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Education

Yale University
Ph.D. candidate, Political Science, 2017-2023 (expected)
Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics
Dissertation: *Essays on Domestic Politics and Diplomacy*
Committee: Alexandre Debs (chair), Sarah Bush, Elizabeth Saunders,
and Nuno Monteiro (2017-2021)

Stanford University
M.A., International Policy, 2015

Grinnell College
B.A., International Relations with Honors, 2012

Peer-Reviewed Publications

The Domestic Sources of International Reputation
(with Michael Joseph and Roseanne McManus). Forthcoming at the
American Political Science Review.

Public Opinion and Nuclear Use: Evidence from Factorial Experiments
(with Tyler Bowen and Matthew Graham). Forthcoming at
The Journal of Politics.

Under Review

Just Patronage? Affinity and the Diplomatic Value of Non-Career
Ambassadors. Revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Conflict Resolution.*

Leadership Importance, Institutional Constraints, and Conflict:
A Document-Based Approach (with Michael Joseph). Revise and
resubmit at *Security Studies.*

When Do Leader Attributes Matter? Evidence from the President's
Daily Brief (with Michael Joseph and Dan Krcmaric). *Under review.*

In Progress

Hawks, Doves, and Regime Type in International Rivalry
and Rapprochement

The National Security Council, Diplomacy, and the Bureaucratic
Politics of U.S. Foreign Policy Shifts.

Domestic Reform, Reassurance, and Rapprochement.

Waves of Peace: Examining Periods of Rapprochement in
World Politics

One Action, Many Reputations: Multidimensional Learning in International
Relations

Other
Writing

Stanford Leadership Academy For Development Case Studies
Indonesia's Corruption Eradication Commission, 2014
Building a New Health Insurance System for Georgia, 2015
Reviving Georgia's Wine Industry, 2015

Op-Eds
Challenges for US-India Relations After Obama,
The Diplomat, August 27, 2016.

How the NSC Hijacked U.S. Foreign Policy,
The National Interest, March 30, 2016.

Fellowships
and Grants

Yale International Security Studies Graduate Fellowship
Research on U.S.-India Relations

Other
Positions

Department of Political Science, Yale University
Research Assistant to Alexandre Debs, 2020-21

The Cohen Group
Research Associate, 2015-2017

**Center for Democracy, Development, and
the Rule of Law, Stanford University**
Case Writer for the Leadership Academy for Development, 2014-15

Teaching

Yale University
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations (with
Dr. Nicholas Lotito), Spring 2020, Summer 2020 & 2021

Teaching Assistant, Game Theory and International Relations (with
Dr. Alexandre Debs), Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, Game Theory and Political Science (with
Dr. Ian Turner), Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant, Power and Politics in Today's World (with
Dr. Ian Shapior), Fall 2019

Stanford University
Teaching Assistant, America's War in Afghanistan (with
Amb. Karl Eikenberry), Spring 2015

Teaching Assistant, Challenges and Dilemmas in U.S. Foreign Policy
(with Dr. Condoleezza Rice), Winter 2015

Conferences	**2022** ISA (accepted); APSA (accepted); Yale IR Workshop; IR Theory Colloquium **2021** ISA; APSA **2020** APSA; Yale IR Workshop **2019** MPSA; Yale International Security Studies Yale Institute for Social & Policy Studies Experiments Workshop
Workshops & Symposia	IR Theory Colloquium (2021-22) Cato Institute Junior Scholars Symposium (2019)
Service	Co-founder, Graduate Student International Security, Etc. (GSISE) workshop, online forum for international security grad students Student Organizer, Yale IR Workshop (2019-2021) Student Organizer, Book Workshop for Fritz Bartel and Nuno Monteiro, eds., "Before and After the Fall: World Politics and the End of the Cold War", *Cambridge University Press*, 2021 Student Organizer, Book Workshop for Sarah Bush and Lauren Prather, "Monitors and Meddlers: How Foreign Actors Shape Local Trust in Elections"
Languages and Skills	English (native), French (intermediate) R, LaTeX