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Appointments

Rutgers University
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2025-
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023-2025

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2017-2023

Education

Ph.D. Government, Harvard University, 2016.
Subfields: International Relations, Methods

A.M. Government, Harvard University, 2012.

A.B. Political Science and Economics, Brown University, 2006.
Magna cum laude, with Honors in Political Science

Research interests

International security, leaders, advisers, bureaucracy, uncertainty, costs of war, US foreign policy.

Books

Wars of Ignorance: Silenced Advisers and International Crises. Oxford University Press, 2025.

Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

"Racial Inequality in War" with Connor Huff and Eric Min. *American Political Science Review*, 2026, 120(2), 662-680.

"Advisers and Aggregation in Foreign Policy Decision Making" with Tyler Jost, Josh Kertzer, and Eric Min. *International Organization*, 2024, 78(1), 1-37.

"Bureaucracy and Cyber Coercion" with Heidi Demarest and Tyler Jost. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2024, 68(1).

"Informing the Leader: Bureaucracies and International Crises." *American Political Science Review*, 2022, 116(4), 1460-1476.

"The Character and Origins of Military Attitudes on the Use of Force" with Tyler Jost and Kaine Meshkin. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2022, 66(2).

"Alliance Dynamics in the Shadow of Shifting Power" with Colin Krainin. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2021, 65(4), 905-918.

"Segregation, Integration, and Death: Evidence from the Korean War" with Connor Huff. *International Organization*, 2021, 75(3), 858-879.

"At War and at Home: The Consequences of US Woman Combat Casualties" with Connor Huff and Dara Kay Cohen. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2021, 65(4), 647-671.

"When Prospective Leader Turnover Promotes Peace." *International Studies Quarterly*, 2020, 64(3), 510-522.

"The Inter-Temporal Tradeoff in Mobilizing Support for War" with Connor Huff. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2018, 62(2), 396-409.

"Accounting for Extra-Dyadic Sources of International Outcomes" with Muhammet Bas and Omer Orsun. *International Interactions*, 2018, 44(4), 777-800.

"Peaceful Uncertainty: When Power Shocks Do Not Create Commitment Problems" with Muhammet Bas. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2017, 61(4), 850-866.

"Unfair Fights: Power Asymmetry, Nascent Nuclear Capability, and Preventive Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2017, 34(4), 431-455.

"Mutual Optimism as a Cause of Conflict: Secret Alliances and Conflict Onset" with Muhammet Bas. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2016, 60(3), 552-564.

"How Uncertainty about War Outcomes Affects War Onset" with Muhammet Bas. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2016, 60(6), 1099-1128.

Projects and working papers

Advisers in International Politics, with Tyler Jost, Josh Kertzer and Eric Min. Book manuscript under advance contract at Princeton University Press.

Inequality in War, with Connor Huff and Eric Min. Book manuscript in progress.

"Advisory Influence in Foreign Policy Decision-Making" with Tyler Jost, Josh Kertzer, and Eric Min. Working paper.

"The Information-Secrecy Tradeoff in Covert Actions." Working paper.

"Are You Certain? Leaders, Overprecision, and War." Working Paper.

"Causal Effects of Social Policy on Mortality: Evidence from Randomized Land Redistribution in New Zealand" with Evan Roberts and Henry Thomson. Work in progress.

Book chapters, reviews, and other commentary

"The Advisers in the Room," with Tyler Jost, Josh Kertzer, and Eric Min for *Inside the Situation Room: The Theory and Practice of Crisis Decision Making*. Edited by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Keren Yarhi-Milo. Oxford University Press, 2025.

Review of Eleonora Mattiacci's "Volatile States in International Politics," *Perspectives on Politics*, 2024.

"Segregation, Integration, and Battlefield Death in the Korean War," with Connor Huff. *Broadstreet Blog*, May 21, 2021.

"Trump tweeted there's 'no infighting' on U.S. policy on Iran. But does he have all the information?" with Tyler Jost. *The Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, May 18, 2019.

“Theoretical and Empirical Approaches to Uncertainty and Conflict in International Relations” with Muhammet Bas. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, September 2017.

Invited workshops and talks

Research Seminar, Brigham Young University, 2027 (scheduled).
 Bureaucratic Influence in International Politics: New Research Directions, Notre Dame, 2026 (scheduled).
 Seminar in Global Politics, University of Virginia, 2026 (scheduled).
 Watson School Security Studies Speaker Series, Brown University, 2026.
 International Relations Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023.
 CISAC Research Seminar, Stanford University, 2023.
 Niehaus Center Workshop on Diplomats and Bureaucrats, Princeton University, 2023.
 Weatherhead Research Cluster on International Security, Harvard University, 2022.
 Bureaucracy and International Relations, Brown University, 2022.
 Institute for Defense Analyses, 2021.
 International Relations and America’s Rise, University of Chicago, 2020.
 New York University Abu Dhabi, 2019.
 New Research on Secrecy in International Relations, Princeton University, 2019.
 Weatherhead Research Cluster on International Security, Harvard University, 2018.
 Advancing the Scientific Study of Diplomacy Workshop at PSSI, 2018.
 United States Military Academy, 2017.
 Formal Models of IR Conference, University of Southern California, 2016.
 Empirical Implications of Bargaining Theory Conference, Princeton University, 2015.
 Empirical Implications of Bargaining Models Workshop at PSSI, 2014.

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Convention: 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026.
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019, 2024.
 International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2025.
 Peace Science Society Conference: 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022.
 International Studies Association Midwest Convention: 2020.

Fellowships and funding

National Institute of Health, “Causal Effects of Health on Wealth: Evidence from Lifetime Follow-Up of Randomized Land Distribution.” Award R21AG077099 (sub-award of \$69,335 to Rutgers), 2023-2025.

Layman Seed Grant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2021-2022.

Winant Postdoctoral Research Fellow in US Foreign Policy, University of Oxford, Nuffield College and Rothermere American Institute, 2016-2017.

International Security Program Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, 2014-2015.

Fellow, Program on Global Society and Security, Harvard University, 2012-2014.

Presidential Instructional Technology Fellow, Harvard University, 2011-2013.

Raymond Vernon Fellow, Harvard University Department of Government, 2010-2011.

Honors

Winner of the American Political Science Association Foreign Policy Section Best Paper Award, 2025.

Carroll R. McKibben Distinguished Research Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2019.

Charles Sumner Dissertation Prize, Harvard University, 2016.

Parents Recognition Teaching Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln: Fall 2017 and Fall 2019.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University: Fall 2012, Spring 2013, and Spring 2014.

Samuel Lamport Prize for best thesis on international affairs, Brown University, Department of Political Science, 2006.

Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University, 2005.

Teaching

Rutgers University

PLSC 102: International Relations

PLSC 319: American Foreign Policy

PLSC 322: Strategies in International Relations

PLSC 395: Leaders and World Politics

PLSC 685: Domestic Politics and International Relations

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

POLS 160: International Relations

POLS 263: Causes of War

POLS 398: Leaders and World Politics

POLS 463: US Foreign Policy and the Use of Military Force

POLS 860: Core Seminar in International Politics

University of Oxford

US Foreign Policy

Service

Field

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of International Security*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *National Science Foundation*, *Peace Economics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Security Studies*, *War in History*

Article Award Committee, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2023

Foreign Policy Analysis Book Award Committee, International Studies Association, 2020

University

Placement Director, Rutgers University, 2025-

Advisory Committee, Rutgers University, 2024-2026

Graduate Program Committee, Rutgers University, 2023-2026

Fellowship Review Committee, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2020-2022

IR/CP Brownbag Coordinator, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2019-2023

Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2018-2019

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2017-2018, 2019-2021

Academic Programme Committee, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford, 2016-2017