Positions

Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State UniversityAugust 2024 - PresentVisiting Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State UniversityAugust 2023 - May 2024

Education

PhD, Government, The University of Texas at Austin	August 2023
M.A., Government, The University of Texas at Austin	December 2018
Other Training:	
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute	Summer 2022
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	Summer 2019
B.A., Political Science, Transylvania University	May 2015

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Ethnic Preferences, Domestic Audiences and Military Coalition Formation (with Roman Hlatky), *Forthcoming in Conflict Management and Peace Science*

Working Papers

The Politics of Arming, Postwar Power, and War Outcomes

Interstate War Demobilization: How Domestic Political Pressure Shapes Interstate Peace Settlements, *awarded Best Paper at the Formal Models of Conflict Conference - October 2024*

Collective Deterrence (with Kevin Galambos and Scott Wolford)

Ethnic Politics and Alliance Formation (with Roman Hlatky)

Dissertation

The Politics of Arming, Postwar Power, and War Outcomes

My dissertation explains why a war's outcome is often an unreliable predictor of the postwar distribution of power among participants. I find that war outcome most directly shapes postwar power when a victorious government pursues war goals intended to constraint their opponent's ability to invest in their military following the war, such as installing a new government, or annexing territory. Governments are most likely to pursue such goals when they expect domestic political constraints will limit their own ability to invest in the military in the future. Therefore, expectations about the postwar distribution of power, a product of the domestic political economy of military investment, shape war outcomes, rather than reflecting them. My findings help us understand when and why governments pursue more ambitious war goals, when war changes the distribution of power in the international system, and as a consequence, when war changes who exerts the most influence in international politics, and whose interests and values take precedence the international arena.

Teaching Experience

Instructor:

POLS 2213: Fundamentals of Political Science - Spring 2025 POLS 4010: International Security - Fall 2024 POLS 4013: American Foreign Policy - Fall 2024 POLS 1113: American Government - Spring 2024, Fall 2023 GOV 312L: International Security - Spring 2022 GOV 306C: Politics and Government in Texas (with Jim Henson) - Summer 2021 GOV 360I: Politics of International Trade (with Nate Jensen) - Fall 2020

Graduate Course Teaching Assistant:

GOV 385N: Introduction to Formal Political Analysis - Spring 2020, Spring 2019

Conference Presentations

Formal Models of Conflict Conference, October 2024 - Interstate War Demobilization: How Pressure to Demobilize Shapes Peace Settlements (Awarded Best Paper)

Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2024 - Ethnic Politics and Alliance Formation

International Studies Association Conference, March 2023 - The Politics of Arming, Postwar Power, and War Outcomes

Peace Science Society Conference, November 2022 - Interstate War Demobilization: How Domestic Political Pressure Shapes Interstate Peace Settlements

International Studies Association Conference, March 2022 - Arming Costs, Coalition Wars, and Postwar Military Power

Midwest Political Science Conference, April 2021 - Arming Costs, War Outcomes, and Postwar Military Power

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, January 2020 - Ethnic Proximity and Military Coalition Formation (co-authored with Roman Hlatky)

Grants and Awards

Best Paper, Formal Models of Conflict Conference 2024 Clements Center Graduate Fellow: Fall 2017-Spring 2023 Peace Science Society Travel Grant: Fall 2022 (\$400) UT Summer Research Fellowship: Summer 2022 (\$6000) Graduate School Fellowship: Fall 2021 (\$20010) Graduate Continuing Fellowship: Spring 2021 (\$16350) UT Summer Research Fellowship: Summer 2020, 2019 (\$5000) UT ICPSR Fellowship: Summer 2019 (\$1800) Clements Center Grant in History, Strategy, and Statecraft: Summer 2019 (\$2500) UT Predissertation Summer Fellowship: Summer 2018 (\$3500) UT Departmental Fellowship: Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016 (\$2500)

Professional Memberships

International Studies Association: Spring 2020-Present

Peace Science Society: Fall 2017-Present

American Political Science Association: Fall 2016-Present