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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Student in Political Science, University of Chicago 2013-Present  
▸ Subfields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Psychology
- M.A. in Political Science, University of Chicago 2015  
▸ Thesis: “When it’s Sane to Ride the Crazy Train: The Rational Irrationality of Self-Destructive Strategies.”
- B.A. in Political Science and Drama, Vassar College 2013  
▸ Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Relations Theory; Political Psychology; Higher Order Beliefs and IR; Perceptions and Beliefs in IR; Emotions and IR; Rhetoric and Performance in IR; Culture and IR; International Diplomacy; Individual Leaders; Security Studies; U.S. Foreign Policy

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Reasoning with Fools, Fanatics, and Madmen: How Diplomatic Preferences are Impacted by Perceived Incompetence and Irrationality” (Working Paper)

“Self-Harm as Self-Defense: The use of Indiscriminate Terror to Disincentivize Civilian Targeting” (Working paper)

“Emotional Substrates of Counterhegemonic Balancing” (Working paper, with D.G. Kim and Joshua Byun)

“Is a Picture Worth 280 Characters?: How Minimal Visual and Textual Media Inform Public Attitudes Towards Foreign States” (Working Paper, with Elias Assaf and Caleb Pomeroy)

“Pride Before the Fall: The Impact of Incidental Pride on Public Hostility to Racial ‘Others’ and its Implications for Interstate Conflict” (Draft in progress, with Richard Flores)

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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“Emotional Substrates of Counterhegemonic Balancing”

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 2019 (With D.G. Kim and Nicholas Campbell-Seremetis)

“Reasoning with Fools, Fanatics, and Madmen: How Diplomatic Preferences are Impacted by Perceived Incompetence and Irrationality”

- International Studies Association, San Francisco CA, April 2018
- Workshop on International Politics, University of Chicago, October 2018
- Program on International Politics, Security and Economics, University of Chicago, January 2018
- Program on International Security and Politics, University of Chicago, May 2017

“When it’s Sane to Ride the Crazy Train: The Rational Irrationality of Self-Destructive Strategies.”

- Program on International Politics, Security and Economics, University of Chicago, April 2015

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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Division of the Social Sciences Fellowship, University of Chicago	2013-2029
Social Science Research Council Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago	2019-2020
Pearson Institute Research Grant, University of Chicago	2018
▸ Awarded \$5,000	
Center for Decision Research Independent Research Grant, University of Chicago	2018
▸ Awarded \$3,000	
Best Academic Poster at CISSR Conference on Transparency and Replicability, University of Chicago	2018
▸ Awarded \$100	
Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago	2015
▸ Awarded \$2,000	

## **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

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BA Preceptor for University of Chicago Political Science	Spring 2017-Present
Strategy for Robert Pape	Winter 2019 and Spring 2016
Introduction to International Relations for Paul Poast	Fall 2018
The American Presidency for William Howell	Winter 2017
Big Wars: Ancient, Medieval and Early Modern for Charles Lipson	Winter 2017
Legitimacy and Political Institutions for John Patty	Fall 2016
War and the Nation State for John Mearsheimer	Winter 2016
Assistant Director of Student Shakespeare Course at Princeton's McCarter Theater	Summer 2013

## **LANGUAGE ABILITIES**

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Danish (intermediate)

## **SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE**

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## **OTHER HONORS, AFFILIATIONS, AND TRAINING**

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Stanford Summer Institute of Political Psychology (SIPP)	Summer 2016
Institute for Qualitative Methods Research (IQMR)	Summer 2016
Honors, International Relations Field Exam	Summer 2016

Last update: April 2019