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Academic Positions

U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI
Assistant Professor of National Security Affairs, 07/2023 - present

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Ph.D., Political Science with University Distinction, 05/2023

Dissertation: *Essays on Leadership, Domestic Politics, and Diplomacy*
Committee: Alexandre Debs (chair), Sarah Bush, Elizabeth Saunders, and Nuno Monteiro
Fields: International Relations, Quantitative Methods, and Comparative Politics

Stanford University, Stanford, CA
M.A., International Policy, 06/2015

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA
B.A., International Relations with Honors, 05/2012

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Goldfien, Michael A., Michael F. Joseph, and Roseanne W. McManus. "The Domestic Sources of International Reputation." *American Political Science Review* 117, no. 2 (2023): 609-628.

Bowen, Tyler, Michael A. Goldfien, and Matthew H. Graham. "Public Opinion and Nuclear Use." *The Journal of Politics* 85, no. 1 (2023): 345-350.

Goldfien, Michael A. and Michael F. Joseph. "Perceptions of Leadership Importance: Evidence from the CIA's President's Daily Brief." *Security Studies* 32, no. 2 (2023): 205-238.

Goldfien, Michael A., Michael F. Joseph, and Dan Kremaric. "When Do Leader Backgrounds Matter?" *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 41, no. 1 (2024).

Goldfien, Michael A. "Just Patronage? Familiarity and the Diplomatic Value of Non-Career Ambassadors." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 68, no. 7-8 (2024): 1417-1442.

Goldfien, Michael A. "To Agree or Not to Agree: Hawks, Doves, and Regime Type in International Rivalry and Rapprochement." *International Security* 50, no. 2 (2025): 162-192.

Book Project	<i>The Roots of Reputation: How International Reputation Accrues across Multiple Policy Domains</i> (with Michael Joseph & Roseanne McManus). Supported by NSF Grant No. 2342950 (Security and Preparedness Program).
Work in Progress	<p>“The Domestic Sources of International Trust” (with Michael Joseph and Roseanne McManus). Conditional acceptance, <i>American Political Science Review</i>.</p> <p>“Multidimensional Reputation in International Politics” (with Tyler Pratt and Keren Yarhi-Milo). <i>Draft available on request</i>.</p> <p>“Nuclear Politics and Conventional War: Evidence from Elite Military Opinion” (with Tyler Bowen, Kendrick Kuo, and So Jin Lee). <i>Draft available on request</i>.</p> <p>“Reputational Sources of the Accommodation Dilemma” (with Tyler Pratt, Ryan Powers, and Jonathan Renshon). <i>Draft available on request</i>.</p> <p>“Do Diplomatic Sanctions Work?” (with Nick Anderson). <i>Early stage</i>.</p>
Service	Reviewer for: <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>International Organization</i> , <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , <i>Government & Opposition</i> , <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> , <i>Journal of Politics</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Political Science & Politics</i> , <i>Security Studies</i>
	Co-founder, Junior Scholars in International Security, Etc. (JSISE) Member, Junior IR/Security Working Group
Fellowships and Grants	<p>National Science Foundation Grant, Security and Preparedness Program (No. 2342950)</p> <p>Yale Nuclear Security Fellowship (2023-24)</p> <p>Notre Dame Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship (2023-24)</p> <p>Yale International Security Studies Graduate Fellowship (2018-19)</p>
Honors and Awards	James G. March Award (best dissertation in Political Science), Yale University, 2023

Frederic M. Jablin Doctoral Dissertation Award
(outstanding dissertation from any discipline on leadership),
International Leadership Association & the University
of Richmond Jepson School of Leadership, 2023

Peace Science Society (International)'s Palmer Prize for "When
Do Leader Background's Matter?" (best article published in
Conflict Management and Peace Science's Volume 41), 2024

Commencement Speaker for Stanford M.A. in
International Policy, 2015

Invited Talks

2025: Penn Browne Center Junior Scholars in Int'l Relations Conference; Yale-Stanford-Vanderbilt Conference on Great Power Competition and Cooperation; Columbia University International Politics Seminar; Stockholm Center on Global Governance Workshop on How States and IOs Respond to Non-Cooperation
2024: Yale Grand Strategy-Nuclear Security Program Conference; Harvard Belfer Project on Managing the Atom Seminar
2023: Princeton Niehaus Workshop on Diplomats & Bureaucrats
2022: Duke-UNC New Faces Conference; Brown Bureaucracy & IR Conference