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RESEARCH INTERESTS	<i>Substantive:</i> international security, intra/inter-state armed conflict (causes, dynamics, termination), intelligence, terrorism, insurgency, special operations, irregular warfare <i>Methodological:</i> causal inference, spatial statistics, machine learning <i>Regional:</i> Middle East, Central Asia, North and East Africa	
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	<b>Duke University</b> , Program in American Grand Strategy, Durham, NC <i>America in the World Consortium Postdoctoral Fellow</i> , August 2025-Present <b>Naval Postgraduate School</b> , Department of Defense Analysis, Monterey, CA <i>Faculty Associate - Research AD-01</i> , April 2025-Present <i>Donald R. Beall Postdoctoral Defense Fellow</i> , August 2023-March 2025	
EDUCATION	<b>University of Michigan</b> , Ann Arbor, MI Ph.D., <b>Political Science</b> , 2023	
	<b>University of California</b> , San Diego, CA M.I.A., <b>International Politics</b> , 2017	
	<b>National Intelligence University</b> , Washington D.C. M.S. <b>Strategic Intelligence</b> , 2011	
	<b>American Military University</b> , Charles Town, WV B.A. <b>International Relations</b> , 2010	
	<b>Indiana University</b> , Bloomington, IN B.A., <b>Political Science</b> , 2005	
DISSERTATION	<i>Unraveling Rebel Strategies: Exploring Patterns of Violence in Civil War</i> Committee: James Morrow (chair), Christopher Fariss, Kevin Quinn, Yuri Zhukov	
PEER- REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	“Frogmen and Fast Boats: The Future of Irregular Warfare in the Maritime Domain.” [co-author with John Willingham and Kenneth Walls] <i>Inter Populum Journal of Irregular Warfare and Special Operations</i> 3(2), (2025): pp.1-27. “Meta-Analysis & the Integration of Terrorism Event Databases” <i>International Journal of Cyber Warfare and Terrorism (IJCWT)</i> 13(1), (2023): pp.1-20.	

EDITOR- REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	“Peace Agreements and the Persuasive Authority of International Law” <i>Minnesota Journal of International Law</i> 34(1), (2025): pp.1-86.
SUBMITTED PAPERS	“Adapting Under Pressure: Diversification of Rebel Violence in Civil Wars” <i>Revise &amp; Resubmit at Civil Wars</i>
	“The Sequencing of Territorial Control and Wartime Aid.” [co-author with Daniel Karel] <i>Under Review</i>
SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Taking Out the Competition: Selective Targeting of Influential Civilians in Civil Wars” [co-author with Martin Macias-Medellin]
	“Securing Decision Dominance: The Role of Special Intelligence in Complex Environments”
GENERAL AUDIENCE PUBLICATIONS	“What the candidates can learn from two former presidents about foreign policy” [co-author with David Dezso], <i>The Hill</i> , January 2024.
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022-2025 International Studies Association (ISA), 2023-2025 Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, 2023 American Branch of the International Law Association (ABILA) International Law Weekend (ILW), 2022 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2022
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>Graduate Student Research Assistant</b> Research Assistant, Christopher Fariss, 2022 Research Assistant, Yuri Zhukov, 2019 Research Assistant, Mai Hassan, 2018 Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL) Research Assistant, Craig McIntosh & Jennifer Burney 2016-2017
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Intelligence Support to Special Operations (graduate level)</b> Instructor of Record, Spring 2025 <b>Intelligence, Surprise, and Special Operations: Methods for Identifying Uncertainty and Forecasting the Future (graduate level)</b> Instructor of Record, Fall 2024 <b>The Use of Social Science Computer Programs (graduate level)</b> Instructor of Record, Fall 2022 <b>How to be an Autocrat (undergraduate level)</b> Graduate Student Instructor. Course Head: Mai Hassan, Fall 2021

- Introduction to World Politics** (*undergraduate level*)  
 Graduate Student Instructor. Course Head: James Morrow, Fall 2018, 2020
- Modern Warfare** (*undergraduate level*)  
 Graduate Student Instructor. Course Head: Yuri Zhukov, Fall 2019
- Economics, Politics & International Change** (*undergraduate level*)  
 Graduate Student Instructor. Course Head: Stephen Haggard, Fall 2016

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Naval Special Warfare Development Group (DEVGRU)**  
 Tactical Development & Evaluation Squadron One  
*Senior Targeting Officer*, GG-0132-13-10  
 August 2012-August 2015
- Defense Intelligence Agency**  
 Joint Intelligence Task Force Combating Terrorism (JITF-CT)  
*Senior Intelligence Analyst*, GG-0132-14-03  
 April 2008-August 2012  
*Senior NCO All-Source Analyst* (SFC/35F30)  
 November 2001-November 2002; February 2005 - April 2008
- U.S. Army Reserves**  
*Senior NCO All-Source Analyst* (SFC/35F30)  
 November 1999-November 2011

**JOINT-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS AND DEPLOYMENTS**

- CIA Counterproliferation Center**  
 Liaison Officer, 2014-2015
- Special Operations Task Force - Afghanistan**  
 J2 - Director of Intelligence, 2013-2014
- Special Operations Task Force - East Africa**  
 Senior Intelligence Analyst, 2011
- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - J2**  
 Subject Matter Expert Briefer - Terrorism, 2009-2010
- Inter-Agency Intelligence Task Force - Arabian Peninsula**  
 Embassy Targeting Officer, 2009
- Special Operations Task Force - Iraq**  
 Senior Intelligence Analyst, 2008
- Special Operations Task Force - Iraq**  
 Intelligence Analyst, 2007
- Special Operations Task Force - Iraq**  
 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Analyst, 2005

**ACADEMIC AWARDS**

- Donald Beall Defense Fellow Research Grant, \$8000  
 Political Science Research Grant, University of Michigan, 2023 \$1600  
 American Political Science Association Conference Travel Grant, 2022 \$150  
 Davis Fellows for Peace, Middlebury Institute of International Studies \$9600  
 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS), University of Michigan, \$5500  
 Hewlett Foundation Merit Fellowship, University of California, \$48000  
 Robinson Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, University of California, \$5000  
 Friends of the International Center Award, University of California, \$1500  
 Education Abroad Summer Study Award, University of California, \$1000

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	American Political Science Association Peace Science Society—International Midwest Political Science Association
DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE	Security, Peace, and Conflict (SPC) Workshop, Duke University (Participant 2025-present) Intelligence Failures and Strategic Surprise (Reading Workshop), Naval Postgraduate School (Coordinator 2023-2025) Conflict & Peace, Research & Development (CPRD) Workshop, University of Michigan (Participant 2017-present; Coordinator 2021-2023)
EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARD	<i>Combating Threats Exchange</i>
PEER REVIEWER	<i>International Studies Quarterly, Combating Threats Exchange, Peace and Conflict Studies</i>
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING	Fundamentals of Deep Learning (NVIDIA) Writing for Presidential Daily Brief (DNI) Advanced Defense Intelligence Writing (DIA) Advanced Defense Intelligence Briefing (DIA) Critical Thinking Structure Analysis (DIA) Survival Evasion Resistance Escape (SERE) 215 & 245 Introduction to ArcGIS I & II, Proton, IC Reach, Palantir, Analyst Notebook (ESRI, DIA) HUMINT Online Tasking & Reporting Consumer Course (DIA) Basic Geospatial Metadata Analysis Course (NSA) Joint Intelligence Task Force – Combating Terrorism 101 High-Threat Environment Travelers Course (JSOC) Collection Management for Analysts Course (DIA) Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course Primary Leadership Development Course
SKILLS	<i>Technical:</i> R, Python, GIS (ESRI ArcGIS Suite, Google Earth Engine, R), Stata, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X <i>Language:</i> German (intermediate), Persian (intermediate), Chinese-Mandarin (basic), Arabic (MSA) (basic)

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