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Education

Yale University

Ph.D. candidate, Political Science, 2017-2023 (expected)
Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics
Dissertation: *Messenger Matters: Essays on Domestic Politics, Two-Level Diplomacy, and International Security*
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

Working Papers

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

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

The Affinity-Expertise Tradeoff in Delegated Diplomacy. *Under review*.

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

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

Leadership Importance, Institutional Constraints, and Conflict: A Document-Based Approach (with Michael Joseph). *Under review*.

In Progress

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

Domestic Reform, Reassurance, and Rapprochement.

Declinist Narratives and Public Support for Security Competition.

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) 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., “The End of the Cold War at 30,” forthcoming with <i>Cambridge University Press</i> 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, L ^A T _E X