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EMPLOYMENT

Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (2025-present)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2017-2025)

EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Rochester
2012 B.A. in Political Science with Highest Honors, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

BOOK

The Window Before: The Politics of Alliance Implementation with Brett V. Benson (2026) Oxford University Press

PUBLICATIONS

“The Dependence Dilemma: Engagement, Vulnerability, and the Politics of Derisking” (with Brett Benson and Haonan Dong) Forthcoming at *International Organization*
“The Logic of Secret Alliances” (with Peter Bils) (2025) *American Journal of Political Science*
“Commitment Problems and Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine” (2024) *Conflict Management and Peace Science*
“Policymaking and Appointments Under Electoral and Judicial Constraints” (with Peter Bils and Gleason Judd) (2022) *Journal of Politics*
“Commitment Problems in Alliance Formation” (2022) with Brett Benson *American Journal of Political Science*
“Do Nonproliferation Agreements Constrain?” (2021) with William Spaniel *Journal of Peace Research*
“Military Coalitions and the Politics of Information” (2021) *Journal of Politics*
“Virtual Seminars and Support Strategies for Junior Scholars: Lessons From the Online Peace Science Colloquium” (with Cassy Dorff and Jennifer Barnes) (2021) *PS: Political Science and Politics*
“The Amicus Game” (2020) with Peter Bils & Lawrence Rothenberg, *Journal of Politics*
“Militarized Disputes, Uncertainty, and Leader Tenure” (2019) with William Spaniel, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
“Introducing v-CLEAR: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring Nuclear Capability” (2020) with William Spaniel, *Conflict Management & Peace Science*
“Sanctions, Uncertainty, and Leader Tenure” (2015) with William Spaniel, *International Studies Quarterly* 59(4) 735-749

WORKING PAPERS

“Arms Transfers and the Dynamics of Intervention” (revise and resubmit, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*)
“Committing to Fight” (with Mark Fey)
“Uncertainty, Incentives, and Alliance Contracting”
“Discovering Shared Interests Through Cheap Talk” (with Brenton Kenkel)
“Committing to Neutrality”
“Establishing Deterrent Capability” (with Brett V. Benson)

BOOK PROJECT	<i>What States Want: How Interests and Power Shape War</i> (with Peter Bils and William Spaniel, draft complete)
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Blame and the Politics of Military Cooperation” “When to Act on Information” with Peter Bils and Gleason Judd
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	IE University, May 2024 “When to Act on Information” Washington University in St. Louis, April 2024 “Economic Dependence, Political Leverage, and War” (with Brett Benson and Haonan Dong) University of Pittsburgh, September 2019 “Do Alliances Cause Commitment Problems and War?” Formal Models of IR Conference, University of Southern California, February 2016 “Committing to Neutrality” Formal Models of IR Conference, University of Southern California, February 2016 “With Friends Like These... Military Cooperation, Crisis Bargaining and Communication” Empirical Implications of Bargaining Theory Workshop, University of Notre Dame, October 2016 “Leaders, Uncertainty, and War” with William Spaniel
TEACHING	Vanderbilt University Formal Political Theory II (Graduate) Strategy and International Politics (Undergraduate) Causes of War (Undergraduate) Statistics III: Causal Inference (Graduate) University of Rochester Game Theory, Instructor of Record, Spring 2017 (Undergraduate, crosslisted in Economics)
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	Stanton Nuclear Security Grant, 2022-2023 Stand Together Trust Foreign Policy Grant, 2020-2022 Vanderbilt University Dean's Faculty Fellow, 2020-2022 W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy Fellowship, 2015-2016 University of Rochester Department of Political Science Prize for Excellence in teaching by a Graduate Student, 2015-2016 (Awarded for performance in PSC 505: Maximum Likelihood Estimation, a graduate-level methods course)
REFEREEING	American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management & Peace Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, International Interactions, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Economic Theory, Games & Economic Behavior, British Journal of Political Science