, 2025
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology Wargaming Lab Summer Institute, 2024
- Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, 2024
- Stand Together Trust Foreign Policy Research Grant, 2024 (w/Zikai Li)
- University of Chicago Graduate Council Student Research Grant, 2024
- University of Chicago Nicholson Center for British Studies Archival Research Grant, 2023
- University of Chicago Social Science Division First Year Scholars Summer Research Grant, 2023

Conference Presentations:

- “Tariffs for the Defense Industrial Base: Coalition Politics in National Security Tariffs” (IPES 2025, w/Robert Gulotty)
- “Forecasting with Confidence: State Capacity, Epistemology, and Time Horizons” (ISA-Northeast 2023; ISA 2024)
- “Why do States Underinvest in Ammunition?” (ISA-Northeast 2024; ISA 2025)
- “How a Security Amendment to a U.S. Grant Program Shapes Firm Behavior: A Field Experiment” (ISA 2025)

Teaching Experience:

Instructor of Record (University of Chicago)

- The Political Economy of Great Power Competition, Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant (University of Chicago)

- Introduction to International Relations, Spring 2025
- Secret Side of International Politics, Winter 2025
- The Politics and Law of Climate Change and Energy, Fall 2024

Select Professional Experience:

Summer Associate & Adjunct Researcher, Project Air Force – RAND Corporation (June 2023 – June 2025)

International Trade Specialist, SelectUSA – U.S. Department of Commerce (Jan. 2022 – July 2022)

Research Associate, International Economics – Council on Foreign Relations (Jan. 2021 – Jan. 2022)

Associate Manager, Center for Presidential Transition – Partnership for Public Service (Dec. 2019 – Jan. 2021)

Other Writing:

Alexander Tippett. "[Foreign Direct Investment: A Pillar of The Transatlantic Relationship](#)." *U.S. Department of Commerce*. May 15, 2022.

Alexander Tippett. "[A Look at Gender Equity in Foreign Direct Investment](#)." *U.S. Department of Commerce*. March 31, 2022.

Obafemi Elegbede and Alexander Tippett. "[Understanding the U.S. Renewable Energy Market: A Guide for International Investors](#)." *U.S. Department of Commerce*. April 12, 2022

Alexander Tippett. "[There Are Holes in Joe Biden's Trade Team](#)." *Council on Foreign Relations*. November 2, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[Financing Global Infrastructure: The Role of the Private Sector](#)." October 26, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[What's Next for U.S. Trade with China?](#)" *Council on Foreign Relations*. October 7, 2021.

Edward Alden and Alexander Tippett. "[Why Are Haitian Migrants Gathering at the U.S. Border?](#)" *Council on Foreign Relations*. October 1, 2021.

Alexander Tippett. "[To Protect U.S. Economic and National Security, Biden Should Address Concentration in the Defense Sector](#)." *Council on Foreign Relations*. August 26, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[Who Built That? Labor and the Belt and Road Initiative](#)." *Council on Foreign Relations*. July 16, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[Biden's Trade Policy for the Middle Class Takes Shape—And it Begins in Europe](#)." *Council on Foreign Relations*. June 18, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[The Belt and Road Initiative: Forcing Europe to Reckon with China?](#)" *Council on Foreign Relations*. April 27, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[A Robust U.S. Response to China's Health Diplomacy Will Reap Domestic and Global Benefits](#)." *Think Global Health*. April 15, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[Competing with China: Lessons from the Belt and Road](#)." *Council on Foreign Relations*. April 1, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[The Climate Challenge and China's Belt and Road Initiative](#)." *Council on Foreign Relations*. March 31, 2021.

Jennifer Hillman and Alexander Tippett. "[Europe and the Prospects for WTO Reform](#)." *Council on Foreign Relations*. February 10, 2021.

Alexander Tippett. "[What the 9/11 Commission Found: Slow Confirmations Imperil U.S. National Security](#)." *Center for Presidential Transition*. December 16, 2020.

Alexander Tippett. "[The Presidential Transition: Sharing Information on National Security Issues](#)." *Center for Presidential Transition*. November 23, 2020.

Loren DeJonge Schulman and Alexander Tippett. "[Make Good Choices! National Security Transitions and the Policy and Personnel Decisions.](#)" *War on the Rocks*. November 6, 2020.

Stefanie Georgakis Abbott, Paul Hitlin, Balthazar Merrin and Alexander Tippett. "[Breaking the Fifth-Year Curse.](#)" *University of Virginia's Miller Center*. October 26, 2020.

Alexander Tippett and Carter Hirschhorn. "[How \(Not\) To Get a Job in an Administration: Five Lessons from Transition Experts.](#)" *Center for Presidential Transition*. October 15, 2020.

Alexander Tippett and Troy Cribb. "[Political Appointee to Civil Servant: What the Public Should Know About Burrowing In.](#)" *Center for Presidential Transition*. October 14, 2020.

Alexander Tippett and Christina Condreay. "[How the COVID-19 Pandemic Will Impact the Presidential Transition.](#)" *Center for Presidential Transition*. August 25, 2020.

Alexander Tippett and Paul Hitlin. "[Effective Transition Planning Can Help Presidents Have a Successful Year One and Year Five.](#)" *Center for Presidential Transition*. April 20, 2020.