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## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

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Credibility and reputation, foreign policy bureaucracies, grand strategy, historical political economy, public opinion, text analysis, experiments

## APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** 2023 -  
Assistant Professor of Political Science

**Brown University** 2022 - 2023  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs

**University of Notre Dame** 2021 - 2022  
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow in Grand Strategy, Notre Dame International Security Center

## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University** 2022  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Fields: International Relations (Major), History (Minor)  
Dissertation: Credible To Whom? The Organizational Politics of Credibility in International Relations  
Committee: Robert Jervis, Keren Yarhi-Milo, Jack Snyder, Richard Betts, Matthew Connelly, Joshua Kertzer

**Dartmouth College** 2014  
B.A. in Government with High Honors, *Cum Laude*

## RESEARCH

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### Journal Articles

Don Casler and Richard Clark. 2021. "Trade Rage: Audience Costs & International Trade." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(6): 1098-1130.

– Winner of the 2019 Giancarlo Doria Prize, Columbia University, for Best Research Paper

Robert Jervis, Keren Yarhi-Milo, and Don Casler. 2021. "Redefining the Debate Over Reputation and Credibility in International Security." *World Politics* 73(1): 167-203.

### Book Chapters

Don Casler and Keren Yarhi-Milo. Forthcoming. "Signaling, Resolve, and Reputation in International Politics." In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology, 3rd edition*, eds. Leonie Huddy, David O. Sears, Jack S. Levy, and Jennifer Jerit, Oxford University Press.

Rebecca Lissner, Mira Rapp-Hooper, Don Casler, and Laura Resnick Samotin. 2021. "After Primacy: Exploring the Contours of 21st Century Great Power Rivalry." In *Before and After the Fall: World Politics and the End of the Cold War*, eds. Fritz Bartel and Nuno Monteiro, Cambridge University Press.

## Working Papers

“Credible to Whom? The Organizational Politics of Credibility in International Relations”

“Perspective-Taking Through Partisan Eyes: Cross-National Empathy, Partisanship, and Attitudes Toward International Cooperation” (with Dylan Groves – revise and resubmit, *Journal of Politics*)

“The Many Faces of Credibility: Hawks, Doves, and Nuclear Disarmament” (with David Ribar and Keren Yarhi-Milo – under review)

“‘The Interests of India Demand Protection’: Democratization and Trade Policy Under Empire” (with Nikhar Gaikwad)

“Trading with the Enemy? How Economic Diplomacy Affects Exports” (with Matthew Connelly and Raymond Hicks)

## Policy Reports

“Improving Intelligence Support to the Future Warfighter: Acquisition for the Contested Environment,” *RAND Corporation* (with 7 coauthors)

## Commentary

Richard Clark, Don Casler, and Sarah Kreps. To support Ukraine, the West must unleash the full power of the IMF and World Bank. *Fortune*. March 29, 2022.

Don Casler, “Will Afghanistan Hurt U.S. Credibility?” *Duck of Minerva*. August 27, 2021.

Don Casler, David Ribar, and Keren Yarhi-Milo. “Elite-Public Gaps and Deadlock on the Iran Deal.” *Duck of Minerva*. July 6, 2021.

Don Casler and Richard Clark. “Biden will inherit Trump’s trade war with China. What do Americans really think about tariffs?” *Washington Post*. December 7, 2020.

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 New Directions in Bureaucracy and International Politics Conference, Brown University
- 2022 Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference, Notre Dame International Security Center
- 2021 IS-ISSS Joint Annual Conference, Bloomington, IN
- 2021 International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO
- 2021 Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society Biennial Conference, Reston, VA
- 2019-22 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting
- 2017-22 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
- 2021 International Political Economy of Trade Virtual Conference
- 2021 Mershon Center New Wave Realism Conference, Ohio State University
- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting
- 2021 Graduate Students in International Security, Etc. Working Group
- 2021 Charles Koch Foundation IR Working Group
- 2020 Graduate Research in International Political Economy Working Group
- 2019 International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Cato Institute Junior Scholars Symposium, Washington DC
- 2019 Historical Political Economy Working Group, New York, NY

## GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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**External**

- 2020-21 Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Development Grant (\$10,000)  
2020 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)

**Internal**

- 2022 Seed Grant, Columbia University Center for Science and Society (\$1,500)  
2022 Seed Grant, Columbia University Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences (\$1,000)  
2021-22 Teaching Scholar, Columbia Graduate School of Arts & Sciences  
2020-21 Lead Teaching Fellow, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning (\$2,000)  
2019 Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University Department of Political Science (\$2,500)  
2019 Seed Grants, Columbia University Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences (\$2,000)  
2016 Provost's Diversity Fellowship, Columbia University  
2016 Dean's Fellow, Columbia University

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**TEACHING & PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Instructor of Record**

- 2022 Analysis and History of U.S. Grand Strategy (original Columbia undergraduate seminar)

**Pedagogical Training**

- 2020-21 Teaching Development Program, Columbia University Center for Teaching and Learning

**Teaching Assistant**

- 2019 Introduction to International Politics; Prof. Kimberley Marten (Head TA)  
2019 China's Foreign Relations; Prof. Tom Christensen  
2018 War, Peace & Strategy; Prof. Richard Betts

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**RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020-21 Adjunct Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation  
2020 Summer Associate Program, RAND Corporation  
2018-2019 Research Assistant to Prof. Rebecca Lissner, Naval War College & Dr. Mira Rapp-Hooper, Council on Foreign Relations  
2017-2018 Research Assistant to Prof. Allison Carnegie, Columbia University  
2014-2016 Consultant, Alvarez & Marsal (New York, NY)  
2014 Research Assistant to Prof. Daryl Press, Dartmouth College  
2012-2013 Research Assistant to Prof. Andrew Samwick, Dartmouth College

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**SERVICE**

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- 2019-2021 Undergraduate Adviser, Columbia University Political Science Department  
2017-2019 Student Co-Coordinator, Columbia University International Politics Seminar  
2017-2018 Co-Social Chair, Columbia University Political Science Graduate Student Council

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

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*Affiliations*

- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association  
2018-Present International Studies Association  
2016-Present American Political Science Association

*Participant*

- 2019 Clements Center Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft

2019 Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop  
2018 Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research  
2017 Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS)

*Peer Reviewer:* International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution