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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2013)  
M.A., Political Science, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (2009)  
B.A., James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (2003)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## BOOKS

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*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

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Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson, "The Disclosure Dilemma: Nuclear Intelligence and International Organization." *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol 63, No 2, April 2019, pp. 269-285.

Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson, "Tip of the Iceberg? Compliance Pessimism and International Order." *Journal of Politics*, Vol 81, No 2, April 2019, pp. 739-746.

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.

\*Winner: Robert Keohane Award for best article by untenured scholar in *International Organization*, 2018.

\*Honorable Mention: Best Article, International Security Section, American Political Science Association, 2019.

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**

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“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**

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“The Trump administration is revealing U.S. intelligence operations. Is it revealing too much?” With Allison Carnegie. Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, June 20, 2019.

“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**

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### *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*

- Robert Keohane Award (best article by untenured scholar in *International Organization*), 2018 (for “Spotlight’s Harsh Glare”)
- Honorable Mention, Best Article, International Security Section, American Political Science Association, 2018 (for “Spotlight’s Harsh Glare”)
- 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”)

### *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**

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2019-20: Penn

2018-19: Princeton; Indiana; Denver

2017-18: George Washington; Harvard; Dartmouth

2016-17: Michigan; Brown; MIT; Georgetown, Northwestern

2015-16: Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research; Texas A&M (Bush School); Emory

## **CONFERENCES**

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American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012-2013, 2015-2019

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**

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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**

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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**

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