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EDUCATION

PhD, Politics and International Studies

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom

Expected June 2026

MA, International Security

Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France

June 2020

BA, Criminal Justice

BA, Economics

The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

May 2018

TEACHING

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

Supervisor, POL 14: International Security (with Steven Ward)

Oct 2023-present

PEER-REVIEWED

2021. "Rise of the war machines: Charting the evolution of military technologies from the Neolithic to the Industrial Revolution." *PloS one* 16, no. 10: e0258161. With Peter Turchin and Daniel Hoyer.

2020. "The Equinox2020 Seshat Data Release." *Cliodynamics* 11, no. 1. With Peter Turchin and Daniel Hoyer.

2020. *Counter-Terrorism Reference Curriculum*. Brussels, Belgium: North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Contributor.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"War Profits: A Behavioral Study of Organized Private Violence in Civil War." Dissertation in progress.

"Shocks to Political Capital in Creating International Leader Networks." With Edoardo Bollati (Cornell University).

CONFERENCES

2024 (June). Panelist. "Actors, Interests and Interdependencies in East Asian Security Competition: Reassessing the Role of Regional Actors and the European Union." *European Initiative for Security Studies Conference*, Prague, CZ.

2019. Rapporteur. "Counter-Terrorism Working Group Tabletop Exercise: North Africa." *NATO Partnership for Peace Consortium*, Gdynia, PL.

2018. Attendee. "Counter-Terrorism Working Group Tabletop Exercise: Central Asia." *NATO Partnership for Peace Consortium*, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, DE.

ESSAYS, REPORTS, AND REVIEWS

2020. "Political Ritual Violence of Anti-Communist Vigilantism: Philippines, 1965-1989." *Le Centre de recherches internationales*. MA dissertation supervised by Laurent Gayer.

2019. "Violence Against Women: Beyond Multilateral Virtue Signaling." *Council on Foreign Relations*.
<https://www.cfr.org/blog/violence-against-women-beyond-multilateral-virtue-signaling>

2017. "How Does Resource Availability Affect Non-State Armed Group Recruitment?" *The University of Georgia*. Presented at the 2017 University of Georgia Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium. BA dissertation supervised by K Chad Clay.

2017. "*Charlie Hebdo*: Moral Injury and the Display of Religion in the French Satirical Press." *The University of Georgia*. Presented at the 2016 & 2017 University of Georgia Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposiums. Supervised by Lihi Ben Shitrit.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., Wargame and Exercise Designer, Washington, D.C., 2020-2021.

Partnership for Peace Consortium, Consultant for regional defense tabletop exercises, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (partly remote), 2018-2020.

The Carter Center, Democracy Program Intern for the Tunisia election observation missions, Atlanta, GA, 2019.

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SKILLS

French, Spanish (Research Proficiency) | RStudio, Tableau, ArcGIS (Advanced Proficiency)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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| Career Communication Group's Women of Color in STEM Rising Star Award | 2023 |
| One of 16 chosen for demonstrated excellence in improving modelling and simulation efforts for the U.S. Department of Defense (~\$1,000) | |
| Gates-Cambridge Scholarship Alternate | 2023 |
| Full-cost scholarship awarded to 80 outstanding applicants from countries outside the UK to pursue a postgraduate degree at the University of Cambridge (~£194,000) | |
| Schwarzman Scholars Semi-Finalist | 2019 |
| Inspired by the Rhodes Scholarship, Stephen Schwarzman supports up to 200 Scholars annually from the U.S., China, and around the world for a one-year master's in global affairs at Beijing's Tsinghua University (~\$60,000) | |
| Humanity in Action Fellowship | 2018 |
| One of 8 in the United States chosen to spend a summer in the Netherlands with European activists to study how and why people confront intolerance and protect democratic values (~\$6,000) | |
| Emile Boutmy Scholar | 2018 |
| Full-cost scholarship awarded to the top 1% of international applicants to Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris) (~€25,000) | |
| Phi Beta Kappa | 2018 |
| As America's most prestigious academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa is uniquely equipped to advocate for the value and benefits of liberal arts and sciences education | |
| Mitchell Scholarship Finalist | 2017 |
| Full-cost scholarship that selects 12 US students annually for one academic year of postgraduate study in Ireland and Northern Ireland (~€30,000) | |
| HOPE/Zell Miller Scholar | 2014 |
| Fully funded scholarship for Georgia residents who have demonstrated academic excellence to pursue a four-year undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia (~\$40,000) | |

METHODS TRAINING, TECHNICAL ENGAGEMENTS, AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., Operations Researcher for the U.S. Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D.C., 2021-2023.

The University of Oxford, Research Assistant for Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology to build the *Seshat: Global History Databank*, Oxford, UK (remote), 2019-2020.

Council on Foreign Relations, Research Intern for the Department of International Institutions and Global Governance, Washington, D.C., 2019.

Humanity in Action, Fellow conducting individual and group interviews to evaluate and assess human rights engagement in Holland, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2018.

S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Research Analyst for security project analyzing the growth of Daesh into Southeast Asia, Singapore (partly remote), 2017.

U.S. Army War College, Research Intern for the Strategic Studies Institute on project analyzing U.S. foreign policy and grand strategy in the Arab Gulf, Carlisle, PA (partly remote), 2017.

Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, Research Intern on project monitoring violence induced by al-Qa'ida, Daesh, and other insurgencies, Arlington, VA, 2017.