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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Security, Political Violence, Russia and Eastern Europe, Archival Research, Formal Theory

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL August 2021
Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation: *Advising War: Limited Intervention in Conflict*
Committee: Paul Poast (chair), Austin Carson, Monika Nalepa, and Paul Staniland

Master of Arts, Political Science June 2017
Qualifying exams: International Relations, Formal Theory

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Science, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS) May 2015
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Carroll Fellow

AFFILIATIONS

The John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College 2021-2022
Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellow in US Foreign Policy and International Security

United States Institute of Peace 2020-21
USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar

The Notre Dame International Security Center 2020-21
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow

PUBLISHED WORK

Peer-reviewed

Poast, Paul and Alexandra Chinchilla. "Good for Democracy? Evidence from the 2004 NATO Expansion." *International Politics*, 2020.

"Introducing the New CPOST Dataset on Suicide Attacks." with Robert A. Pape and Alejandro Albanez Rivas, University of Chicago (Accepted, *Journal of Peace Research*).

Editor-reviewed

Chinchilla, Alexandra C., and Paul Poast. "Defense Institution Building from Above? Lessons from the Baltic Experience." *Connections: The Quarterly Journal* 17, no. 3 (2018): 61-71.

Book chapters

"The Development of the Modern U.S.-Polish Relationship and Its Future Prospects." with Stephen D. Mull in *Projekt "Polska": Silne i Bezpieczne Państwo?* ed. Anna Antczak-Barzan. Warszawa: Vizja Press, 2014: 255-267.

WORKING PAPERS

“Warlord Coordination As State-Building In Post-Maidan Ukraine.” with Jesse Driscoll, University of California San Diego.

“Ways Forward: A Research Agenda on Conflict Delegation.” with Kit Rickard, University College London, and Giuseppe Spatafora, University of Oxford (under review).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Authoritarian Commitment to Military Professionalism: How Security Alliances Reduce Coups and Coup Attempts Under Dictatorships.” with Tolgahan Dilgin, University of Illinois.

“Training Future Leaders: The Effect of US Military Training on Human Rights in Recipient Countries,” with Genevieve Bates and Andres Uribe, University of Chicago.

“Do Threats Work? Third Party Intervention and Humanitarian Violations in Civil War.”

“Gray Zone Bargaining: Coercion through Low Intensity Warfare and the Credible Threat of Escalation.” with Jonathan Askonas, Catholic University.

OTHER WRITING

Alexandra Chinchilla. Review of Groh, Tyrone L., *Proxy War: The Least Bad Option*. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. May, 2020.

Rauta, Vladimir, Matthew Ayton, Alexandra Chinchilla, Andreas Krieg, Christopher Rickard, and Jean-Marc Rickli. “A Symposium – Debating ‘Surrogate Warfare’ and the Transformation of War.” *Defence Studies* 19, no. 4 (October 2, 2019): 410–30.

GRANTS & AWARDS

| | |
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| Charles Koch Foundation | 2021 |
| Summer Foreign Policy Fellowship, \$14,983 | |

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| Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago | 2020 |
| Doctoral Research Innovation Fund, \$4,040 | |

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| Charles Koch Foundation | 2020 |
| Dissertation Support Grant, \$5,000 | |

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| The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts | |
| \$10,000 research grant | 2020 |
| \$5,000 research grant | 2019 |

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| The Social Sciences Research Center, University of Chicago | 2020 |
| \$500 research grant | |

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| Bienen Summer Research Award, University of Chicago | 2020 |
| \$1,800 research grant | |

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| UChicago Graduate Council Travel Fund Award | 2018 |
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| ISA Travel Grant Award | 2019, 2020 |
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| APSA Travel Grant Award | 2018, 2019 |
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| | Joseph S. Lepgold Medal | 2015 |
| | <i>Awarded to an undergraduate whose achievements in international security have been judged outstanding by the faculty.</i> | |
| INVITED TALKS | New Wave Realism conference, Ohio State University | 2021 |
| | Quincy Institute For Responsible Statecraft Panel, "Enlarging NATO: Grave Mistake or Vital Cause?" | 2020 |
| | NATO Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism Ankara, Turkey <i>Lectured for military officers and civilian security professionals on causes of suicide terrorism, recent trends in suicide terrorism during conflict, and ISIS recruitment.</i> | 2020 |
| | League of Creative Minds <i>Lectured for advanced high school class on causes of suicide terrorism and ISIS recruitment in the United States.</i> | 2020 |
| | Pathways Program, University of Chicago <i>Lectured on the causes and management of proxy war for advanced high school students enrolled in the University of Chicago's pre-college program.</i> | 2019 |
| WORKSHOPS | Junior Scholar Symposium, Formal Theory Society | 2020 |
| | Formal Models of International Relations, Vanderbilt University | 2020 |
| | New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap | 2019 |
| | Formal Models of Diplomacy Workshop, Peace Science Society Conference | 2018 |
| | Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute | 2018 |
| CONFERENCES | American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting | 2018 –2021 |
| | International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting | 2017, 2019, 2020*, 2021 |
| | ISA Midwest Annual Conference | 2020 |
| | Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) | 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020* |
| | Peace Science Society Annual Meeting | 2018 |
| | University of Chicago Workshop on International Politics (WIP) | 2020 |
| | Program on International Security Policy (PISP) | 2018 |
| | CISSR Conference on Replication and Transparency | 2018 |
| | Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES) | 2017 |
| | * canceled due to COVID-19 | |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | Political Methodology <i>Game Theory I</i> (Graduate) Prof. Monika Nalepa, Prof. John Patty | Fall 2016, 2017 |

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| | <i>Game Theory II</i> (Graduate) Prof. John Patty | Winter 2018 |
| | <i>Mathematics for Social Sciences</i> (Graduate) Prof. John Mark Hansen | Fall 2018 |
| | <i>Practice of Social Science Research</i> (Undergraduate) Prof. Patricia Conley | Spring 2019 |
| | International Relations | |
| | <i>Strategy</i> (Undergraduate) Prof. Robert Pape | Spring 2018 |
| | <i>Intro to International Relations</i> (Undergraduate) Prof. Paul Poast | Fall 2018 |
| | <i>American Grand Strategy</i> (Undergraduate) Prof. John Mearsheimer | Winter 2019 |
| WORK EXPERIENCE | Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST) <i>Senior Data Research Fellow</i> | April 2019 - March 2021 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managed a 15-person data analytics team producing data-driven publications on armed conflict and terrorism. Conducted numerous briefings for policymakers, professionals, and academics. Regularly utilized statistical software such as R for the role as well as data visualization tools such as Tableau. | |
| | The RAND Corporation <i>Summer Associate</i> | June 2017 - Sept. 2017 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed a game theoretic model of Russian responses to potential U.S. force postures in Europe and briefed RAND experts on research findings. | |
| | Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST) <i>Graduate Research Associate</i> | Sept. 2016 - Jun. 2017 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked on a government-funded, multi-year project at the University of Chicago's international relations think tank. Produced a report for the Office of Naval Research on U.S. military aid to counterterrorism partners in the Middle East and South Asia. | |
| INTER- NATIONAL STUDY | Moscow State University (MGU) Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) King's College London, Department of War Studies Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland | June - July 2016 June - Aug. 2015 Jan. - June 2014 July - Aug. 2013 |
| LANGUAGES | Polish (Intermediate), Russian (Beginner). Stata, R, Tableau. | |
| SERVICE | University of Chicago Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES) <i>Student Coordinator</i> Political Science Association (PSA) Board Member | 2017 - 2018 2016 - 2018 |

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