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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015 -	University of Chicago Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	Chicago, IL
2014 - 2015	Georgia State University Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	Atlanta, GA
2013 - 2014	Princeton University Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance	Princeton, NJ

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2013)

Dissertation: "Secrecy, Acknowledgement, and War Escalation: A Study in Covert Competition."

M.A., Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2009)

Fields: International Relations; Political Psychology (with distinction)

B.A., James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (2003)

Major: International Relations (with honors)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Security, Politics of Secrecy & Intelligence, International Relations Theory, Diplomatic History, International Organizations, U.S. Foreign Policy, Nuclear Weapons, Archival Research

BOOKS

Secret Wars: Covert Conflict in International Politics. Princeton Studies in International History and Politics, Princeton University Press, 2018.

Secrets in Global Governance: Disclosure Dilemmas and the Challenge of International Cooperation. With Allison Carnegie. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson, "The Disclosure Dilemma: Nuclear Intelligence and International Organization." Forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*.

Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson, “Tip of the Iceberg? Compliance Pessimism and International Order.” Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.

Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson, “The Spotlight’s Harsh Glare: Rethinking Publicity and International Order,” *International Organization*, Vol 72, Iss 03, Summer 2018, pp. 627-657.

Austin Carson and Alex Thompson. “The Power in Opacity: Rethinking Information in International Organizations.” In *International Institutions and Power Politics: Theory and Practice in the Twenty-First Century*, eds. T.V. Paul and Anders Wivel, Georgetown University Press (forthcoming).

Austin Carson and Keren Yarhi-Milo, “Covert Communication: The Intelligibility and Credibility of Signaling in Secret,” *Security Studies*, Vol 26, No 1, 2017, pp. 124-156.

Austin Carson, “Facing Off and Saving Face: Covert Intervention and Escalation Management in the Korean War,” *International Organization*, Vol 70, Iss 01, Winter 2016, pp. 103-131.

*Winner: Best Security Article Award 2018. International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section.

*Winner: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper 2013. International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section.

Bear Braumoeller and Austin Carson, “Political Irrelevance, Democracy, and the Limits of Militarized Conflict.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Volume 55, No. 2, April 2011, 292-320.

WORKING PAPERS

“Hidden in Plain Sight: Escalation Control and the Covert Side of the Vietnam War.” Revise and Resubmit, *International Studies Quarterly*.

“Amity Lines and Escalation Ladders: Recognition and the Limitation of War.” With Eric Grynaviski.

“Trading Secrets: Disclosure Dilemmas in International Trade.” With Allison Carnegie.

“Incriminating Intelligence: The Strategic Provision of Evidence in War Crimes Tribunals.” With Allison Carnegie.

“Rethinking Secrecy in International Politics.”

COMMENTARY

“Russia and the U.S. just defused a potential crisis in Syria — and showed us how to back away from a war.” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, February 20, 2018.

“Trump and Covert Operations in Syria: A Not-So-Artful Deal?” With Michael Poznansky. *War on the Rocks*, August 1, 2017.

“Obama used covert retaliation in response to Russian election meddling. Here’s why.” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, June 29, 2017.

“The logic for (shoddy) U.S. covert action in Syria.” With Michael Poznansky. *War on the Rocks*, July 21, 2016.

“Did Russian personnel help take down MH17?” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, July 22, 2014.

“Pretending that leaked information is secret hurts democratic debate.” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, May 12, 2014.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Fellowships

- Harvard Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship, 2018-19 (declined)
- Council on Foreign Relations, Stanton Nuclear Security Fellowship, 2018-19 (declined)
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2013-2014
- Summer Research Scholar, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., 2013
- Predoctoral Research Fellow, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 2012-2013
- University Fellowship, Ohio State University Graduate School, 2007-2008

Awards

- Best Security Article Award, International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section, 2018 (for “Facing Off and Saving Face”)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2013 (for “Facing Off and Saving Face”)
- Commendation for Teaching, Dept of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2009-2012

Grants

- Title VIII Summer Research Scholarship, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., 2013 (\$5,000)
- Harvey Walker R. Grant, Dept of Political Science, Ohio State University, 2011 (\$1,200)
- Graduate Student Early Dissertation Research Grant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 2008 (\$5,000)

INVITED TALKS

2018-9: Princeton; Indiana; Denver

2017-8: George Washington; Harvard; Dartmouth

2016-7: Michigan; Brown; MIT; Georgetown, Northwestern

2015-6: Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research; Texas A&M (Bush School); Emory

CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012-2013, 2015-2018

International Studies Association Annual Conference: 2010-2016, 2018-2019

International Political Economy Society: 2014-2015, 2017-2018

New Faces in International Security, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Chapel Hill, NC, 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

APSA 2018 Division Co-Chair. Division 18: International Security

Reviewer for *International Organization*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Security*, *Security Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Review of International Organization*, *H-Diplo*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Analyst, Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington D.C., 2003-2005.

Research, analysis, project management for non-proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons (Supervisors: Robert Einhorn, Michele Flournoy).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations