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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>2015 - present</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>Chicago, IL</b>
2021 - present	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science	
2015 - 2021	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	
<b>2014 - 2015</b>	<b>Georgia State University</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>
	Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	
<b>2013 - 2014</b>	<b>Princeton University</b>	<b>Princeton, NJ</b>
	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance	

## 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)

## BOOKS

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

- Winner, Best Book Award, APSA International Collaboration Section, 2020
- Reviewed in: Perspectives on Politics, Foreign Affairs, Ethics & International Affairs

Austin Carson. *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
- H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable
- Reviewed in: Perspectives on Politics, Political Science Quarterly, Foreign Affairs, American Historical Review, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Naval War College Review, International Social Science Review, Special Operations Journal, Lawfare, War on the Rocks, Small Wars Journal

## ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

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Joshua Byun and Austin Carson, "More than a Number: Aging Leaders in International Politics." *International Studies Quarterly*, Forthcoming.

Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson. "Scared to Share: Disease Outbreaks, Secrecy, and the World Health Organization." *Global Perspectives*, Vol 4, Issue 1, 2023.

Austin Carson and Matthew Conklin, "Cooptation at the Creation: Manufacturing an Elite Consensus on US Participation in the United Nations." *Security Studies*, Vol 31, No 4, 2022, pp. 634-666.

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, "Reckless Rhetoric? Compliance Pessimism and International Order in the Age of Trump." *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.

- Robert Keohane Award for best article by untenured scholar in *International Organization*, 2018 (Winner). Best Article, International Security Section, American Political Science Association, 2019 (Honorable Mention).

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.

- H-Diplo/ISSF Article Review 76, Lindsey A. O'Rourke, 2017

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.

- Best Security Article Award 2018. ISA's International Security Studies Section (Winner). Outstanding Graduate Student Paper 2013. ISA's International Security Studies Section (Winner)

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.

## **NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES**

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Allison Carnegie and Austin Carson. "UN Peacekeeping After the Pandemic: An Increased Role for Intelligence." *Survival*. 63.2 (2021): 77-83.

## **WORKING ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS**

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"Racial Tropes in Foreign Policy: A Computational Text Analysis." With Eric Min and Maya Van Nuys.

"Keeping It Professional: Language and Bureaucracy in the Cold War." With Eric Min.

"'A Fair Background to Show its Strength': Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and the Lethal Debut of Atomic Weaponry." With Joshua Byun.

"All Over the Map: Leaders and Micromanagement in the Vietnam War." With Ari Weil.

"Off the Map: Leaders, Bureaucracy, and Geographic Orientation in International Politics."

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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### *Awards*

- Best Book Award, APSA International Collaboration Section, 2021 (for *Secrets in Global Governance*)
- Neubauer Collegium Faculty Grant (\$36,000, with Ruth Bloch Rubin), University of Chicago
- Faculty Fellow Grant (\$25,000), Center for International Social Science Research (CISSR), University of Chicago
- Honorable Mention, Best Book, APSA Conflict Processes Section, 2020 (for *Secret Wars*)
- Joseph Lepgold 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*

- Faculty Fellow, Center for International Social Science Research (CISSR), UChicago, 2020-21
- Harvard Belfer Center, 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, 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

## PUBLIC COMMENTARY

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“The Paradoxes of Escalation in Ukraine.” *Foreign Affairs*. July 29, 2022.

“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**

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2021-22: University of Pittsburgh

2020-21: Sciences Po

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**

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American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012-2013, 2015-2021

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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Series Editor, Cornell Studies in Security Affairs, Cornell University Press, 2022-present

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, Journal of Politics, 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, Intelligence & National Security, Texas National Security Review.