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## EMPLOYMENT

2008—present University of Maryland  
*Associate Professor*, Department of Government and Politics 2016-present  
*Assistant Professor*, Department of Government and Politics 2008-16  
*Research Associate*, Center for International Development and Conflict Management

## EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Ph.D. in Political Science (2008).

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
B.A. in Political Science and History (2000). *Highest Distinction in Political Science*

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

“Peace at What Price? Leaders and the Domestic Politics of War Termination” Cambridge University Press (2015)

### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

“The Flipside of Flip-Flopping: Citizen Preferences, Leader Inconsistency and the War in Iraq” *Foreign Policy Analysis*

“Willing and Able: Culpability, Vulnerability and Leaders' Sensitivity to War Outcomes” with Jessica Weeks *World Politics*

“Flip-flops and High Heels: An Experimental Analysis of Elite Position Change and Gender on Wartime Public Support” with Scott Gartner. *International Interactions*. (2014) 40.1: 1-24.

“Bringing Law to the Table: Legal Claims, Bargaining Leverage and the Settlement of Territorial Disputes Since 1945.” with Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel. (2012) *The American Journal of Political Science* 57.1: 90-103.

“Law and the Use of Force in World Politics: The Varied Effects of Law on the Exercise of Military Power in Territorial Disputes” with Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel. (2012) *International Studies Quarterly* 56.1: 17-31.

“The Decider’s Dilemma: Leader Culpability, Domestic Politics and War Termination.” (2011) *The American Political Science Review*. 105.3: 457-77.

“Does International Law Promote the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes? Evidence from the Study of Territorial Conflicts Since 1945” with Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel. (2011) *The American Political Science Review* 105.2: 415-36.

“Bear Any Burden? How Democracies Minimize the Costs of War” with Benjamin Valentino and Paul Huth. (2010) *The Journal of Politics* 72.2: 528-44.

“Covenants without the Sword: International Law and the Protection of Civilians In Times of War” (2006) *World Politics* 58: 339-77 with Benjamin Valentino and Paul Huth.

“Assessing the Dyadic Approach to Interstate Conflict Processes: a.k.a. ‘Dangerous Dyad’ Years” with Tze Kwang Teo. (2005) *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 22: 5-18.

Reprinted in *The Causes of International Conflict: Data, Methods and Theory*. Taylor and Francis Publications

#### *Opinion Pieces*

“Walking a Fine Line on Iraq” with Scott Gartner. *The Baltimore Sun*. July 1, 2014.

“Mitt Romney’s Flip-Flopping Didn’t Hurt Him” with Scott Gartner. *The Christian Science Monitor* (online). November 8, 2012.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Foundations of Audience Costs: Understanding the Costs of Position Change” (with Michael Hanmer)

“The Costs of Flip-Flopping?: How Issue Area and a History of Waffling Condition Citizens’ Perceptions of Leaders” (with Candace Turitto)

“Stealth vs. Scarring Torture: Public Perceptions of the Legality of Different Interrogation Techniques” (with Will Moore, Brad Gomez and Courtenay Conrad)

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

#### **National**

National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Behind the Legal Shield: International Law, Territorial Settlements and Domestic Punishment.” With Benjamin Appel and Paul Huth (2009)

Best Dissertation Award in the field of Strategic Studies. Awarded by the Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS). (2009)

National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Looking Weak in the War on Terror: Policy Reversals, Partisanship and International Reputations for Resolve” (2008)

National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Changing Horses Midstream: Leadership Turnover, Public Opinion and War Termination” (2007)

Veterans for Peace Dissertation Research Grant (2006)

Pi Sigma Alpha Howard Penniman Graduate Scholarship (2001)

#### **University of Maryland**

Dean’s Initiative Grant (with Michael Hanmer and Jared McDonald) (2014)

Winston Family Honors Academic Excellence Award Mentor (for Jessica Liu) (2014)

Elmer Plischke Annual Faculty Research Award (2012) (Annual award given to the Government and Politics faculty member with the most outstanding research record for the previous academic year.)

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Emerging Scholars Award (2012)

Dean's Initiative Grant (with Candace Turitto) (2011)

Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar Mentor (for Marcus Johnson) (2010-11)

Excellence in Teaching Award. College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland (2010)

One semester leave to work on a project with a graduate student (Benjamin Appel) as a co-author. Awarded by the Graduate School at the University of Maryland, College Park. (2010)

### **University of Michigan**

Horace Rackham Graduate School One-term Dissertation Grant (2007)

Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Grant (2006 & 2007)

Center for International and Comparative Studies Student Fellowship (2006)

Horace Rackham Graduate School Discretionary Grant (2006)

Horace Rackham Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2004)

Summer Collaboration Grant (with Paul Huth) (2004)

Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Fellow (2003)

Honors Council's Lurie Award for Honors Teaching (2003)

John Kingdon Graduate Student Instructor Award (2003)

Mary M. Ketchum Memorial Scholarship, University of Michigan (2003)

Horace Rackham Graduate School Conference Travel Grant (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)

Department of Political Science First Year Fellowship (2000-1)

### **INVITED TALKS**

Northwestern University (Jan, 2017)

George Washington University (Nov, 2016)

University of Wisconsin, Madison (Oct, 2016)

Georgetown University (March, 2015)

Princeton University (February, 2014)

Cornell University (March, 2013)

University of Pennsylvania (December, 2012)

Dartmouth College (May, 2012)

Rice University (May, 2012)

Harvard University (April, 2012)

University of Virginia (March, 2011)

University of Iowa (March, 2010)

University of Chicago (November, 2009)

American University (September, 2009)

The Pennsylvania State University (February, 2009)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Dissertation Committees (University of Maryland)*

Benjamin Appel (Ph.D. 2012; tenure-track, Michigan State University)

Alyssa Prorok (Ph.D. 2013; tenure-track, University of Iowa)

### *Courses Taught at the University of Maryland*

Government and Politics 100: Introduction to Scope and Methods

Government and Politics 409 D: International Security and Research Design

Government and Politics 409 D: International Security and Research Design (Honors)

Government and Politics 409 L: International Security and Domestic Politics

Government and Politics 700: Introduction to Scope and Methods

### *As Lead Instructor at the University of Michigan*

Political Science 372: Advanced International Security

Political Science 160: Introduction to World Politics

Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning and Techniques (4-day seminar)

### *As Graduate Student Instructor (Teaching Assistant) at the University of Michigan*

Political Science 699: Statistics II

Political Science 599: Introduction to Statistics

Program in the Environment: GSI Training

Political Science 993: GSI Training. *Graduate Student Mentor.*

Political Science 160: Introduction to World Politics

Political Science 353: The Arab-Israeli Conflict

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

International Relations Search Committee (2010)

Salary Committee (2008-9)

Graduate Studies Committee (2008-10, 2011-13)

International Relations Search Committee (2008)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *International Security*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*

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