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

BOOKS

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

Winner, Joseph Lepgold Book Prize, Best Book in International Relations, 2018

Honorable Mention, Best Book, APSA Conflict Processes Section, 2018/2019

Reviewed in: H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable, Foreign Affairs, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Naval War College Review, International Social Science Review, Lawfare, War on the Rocks

Secrets in Global Governance: Disclosure Dilemmas and the Challenge of International Cooperation. With Allison Carnegie. Cambridge Studies in International Relations, Cambridge University Press, 2020.

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

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.

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 (2019).

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 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. ISA's International Security Studies Section.

*Winner: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper 2013. ISA's 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

"Off the Map: External Legibility in Cold War America."

"Cooptation at the Creation: Manufacturing an Elite Consensus on US Participation in the United Nations." With Matthew Conklin.

"More than a Number: Aging Leaders in International Politics." With Joshua Byun.

"Interpreting Ambiguity: Classification, Violations, and International Politics." With Allison Carnegie.

"The Education of a President." With Sophia Kierstead.

"A View from the Oval Office: Insights from the President's Daily Brief, 1961-1977."

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Awards

- Honorable Mention, Best Book, APSA Conflict Processes Section, 2020 (for *Secret Wars*)
- Joseph Leggold Book Prize, Best Book in International Relations, 2018 (for *Secret Wars*)
- Robert Keohane Award (best article by untenured scholar in *International Organization*), 2018 (for "Spotlight's Harsh Glare")

- Best Security Article Award, International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section, 2018 (for “Facing Off and Saving Face”)
- Honorable Mention, Best Article, International Security Section, American Political Science Association, 2018 (for “Spotlight’s Harsh Glare”)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2013 (for “Facing Off and Saving Face”)

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

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

“When Dissent Is the Only Choice: A Response to 'Intelligence and Public Dissent'.” *Lawfare*, October 9, 2019.

“The Dangers of a Loyalist Director of National Intelligence.” *Lawfare*, September 19, 2019.

“After the Saudi oil attack, will the U.S. and Saudis start a war with Iran?” Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, September 17, 2019.

“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.

INVITED TALKS

2019-20: Penn; Yale; Stanford CISAC; LSE; Oxford; Cambridge; Pittsburgh

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

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

MPSA 2020 Section Chair, Foreign Policy Section

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, Journal of Strategic 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, Midwest Political Science Association.