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Academic Appointments

Florida State University, Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, 2020 -

Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, 2019 - 2020

Dartmouth College, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding

U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security Fellow, 2018 - 2019

Education

University of California, San Diego

Ph.D in Political Science, 2018

Dissertation: Going Public Abroad: When and Why Leaders Address Foreign Publics

Committee: David Lake (co-chair), Matthew Baum (co-chair), Marisa Abrajano, John Ahlquist, Christina Schneider, Branislav Slantchev

Texas A&M University

B.A. in Political Science; Minors in Mathematics and Philosophy, 2010

Publications

1. “Militarized Statebuilding Interventions and the Survival of Fragile States” with David Lake. *Journal of Peace Research*. (Accepted)
2. “Harnessing Backlash: How leaders can benefit from antagonizing foreign actors” *British Journal of Political Science*. (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123422000370>
3. “Does Public Diplomacy Sway Foreign Public Opinion: Identifying the Effect of High Level Visits” with Benjamin Goldsmith and Yusaku Horiuchi. *American Political Science Review*. (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055421000393>
4. “The Authoritarian Dilemma: Political Action and the Sudden Collapse of Repression” with Branislav Slantchev. *Comparative Political Studies*. (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414019843564>

Working Papers

1. “The Value of Cheap Talk: When public diplomacy works”
2. “Does Democratic Backsliding Erode Soft Power? A Cross-National Experiment” with Benjamin Goldsmith, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Kathleen Powers.
3. “The effect of presidential travel on domestic public opinion.” with Benjamin Goldsmith and Yusaku Horiuchi.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

International Studies Association: 2016, 2017, 2020 (Virtual)

International Political Economy Society: 2015

Midwest Political Science Association: 2016, 2017

Western Political Science Association: 2016, 2017

Texas Triangle, 2019

Grants

Florida State University First Year Assistant Professor grant (2021) \$20,000

Teaching

Undergraduate

Analyzing International Crises

Domestic Influence on Foreign Policy

Introduction to International Relations

Political Analysis: Intro to research design and quantitative methods

Graduate

International Security

Professional Activities

Referee: American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Interactions, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly

Department Service

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee member, 2020-2021 Executive Committee Member, 2021-2023 Junior IR Search Committee, 2022-2023 Senior IR Search Committee, 2022-2023

Skills and Languages

R, STATA, SPSS

Spanish (Conversational)

Last updated: March 9, 2023