Zachary Burdette

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Political Science   Anticipated: 2023

   Ph.D. Candidate, Security Studies and Quantitative Methods Subfields

   Teaching Certificate Candidate, MIT Teaching + Learning Lab

Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

   M.A. Security Studies, Military Operations Concentration   2016–2018

   B.S. Foreign Service, *summa cum laude*   2013–2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The RAND Corporation, Adjunct Staff   2021–present
- Conducted research and wrote reports on U.S. grand strategy and military posture
- Developed Indo-Pacific defense planning scenarios and assessed force planning options

MIT, Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant   2020–present
- Contributed to research on the alt-right, political disinformation, and insurgencies
- Analyzed and visualized data, drafted book chapters, and conducted literature reviews

Middlebury Institute of International Studies, East Asia Nonproliferation Intern   2016
- Conducted research and wrote reports on Chinese and North Korean nuclear programs

PUBLICATIONS

Do Alliances and Partnerships Entangle the United States in Conflict?   Miranda Priebe, Bryan Rooney, Caitlin McCulloch, and Zachary Burdette (Santa Monica, CA: RAND), 2021.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, *U.S. Military Power*, Barry Posen	2022
Grader, *U.S. National Security Policy*, Erik Lin-Greenberg	2021
Teaching Assistant, *Quantitative Methods II: Causal Inference*, Daniel Hidalgo	2021
Teaching Assistant, *International Relations*, Keir Lieber	2017

AWARDS

Distinction, MIT Security Studies Program	2020
Distinction (awarded to 2 of 108 students), Georgetown Security Studies Program	2018
Summa Cum Laude (awarded to the top 5% of students), Georgetown University	2017
Phi Beta Kappa, Georgetown University	2017
Edmund A. Walsh Medal (awarded to 1 student), Georgetown University	2017

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Cold War Archives Research Institute Fellowship, Wilson Center	2021–2022
Graduate Fellowship, MIT Department of Political Science	2018–2023
Merit Scholarship, Georgetown Security Studies Program	2018
Ellsworth Bunker Research Fellowship, Georgetown University	2016–2017

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Tutor, MIT English as a Second Language Program for Service Employees	2021–2022
Adviser, MIT Political Science Diversity Application Mentorship Program	2020–2021
Mentorship & Social Committees, MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council	2018–2021

SKILLS

Software: R (advanced), Python (basic), LaTeX

(Human) Languages: Arabic (media proficiency | language immersion in Amman, Jordan)
                         French (intermediate reading | language immersion in Tours, France)