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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia, 2019–

Resident Fellow, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia, 2019–

Fellow, Owens Center for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia, 2019–

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Texas A&M University, August 2019.

Thesis: Relationships Matter: The Role of Leaders in Nuclear Cooperation, Extended Deterrence, and Alliance Formation

Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology & Statistics

Committee Matthew Fuhrmann (Chair), Quan Li, Michael Koch, Joshua Shiffrin

M.A. Non-Proliferation & International Security, King's College, London, 2013 (Granted w/ Distinction)

Thesis: Ameliorating Strategic Mistrust: The Implications of Chinese Defense Modernization for the Future Sino-American Military Relationship

Adviser: Wyn Bowen

B.A. Political Science, University of Chicago, 2012 (Granted w/ General & Major Honors)

Thesis: In Saddam's Footsteps: U.S. Engagement with Elites in Tribal Counterinsurgency: The Case of al-Anbar Province, Iraq

Adviser: Dan Slater

Research Interests

International Security, Nuclear Politics, International Alliances, Trust, Leaders, Political Methodology.

Peer-Reviewed Work

Molly Berkemeier and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2018. "Reassessing the Fulfillment of Alliance Commitments in War." *Research & Politics*.

Molly Berkemeier and Matthew Fuhrmann. 2017. "Nuclear Weapons in Foreign Policy." *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.

Working Papers

- Molly Berkemeier & Rachel Whitlark. 2021. “New Challenges to the Nonproliferation Regime: Strategic Mimicry and the Nuclear Ban Treaty.” *Special Issue proposal approved at Contemporary Security Policy*.
- Molly Berkemeier & Rachel Whitlark. 2021. “Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy Analysis.” *Forthcoming at Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*.
- Molly Berkemeier & Paige Cone. 2021. “Do What I Say, Not What I Do: The Role of Leader Rhetoric in Counter-Proliferation.” *Preparing for submission*.
- Molly Berkemeier. 2021. “Trust in International Politics: The Role of Identity and Interpersonal Relationships in Nuclear Cooperation Agreements.”
- Molly Berkemeier. 2021. “The Credibility of Asymmetric Alliances: Leaders, Proliferation, and Restraint.”
- Molly Berkemeier & Margaret G. Hermann. 2020 “(Why Do) Leaders Matter? The Role of Psychology and Background Experience in Nuclear Pursuit.”

Working Book Manuscript

- Molly Berkemeier & Rachel Whitlark. 2020. *The Role of Leaders in Nuclear Politics*.

Other Published Work

- Molly Berkemeier, Wyn Q. Bowen, Christopher Hobbs, and Matthew Moran. 2014. “Governing Uranium in the United Kingdom.” Danish Institute for International Studies.
- Molly Berkemeier. 2013. “Red Flag Indicators: Detecting Unusual Behavior in Transactions.” Project Alpha Report. The Centre for Science and Security Studies.
- Molly Berkemeier. 2013. “United States v. John Reece Roth: Export Control in Academia.” Project Alpha Report. The Centre for Science and Security Studies.

Invited Talks & Workshops

- Workshop Organizer.* The Role of Leaders in Nuclear Politics, Peace Science Society International, Virtual Meeting. November, 2020.
- Invited Participant.* The Role of Leaders in Nuclear Politics Conference, ETH Zurich. [Postponed due to COVID-19]
- Invited Speaker.* Alliance Reliability. NATO HQ and Supreme Allied Command Europe.. [Postponed due to COVID-19]
- Invited Participant.* Nonproliferation Treaty at 50 Workshop, International Studies Association Annual Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii. [Postponed due to COVID-19]
- Invited Participant and Panel Moderator.* Center for Strategic and International Studies, Program on Nuclear Issues, Conference and Deep Dive Workshop. Naval Submarine Base King’s Bay. King’s Bay, Georgia. October, 2019.
- Invited Participant.* Georgetown-Carnegie Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp. Sandia National Laboratories. Albuquerque, New Mexico. August, 2019.
- Invited Participant.* Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop. Berkeley, California. February, 2019.

- Invited Participant.* New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies. Durham, North Carolina. October, 2018.
- Invited Next Generation Observer.* Center for Strategic and International Studies. Trilateral Nuclear Dialogues between U.S., U.K., and France. London, England. June, 2018.
- Invited Participant.* Hendrick’s Workshop on Nuclear Latency. Lincoln, Nebraska. March 2017.
- Invited Panelist.* Center for Strategic and International Studies, Program on Nuclear Issues Capstone Conference. “Nuclear Latency and Foreign Policy.” United States Strategic Command. Omaha, Nebraska. March, 2017.
- Invited Panelist.* Center for Strategic and International Studies, Program on Nuclear Issues. “Maintaining Nuclear Latency.” Sandia National Laboratory. Albuquerque, New Mexico. October, 2016.
- Team Leader.* UK-Norway Initiative Simulation on the Role of Trust and Confidence in Verification and Disarmament. Oslo, Norway. August, 2013.
- Home Team Member.* UK-Norway Initiative Simulation on the Role of Trust and Confidence in Verification and Disarmament. Oslo, Norway. November, 2013.
- Invited Talk.* Next Generation Speaker at the Trilateral Nuclear Talks. Center for Strategic and International Studies. “What Can the P-3 Do to Garner Increased Chinese Cooperation on the DPRK?” Paris, France. July, 2013.

Conference Presentations

- Molly Berkemeier & Paige Cone. “Do What I Say, Not What I Do: The Role of Leader Rhetoric in Counter-Proliferation.” Annual Political Science Association, re-scheduled as independent virtual panel, 2020.
- “Do Environmental Conditions Cause Eco-Terrorism,” with Lauren Bondarenko and Samantha Zuhlke. International Studies Association Annual Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii. [Postponed due to COVID-19]
- “Trust and Nuclear Politics.” International Studies Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada. March, 2019. *Panel Organizer.*
- “Trust and Nuclear Politics.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting. Austin, Texas. November, 2018.
- “All Options on the (Latency) Table: Carrots and Sticks on Counterproliferation,” with Rupal Mehta, Paige Cone Price, and Rachel Whitlark. American Political Science Association Workshop: Advances in the Study of Nuclear Politics. Boston, Massachusetts. August, 2018.
- “All Options on the (Latency) Table: Carrots and Sticks on Counterproliferation,” with Rupal Mehta, Paige Cone Price, and Rachel Whitlark. European Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vienna, Austria. June, 2018.
- “All Options on the (Latency) Table: Carrots and Sticks on Counterproliferation,” with Rupal Mehta, Paige Cone Price, and Rachel Whitlark. European Initiative on Security Studies. Paris, France. June 2018.
- “All Options on the (Latency) Table: Carrots and Sticks on Counterproliferation,” with Rupal Mehta, Paige Cone Price, and Rachel Whitlark. International Studies Association Annual Meeting: “New Issues in Nuclear Studies: A Mixed Methods Approach.” San Francisco, CA. April, 2018.
- “Trust in International Politics: The Role of Identity and Interpersonal Relationships in Nuclear Cooperation Agreements.” Texas Triangle International Relations Conference. College Station, Texas. February, 2018.
- “Broken Promises: Multilateralism, Free Riding, and the Sanctioning Problem in Alliance Treaties,” with Matthew Fuhrmann. Peace Science Society Annual Meetin. Tempe, Arizona. November, 2017.

- “Trust and Nuclear Cooperation.” American Political Science Association: “Novel Nuclear Knowledge via Multi-Method Means.” San Francisco, CA. August, 2017. [not able to attend because of Hurricane Harvey].
- “Nuclear Latency and the Transfer of Conventional Weapons”. Peace Science Society Annual Meeting Workshop: A Mixed Method Approach to the Study of Nuclear Weapons. South Bend, Indiana. October, 2016.
- “Promises in the Nuclear Age: Why Alliance are Violated More Often After 1945,” with Matthew Fuhrmann. American Political Science Association Meeting. September, 2016.
- “Promises in the Nuclear Age: Why Alliance are Violated More Often After 1945,” with Matthew Fuhrmann. International Studies Association Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. March, 2016.

Grants

- Stanton Foundation Nuclear Security Grant (\$150,000) with Rachel Whitlark, 2020-2022.
- Stanton Foundation Nuclear Course Development Program (\$50,000), 2020.
- Center for International Trade and Security Seed Grant (\$2,500), 2020.
- University of Georgia Department of International Affairs Small Research Grant (\$1,000), 2020.
- University of Georgia Department of International Affairs Speaker Series Grant (\$2,000), 2020.
- University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs Diversity and Inclusion Pedagogy Grant (\$2,500), with Ryan Powers, K. Chad Clay, Gulcan Saglam, and Maryann Gallager, 2020.
- Minerva DECUR Grant Submission #WHS-AD-FOA-DECUR-19: White Paper Accepted, Full Grant Solicited, Not Awarded (\$399,969), 2019.
- University of Georgia Affordable Course Materials Development Grant (\$5,000), 2019.
- Summertime for Advancement in Research (S.T.A.R.) Grant (\$8,400), 2018.
- Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O) Scholar Award (\$15,000), 2018.
- Graduate Student Research and Presentation Grant, Association of Former Students and Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, Texas A&M University (\$750), 2018.
- College of Liberal Arts Professional Development Grant, Texas A&M University (\$6,500), 2015.

Honors and Awards

- Faculty Affiliate. Owens Institute for Behavioral Research. University of Georgia.
- Member, Mid Career Cadre, Program on Nuclear Issues, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2019-2022.
- Capstone Scholar, Nuclear Scholars Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2017.
- Best Paper Award, Student Writing Seminar, Texas A&M University (\$500 award), 2016.
- Fellow, Nuclear Scholars Initiative, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2016.
- Achievement Award, Department of War Studies, King's College London, 2013.
- Undergraduate Fellow, Program for International Security Policy, The University of Chicago, 2012.
- Phi Beta Kappa, The University of Chicago, 2012.
- Student Marshall (Junior Year Inductee), The University of Chicago, 2010-2012.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, Spring 2021, “Nuclear History & Security Policy,” (graduate course), University of Georgia.

Guest Lecturer, Spring 2021, “Nuclear History”, Georgia Institute of Technology.

Assistant Professor, Fall 2020, “Nuclear Politics,” University of Georgia.

Assistant Professor, Fall 2020, Independent Study, University of Georgia.

Assistant Professor, Spring 2020, “Arms Control and Disarmament,” University of Georgia.

Assistant Professor, Fall 2019, 2020 “Introduction to International Relations,” University of Georgia.

Instructor, Spring 2019, “Issues in World Politics: Nuclear Politics,” Texas A&M University.

Guest Lecturer, Spring 2018, “Issues in World Politics,” Texas A&M University.

TA, Spring 2017, “Polimetrics” with Dr. Erica Owen, Texas A&M University.

TA, Spring 2016, “Nuclear Simulations” with Dr. Matthew Fuhrmann, Texas A&M University.

TA, Spring 2016, “Polimetrics” with Dr. Quan Li, Texas A&M University.

Professional Activities & Service

Reviewer for IO, APSR, IS, JPR, JCR, JOP, CMPS, ISQ, IT.

PhD Committee Member for Noelle Trout (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), Pedro Goulart (UGA), and Young Sang (UGA).

CURO Adviser, 2020.

Honors Adviser, 2020.

YoungDawgs Advisor, 2020.

IR Graduate Grading Committee, 2020.

Diversity and Inclusion Working Group Team Lead, 2020.

Mentor about 5-10 undergraduate UGA students each semester.

Methods Training & Technical Skills

Skilled in econometrics, data analysis and management, analytical thinking, archival research, open source research, content analysis, and political analysis. Eight years of experience researching nuclear politics and security.

Research Methods Training

Texas A&M University Department of Political Science: Advanced Ordinary Least Squares Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Time Series Analysis, Spatial Econometrics, Formal Theory.

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis: Logit and Probit Models, Spatial Econometrics.

Software & Programming

L^AT_EX, Stata, R, Excel, RATS (ESTIMA).

References

Available upon Request.

Last updated: February 3, 2021