

ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science
 Associate Professor & Trice Faculty Scholar 2017 –
 Assistant Professor & Trice Faculty Scholar 2013 – 2017

Naval Postgraduate School, Department of Defense Analysis
 Post-doctoral Fellow 2012-13

EDUCATION

Harvard University
 Ph.D., Government 2012
 – Harvard's 2012 Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize
 – 2013 Best Dissertation Award, International Society of Political Psychology

London School of Economics & Political Science
 M.S.c., International Relations 2005

Wesleyan University
 B.A. (High Honors), Government 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Fighting for Status: Hierarchy and Conflict in World Politics*, Princeton University Press, (2017).
 – winner of the 2018 Lepgold Prize for best book in International Relations (Georgetown University, Mortara Center)
 – winner of the 2019 Best Book Award from the International Studies Association
 – reviewed in: *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Psychology* and subject of an H-DIPLO/ISSE roundtable
2. *Why Leaders Choose War: The Psychology of Prevention* [Foreword by Alexander L. George] (2006), Westport, Connecticut: Praeger Security International. Adapted from undergraduate/MSc theses.
 – reviewed in: *Political Psychology*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *International Studies Review* & *Journal of Strategic Studies*

Peer-
Reviewed
Articles

1. How Do Observers Assess Resolve?
 (in press at *British Journal of Political Science*)
 [Josh Kertzer, **Jonathan Renshon** & Keren Yarhi-Milo]
2. Tying Hands, Sinking Costs and Leader Attributes (2018), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62/10: 2150-2179.
 [Keren Yarhi-Milo, Josh Kertzer & **Jonathan Renshon**]
 – recipient of 2017 Best Paper Award, Foreign Policy Section of APSA
3. Leader Influence and Reputation Formation in International Politics (2018), *American Journal of Political Science* 62/2: 325-339.
 [**Jonathan Renshon**, Allan Dafoe & Paul Huth]

4. Emotions and the Micro-Foundations of Commitment Problems in International Politics (2017), *International Organization* 71/S1: 189-218.
[Jonathan Renshon, Julia J. Lee & Dustin Tingley]
5. Status Deficits and War (2016), *International Organization* 70/3: 513-550.
— recipient of 2011 Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award (ISA)
6. The Interaction of Testosterone and Cortisol is Associated with Attained Status in Male Executives (2016), *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* 110/6: 921-929.
[Gary D. Sherman, Jennifer S. Lerner, Robert A. Josephs, Jonathan Renshon & James J. Gross]
7. Physiological Arousal and Political Beliefs (2015), *Political Psychology* 36/5: 569-585.
[Jonathan Renshon, Julia J. Lee & Dustin Tingley]
8. Losing Face and Sinking Costs: Experimental Evidence on the Judgment of Political and Military Leaders (2015), *International Organization* 69/3: 659-695.
— recipient of *IO*'s Robert O. Keohane award for best research article published by an untenured scholar
9. Perceiving Others' Feelings: The Importance of Personality and Social Structure (2015), *Social Psychological and Personality Science* 6/5: 559-569.
[Gary D. Sherman, Jennifer S. Lerner, Jonathan Renshon, Christine Ma-Kellams, & Samantha Joel]
10. Modeling "Effectiveness" in International Relations (2015), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59/2: 207-238.
[Jonathan Renshon & Arthur Spirling]
11. Reputation and Status as Motives for War (2014), *Annual Review of Political Science* 17: 371-393.
[Allan Dafoe, Jonathan Renshon & Paul Huth]
12. Leadership and Stress: Leadership is Associated with Lower Levels of Stress (2012), *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 109/44: 17903-17907.
[Gary Sherman, Julia J. Lee, Amy Cuddy, Jonathan Renshon, Chris Oveis, James Gross & Jennifer Lerner]
13. When Public Statements Reveal Private Beliefs: Assessing Operational Codes at a Distance (2009), *Political Psychology* 30/4: 649-661.
Reprinted:
— A *Political Psychology* special virtual issue, "The Psychology of Political Leadership"
14. Mirroring Risk: The Cuban Missile Estimation (2009), *Intelligence & National Security* 24/3: 315-338.
15. Assessing Capabilities in International Politics: Biased Overestimation and the Case of the Imaginary "Missile Gap" (2009), *Journal of Strategic Studies* 32/1: 115-147.
16. Stability and Change in Belief Systems: The Operational Code of George W. Bush from Governor to Second Term President (2008), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52/8: 820-849.

Reprinted:

- *Rethinking Foreign Policy Analysis: States, Leaders and the Microfoundations of Behavioral International Relations* (2010), Stephen G. Walker, Akan Malici and Mark Schafer, eds. (New York: Routledge Press), 169-188.

17. The Theory and Practice of Foreign Policy Decision Making (2008), *Political Psychology* 29/4: 509-536.

[Jonathan Renshon & Stanley Renshon]

Policy and Opinion

1. Why don't Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum Just Quit? (It's hard to say goodbye) (April 8, 2012), *Washington Post*: B3.

[Jonathan Renshon, Jennifer S. Lerner & Philip E. Tetlock]

2. The FP Debate: Should Hawks Win? Kahneman and Renshon Weigh In (January 9, 2007), *ForeignPolicy.com*.

[Daniel Kahneman & Jonathan Renshon]

3. Why Hawks Win (2007), *Foreign Policy* 158: 34-38.

[Daniel Kahneman & Jonathan Renshon]

Reprinted:

- *Conflict After the Cold War: Arguments on the Causes of War and Peace*, 3rd and 4th eds. (2007 & 2012), Richard K. Betts, ed. (UK: Longman/Pearson Press).
- *The Best American Political Writing* (2007), Royce Flippin, ed. (New York: PublicAffairs Press), 258-266.
- as Hawkish Biases (2009) in Trevor Thrall and Jane Cramer (eds.) *American Foreign Policy and The Politics of Fear: Threat Inflation Since 9/11* (New York: Routledge Press), 79-96 [this is a longer and slightly modified version of original article].
- as Hawkish Biases and the Interdisciplinary Study of Conflict (2017) in Steve Yetiv and Patrick James (eds.) *American Foreign Advancing Interdisciplinary Approaches to International Relations* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan), 51-81 [this is a longer and slightly modified version of original article].

Chapters

1. Immigration and Foreign Policy. Forthcoming in Patrick Haney, Sebastian Harnish, Juliet Kaarbo, Kai Oppermann and Atsushi Tago (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*.

[Anna Oltman & Jonathan Renshon]

2. The Role of Emotions in Foreign Policy Decision Making (2012) in Daniel J. Christie and Cristina Montiel (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Peace Psychology* (NJ: Wiley-Blackwell Press), 313-317.

[Jonathan Renshon & Jennifer S. Lerner]

3. Psychological Dimensions of Foreign Policy Decision Making (2012) in Daniel J. Christie and Cristina Montiel (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Peace Psychology* (NJ: Wiley-Blackwell Press), 308-312.

4. The Psychological Origins of Preventive War (2007) in Stanley A. Renshon and Peter Suedfeld (eds.) *Understanding the Bush Doctrine: Psychology and Strategy in an Age of Terrorism* (New York: Routledge Press), 201-230.

Working Papers and Projects

1. Democratic Leaders, Crises and War
[Jonathan Renshon, Keren Yarhi-Milo & Josh Kertzer]
2. Putting Things in Perspective: Mental Simulation in Experimental Political Science
[Josh Kertzer & Jonathan Renshon]
3. Are Red Lines Red Herrings?
[Josh Kertzer, Jonathan Renshon & Keren Yarhi-Milo]
4. The Complexity of Influence: Power and Status in the Interstate Alliance Network
[Jonathan Renshon & T. Camber Warren]
5. International Status and Presidential Approval
[Ryan Powers & Jonathan Renshon]
6. Abstraction and Detail in Experimental Design
(with Josh Kertzer, Dustin Tingley, Chagai Weiss & Ryan Brutger)
7. Perils and Promise in Pre-Registrations
(with Justin Grimmer)
8. Emotions in International Relations
(with Anna Meier)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Best Book Award (International Studies Association), 2019
- Lepgold Prize for best book in International Relations (Georgetown University, Mortara Center), 2018.
- Best Paper Award, Foreign Policy Section (American Political Science Association), 2017.
- Stanton Foundation Course Development Grant (for a course on the subject of international and nuclear security), 2017.
- *International Organization's* Robert O. Keohane award for best research article published by an untenured scholar (for “Losing Face and Sinking Costs”), 2016.
- Graduate Fall Competition (UW-Madison), 2013, 2014.
- Best Dissertation Award, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), 2013.
- Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize, Harvard University (for best dissertation on a subject relating to the promotion of world peace), 2012.
- Research Grant, Lab for Economic Applications and Policy (LEAP) (awarded jointly with Nate Hillger), 2012.
- Conference Travel Grant (IQSS), 2012.
- Eliot Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2011-2012.
- Research Grant, Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS), 2011.

- National Security Graduate Fellowship (The Tobin Project). 2011.
- Alexander George Graduate Student Paper Award (International Studies Association), 2011.
- Pre-doctoral Fellowship (International Security Program), Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, 2010-2012.
- Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, 2010-2011.
- Miller Center Fellowship in Politics and History, University of Virginia, 2010-2011.
- World Politics and Statecraft Dissertation Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2010.
- Next Generation Grant, Program on Negotiation, Harvard Law School, 2010.
- National Security Studies Program Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2009-2012.
- Bradley Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2008-2010.
- Graduate Student Award, Mind/Brain/Behavior Initiative, Harvard University, 2008.
- Graduate Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2008.
- White Fellowship for Excellence in Government, Wesleyan University, 2005.
- High Honors (Undergraduate Thesis), Wesleyan University, 2004.

INVITED
LECTURES &
WORKSHOPS

Invited Lectures

- Political Economy Workshop, University of Tokyo, December, 2018
- Mortara Center, Georgetown University, October, 2018
- George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, November 2017.
- University of Haifa, School of Political Science, March 2017.
- London School of Economics & Political Science, Department of International Relations, July 2016.
- Oxford University, Department of Politics & International Relations, July 2015.
- Columbia University, Department of Political Science, March 2015.
- Dartmouth College, Department of Government, November 2014.
- University of Virginia, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, November 2014.
- Harvard University, Department of Government, September 2014.
- University of Montreal, Cérium Diplomatic and Statecraft Program, June 2014.
- Stanford University, Center for International Security and Arms Control (CISAC), June 2013.
- “Political Psychology of International Relations” workshop, Nordic International Studies Association/Finnish POLITU Graduate School in Political Studies, Helsinki, August 2012.

Workshops

- Academic Exchange Alumni workshop, Ojai, CA, June 2017.
- Teaching, Research & International Policy (TRIP) workshop, College of William & Mary, May 2017.
- Co-organizer of invited full-day workshop, “Survey Experiments in IR,” Peace Science Society/University of Notre Dame, October 2016.
- “Leaders and Military Conflict,” Peace Science Society/University of Notre Dame, October 2016.
- “Reassessing Strategic Threat Assessment,” Tobin Project, Washington, DC, May 2016.

- “Leaders and Military Conflict,” Peace Science Society/University of Mississippi, November 2015.
- “Origins of Preferences” hosted by UCLA Political Science, January 2015.
- “Survey Experiments in Peace Science,” Peace Science Society/University of Pennsylvania, October 2014.
- “Innovations in International Relations” hosted by GWU Political Science, August 2014.
- “Behavioral Revolution in International Relations II” hosted by UCSD Political Science, June 2014.
- “Behavioral Revolution in International Relations” hosted by UCSD Political Science, January 2014.
- “Emotions and International Relations” hosted by University of Helsinki, August 2012.
- “Beyond American Hegemony: Rising Powers, Status and the World Order” hosted by Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, October 2010 (discussant).

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
(last 5 years)

Are Red Lines Red Herrings? (with Josh Kertzer & Keren Yarhi-Milo)

- APSA 2018, ISA 2019

International Status and Presidential Approval (with Ryan Powers)

- APSA 2016; MPSA 2017

Tying Hands, Sinking Costs and Leader Attributes (with Josh Kertzer & Keren Yarhi-Milo)

- APSA 2016, APSA 2017

Democratic Leaders, Crises and War: Paired Experiments on the Israeli Knesset and Public (with Josh Kertzer & Keren Yarhi-Milo)

- MPSA 2016; ISPP 2016; APSA 2016; ISA 2017, APSA 2018

To Whom do Reputations Adhere? Experimental Evidence on Influence-Specific Reputations (with Allan Dafoe and Paul Huth)

- MPSA 2015; APSA 2015

How Do Observers Infer Resolve? (with Josh Kertzer & Keren Yarhi-Milo)

- ISA 2015; APSA 2015

Losing Face and Sinking Costs: Experimental Evidence on the Judgment of Political and Military Leaders

- ISA 2013; MPSA 2014; ISPP 2014

Putting Things in Perspective: Mental Simulation in Experimental Political Science (with Josh Kertzer)

- ISA 2014; MPSA 2014; ISPP 2014

The Complexity of Influence: Power and Status in the Interstate Alliance Network (with Camber Warren)

- ISA 2014

Fool’s Gold: The Role of Nuclear Weapons in International Conflict (with Jane Vaynman, Vipin Narang & Arthur Spirling)

- ISA 2014

Status Deficits and War

– ISA 2014

Aversive Arousal and Cognitive Impairment: Micro-Foundations of Commitment Problems in International Politics (with Dustin Tingley and Julia J. Lee)

– MPSA 2013; APSA 2013

Reputation and Status as Motives for War (with Allan Dafoe and Paul Huth)

– ISA 2013; APSA 2013

Physiological Arousal and Political Beliefs (with Dustin Tingley and Julia J. Lee)

– MPSA 2012

Fighting for Status

– Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section/ISA 2010; ISPP 2011; ISA 2012

TEACHING

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Research Methods in Political Science (170), *Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2019.*

International Relations Colloquium, *Fall 2015, Spring 2016.*

Experimental Methods (919), *Spring 2018.*

Eye to Eye: The Cuban Missile Crisis in Perspective (601), *Fall 2015.*

Decision-making in World Politics (601), *Spring 2015.*

Introduction to Political Psychology (267/206), *Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2018.*

Co-Organizer, Experimental Politics Workshop, *2014 - present.*

Psychological Approaches to International Relations (960), *Fall 2013, Spring 2017, Spring 2019.*

Naval Postgraduate School

National Security Decision-Making, Department of Defense Analysis, *Spring 2013.*

Research Design & Methods, Department of Defense Analysis, *Winter 2013.*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*, 2019-.

Section Chair (Leadership & Political Personality) for 2016 Annual Meeting of International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP).

Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), 2015-16.

Chair, Roberta Sigel Best Paper Award, International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), 2007-8.

Associate Editor, *The Experimental Political Scientist* (newsletter of APSA's Experimental Section), 2012-2013.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Intelligence & National Security*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental*

Political Science, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Strategic Studies, Political Psychology, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Research & Politics, Security Studies, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS, National Science Foundation).