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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	University of Toronto , Department of Political Science Associate Professor, 2025–present Assistant Professor, 2017–2025	Dartmouth College , John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding Postdoctoral Fellow, 2016–2017
EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology PhD, Political Science (2016)	University of Toronto BA, International Relations/Peace & Conflict (2009)
BOOK	<i>Wars Without End: Competitive Intervention, Escalation Control, and Protracted Conflict</i> (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2025). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed in:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– <i>Ethics & International Affairs</i>– <i>Small Wars & Insurgencies</i>	
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	<p>“Navigating Uncertainty: Rebel Risk Management Strategies During War-to-Peace Transitions.” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>, forthcoming (with Jacques Bertrand and Alex Pelletier).</p> <p>“Pressed to Prolong: Conscription, the Costs of Military Labor, and Civil War Duration.” <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, Vol. 67, No. 2 (2023): sqad016 (with Benjamin E. Bagozzi and Ore Koren).</p> <p>“The Limits of Regional Power: South Africa’s Security Strategy, 1975–1989.” <i>Journal of Strategic Studies</i>, Vol. 42, No. 2 (2023): 404–426 (with Mark S. Bell).</p> <p>“Addressing Monotone Likelihood in Duration Modeling of Political Events.” <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>, Vol. 51, No. 4 (2021): 1654–1671 (with Benjamin E. Bagozzi and Ore Koren).</p> <p>“Competitive Intervention, Protracted Conflict, and the Global Prevalence of Civil War.” <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, Vol. 63, No. 3 (2019): 692–706.</p> <p>“Fatality Thresholds, Causal Heterogeneity, and Civil War Research: Reconsidering the Link Between Narcotics and Conflict.” <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>, Vol. 7, No. 1 (2019): 85–105 (with Alec Worsnop).</p> <p>“Peacekeepers Fighting a Counterinsurgency Campaign: A Net Assessment of the African Union Mission in Somalia.” <i>Studies in Conflict & Terrorism</i>, Vol. 37, No. 11 (2014): 936–958.</p>	
OTHER WRITING	<p>“An American Military Invasion of Canada? No Longer Unthinkable, but Highly Unlikely,” <i>The Conversation</i> (20 March 2025).</p> <p>“Proxy Wars: How they End, and How Relationships Break Down.” <i>Proxy Wars Initiative</i> (2020).</p> <p>“The Al-Shayrat Strikes and Escalation Control in Syria.” <i>War on the Rocks</i> (10 April 2017).</p> <p>“Why Victories in Battle Have Not Yet Finished the War Against al-Shabaab.” <i>Survival</i>, Vol. 58, No. 4 (2016): 51–62.</p> <p>“The Agreement That Will Save Ukraine.” <i>The National Interest</i> (22 June 2015).</p>	

“The ‘Art of the Fudge’: Merits of Constructive Ambiguity in the Good Friday Agreement.” At-taché Journal of International Affairs (2009): 57-72.

FELLOWSHIPS,
GRANTS, &
AWARDS

Senior Fellow, Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History, 2025-present
Research and Scholarly Activity Award, 2025-2026 (\$15,000)
Irregular Warfare Initiative Nonresident Fellowship, 2025
SSHRC Insight Grant, 2021-2026 (\$278,160) (*co-PI*)
USIP Reinvigorating Multilateral Conflict Prevention & Peacebuilding, 2022-2024 (\$141,000) (*co-PI*)
Research and Scholarly Activity Award, 2020-2021 (\$8,825)
Connaught New Researcher Award, 2019-2020 (\$15,225)
Harry Frank Guggenheim Dissertation Fellowship, 2015-2016 (\$20,000)
USIP Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship, 2015-2016 (\$20,000) (*declined stipend*)
Miller Center National Fellowship, 2015-2016 (\$22,000)
Belfer Center Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University, 2015-2016 (\$25,000) (*declined*)
Smith Richardson World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, 2014-2015 (\$7500)
Tobin Project National Security Fellowship, 2013-2015 (\$3,000)
Center for International Studies Summer Grant, 2013-2014 (\$6,500)
SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, 2012-2013 (\$20,000)
MIT Graduate Student Fellowship, 2011-2015 (tuition and stipend)
Kenin Sahin Presidential Graduate Fellowship Award, 2010 (tuition and stipend)
USC Postgraduate Award in Humanities and Social Sciences, 2010 (\$15,000)
Gold Medal - Best Degree in the Arts, University College, University of Toronto, 2009 (\$3,000)
University of Toronto Excellence Award, 2009 (\$2,000)
Robert H. Catherwood International Relations Award, 2009 (\$5,000)
The Meltzer Memorial Scholarship in International Relations, 2009 (\$1,000)
Elisabeth Brown Travel Award for International Research, 2007-2008 (\$1953)
Reuben Wells Leonard Scholarship, 2007-2008 (\$1,000)
Harriet Tunmer Scholarship, 2007 (\$3,000)
University of Toronto Scholar, 2006-2009 (\$4,500)
Howard Ferguson Provincial Scholarship, 2006-2009 (\$10,000)
Queen Elisabeth Aiming for the Top Scholarship, 2006-2009 (\$3,440)
Canada Millennium Scholarship, 2005 (\$4,500)

INVITED TALKS

Université Laval, Polycrises in the Francophonie Conference (Quebec City, QC, 3 October 2025)
ETH Zurich, Workshop on Internationalized Conflicts (Zurich, Switzerland, 30-31 January 2025)
Université de Montréal, CEPSI (Montréal, QC, 17 February 2023)
Dartmouth, Dickey Center Conference (Hanover, NH, 25 May 2019)
University of Pennsylvania, Young Scholars in IR Conference (Philadelphia, PA, 19 May 2017)
Yale, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence (New Haven, CT, 22 February 2016)
University of Chicago, PIPES (Chicago, IL, 16 April 2015)

Monash South Africa, Social Science Research Seminar (Roodeport, South Africa, 3 July 2014)

CONFERENCES,
PANELS, &
WORKSHOPS

- APSA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC (11-14 September 2025)
“Canada and the Trump Challenge” Panel Discussion, University of Toronto Mississauga, Mississauga, ON (13 March 2025)
APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (5-8 September 2024)
Engaging Non-State Armed Groups In Peace Processes Workshop, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (3 May 2024)
Global Tensions, Local Wars Workshop, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC (8-9 December 2023)
Humanitarianism, Intervention, and Sovereignty Conference, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (19-20 October 2023)
APSA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (31 August-3 September 2023)
The Changing International Politics of Civil Conflict Workshop, Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC (13 March 2023)
“Proxy Warfare” Panel Discussion, Irregular Warfare Initiative/Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Virtual Panel (6 October 2022)
APSA Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC (15-18 September 2022)
SOSH Security Studies Seminar at West Point, Hybrid Meeting (7 September 2022)
APSA Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference (30 September-3 October 2021)
Conflict Delegation & Proxy Wars in IR, Virtual Conference (23 September 2021)
IR Workshop Series, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (26 March 2021)
APSA Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference (9-13 September 2020)
APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (29 August-1 September 2019)
ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, ON (27-30 March 2019)
Combat Training Centre/Gregg Centre Conference, Fredericton, NB (6-7 February 2019)
APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (30 August-2 September 2018)
“Syria Under Siege” Panel Discussion, Munk Centre, Toronto, ON (21 March 2018)
Comparative Politics/IR Seminar, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (15 March 2018)
“Shaping Global Summity” Panel Discussion, Munk Centre, Toronto, ON (12 March 2018)
APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (31 August-3 September 2017)
ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD (22-25 February 2017)
Dickey Center IR Faculty Working Group, Dartmouth, Hanover, NH (2 December 2016)
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC (5-6 October 2016)
APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (1-4 September 2016)
Miller Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (12 May 2016)
APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (3-6 September 2015)
MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (16-19 April 2015)
ISA Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA (18-21 February 2015)
Tobin Project Forum on National Security, Cambridge, MA (30 January 2015)
Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, Yale, New Haven, CT (18 April 2014)

ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada (26-29 March 2014)
Tobin Project Forum on National Security, Cambridge, MA (8 November 2013)
Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, Harvard, Cambridge, MA (27 April 2013)
Political Violence Working Group, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2 April 2013)
Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT, Cambridge, MA (27 November 2012)
ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA (3-6 April 2013)
Olympia Summer Seminars Transformation of Conflict Group, Olympia, Greece (14 July 2012)
Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT, Cambridge, MA (10 April 2012)

TEACHING

University of Toronto

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate)
Contemporary Challenges in International Relations (undergraduate)
Insurgents, Criminals, and Warlords (undergraduate)
Civil War and Counterinsurgency (graduate)
International Relations Field Seminar (graduate)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

US Military Power (teaching assistant)
American Public Policy for Washington Interns (teaching assistant)
MIT Graduate Teaching Certificate

SUPERVISIONS

Ph.D dissertation committees

Completed: Mark Winward (2019), Cheng Xu (2024), Michele St-Amant (2025), Tanya Bandula-Irwin (2025), Jae Park (2025), Sanjida Amin (2025)

In Progress: Khalil Alwazir, Ajmal Burhanzoi, John Dotse, Zaceu Lian, Samuel Martin, Levi Stutzman

Master's supervisor

Completed: Naveed Moez (2021)

Undergraduate thesis supervisor

Completed: Matthew O'Riordan-Ross (2020), Winston Bai (2024)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Government of Ireland, Department of Justice

Dublin, Ireland (2008)
Executive Officer, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit

Independent Monitoring Commission

Dublin, Ireland & Belfast, Northern Ireland (2007)
Analyst

TRAINING & SEMINARS

Bridging the Gap, New Era Foreign Policy Conference, Washington, DC (Spring 2014)
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University (Summer 2013)
Transformation of Conflict Seminars, Olympia Summer Academy (Summer 2012)
Counterterrorism Module, Harvard Kennedy School (Winter 2011)

SERVICE	<p>Progression Through the Ranks Committee (UTM) (2025-present)</p> <p>TA Coordinator, Department of Political Science (UTM) (2025-present)</p> <p>Member, Teaching Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science (UTM) (2025-present)</p> <p>Co-Director, Postcor Lab, University of Toronto (2021-present)</p> <p>Examination Chair, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto (2025)</p> <p>IR Area Group Convenor, Political Science Graduate Department (2024-2025)</p> <p>Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Political Science Graduate Department (2024-2025)</p> <p>Member, Public Affairs Committee, Department of Political Science (UTM) (2020-2021, 2022-2023, 2024-2025)</p> <p>Member, Graduate Department Academic Appeals Committee (2021-2023)</p> <p>Member, Student Awards Committee, Department of Political Science (UTM) (2021-2023)</p> <p>Member, Research Council, University of Toronto Mississauga (2018-2021)</p> <p>Faculty Organizer, Conflict and Security Research Group, University of Toronto (2018-2019)</p> <p>Co-Chair, MIT Strategic Use of Force Working Group (2013-2014)</p> <p>Reviewer, <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>, <i>International Area Studies Review</i>, <i>International Interactions</i>, <i>International Peacekeeping</i>, <i>International Security</i>, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, <i>Journal of Peace Research</i>, <i>Security Studies</i>, <i>Small Wars & Insurgencies</i>, <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i>, United States Institute of Peace</p>
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