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## Professional Appointments

Department Head, Department of International Affairs (2025-current)  
*University of Georgia*

Professor of International Affairs (2023-current)  
*University of Georgia*

Joint Appointee (2022-current)  
*Savannah River National Laboratory*

Faculty Fellow, Benson-Bertsch Center for International Trade and Security (2021-current)  
*University of Georgia*

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Cybersecurity and Privacy (2021-current)  
*University of Georgia*

Gary K. Bertsch Director, Benson-Bertsch Center for International Trade and Security  
(2019-2025)  
*University of Georgia*

Associate Professor of International Affairs (2019-2023)  
*University of Georgia*

Associate Professor of Political Science (2016-2019)  
*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Associate Professor of Public Policy (2018-2019)  
*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2011-2016)  
*University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

Instructor (2009-2011)  
*Florida State University*

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science (2011)

*Florida State University* Tallahassee, FL

M.A., Latin American Studies (2003)

*University of California, Los Angeles* Los Angeles, CA

B.A., International Affairs (2002)

*Florida State University* Tallahassee, FL

## Books

Sklansky, David and Justin Conrad. 2024. *Probability and Statistics: The Vegas Way* (Amazon Publishing).

Conrad, Justin and William Spaniel. 2021. *Militant Competition: How Terrorists and Insurgents Advertise with Violence and How They Can Be Stopped* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

Conrad, Justin. 2017. *Gambling and War: Risk, Reward and Chance in International Conflict* (Annapolis: U.S. Naval Institute Press).

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

Wu, Shushan, Bowen Yang, He Yang, Stephen J. Coshatt, Xilin Gong, Ramviyas Nattamai Parasuraman, Justin Conrad, Roberto Perdisci, Wenzuan Zhong, Jin Ye, Ping Ma and WenZhan Song. 2024. “Online Adaptive Anomaly Detection in Networked Electrical Machines by Adaptive Enveloped Singular Spectrum Transformation.” *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*: 10.1109/JIOT.2024.3476268.

Douglas, James W., Justin Conrad, and Joseph A. Frederick. 2024. “Budgeting for the Human-Made Disaster of War: US Aid to Ukraine.” *Public Money and Management*: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540962.2024.2339320>.

Conrad, Justin, Kevin T. Greene, and Brian J. Phillips. 2024. “Introducing ViNSAR: Dyadic Data on Violent Non-state Actor Rivalry.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 68(9): 1884-1908.

Walsh, James Igoe, Justin Conrad and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2023. “Rebel Human Rights Abuses During Civil Wars: Introducing the Rebel Human Rights Dataset.” *Journal of Peace Research* 61(3): 477-488.

Conrad, Justin. 2023. “Natural Resource Exploitation and Military Spending.” *International Studies Quarterly* 67(3).

Conrad, Justin, Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Megan Stewart. 2022. “Revisiting Opportunism

- in Civil Conflict: Natural Resource Extraction and Healthcare Provision.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(1): 91-114.
- Conrad, Justin, Brian Phillips, Kevin Greene, and Samantha Daly. 2021. “Competition from Within: Ethnicity, Power, and Militant Group Rivalry.” *Defence and Peace Economics* 32(6): 757-772.
- Whitaker, Beth Elise, James Igoe Walsh, and Justin Conrad. 2019. “Natural Resource Exploitation and Sexual Violence by Rebel Groups.” *Journal of Politics* 81(2): 702-706.
- Conrad, Justin M., Kevin T. Greene, James Igoe Walsh, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2019. “Rebel Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict Duration.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(3): 591-616.
- Walsh, James I., Justin Conrad, Beth Elise Whitaker and Katelin Hudak. 2018. “Funding Rebellion: The Rebel Contraband Dataset.” *Journal of Peace Research* 55(5): 699-707.
- Conrad, Justin. 2017. “How Democratic Alliances Solve the Power Parity Problem.” *British Journal of Political Science* 47(4): 893-913.
- Asal, Victor, Justin Conrad and Nathan Toronto. 2017. “I Want You! The Determinants of Military Conscription.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(7): 1432-1455.
- Abrahms, Max and Justin Conrad. 2017. “The Strategic Logic of Credit Claiming: A New Theory for Anonymous Terrorist Attacks.” *Security Studies* 26(2): 279-304.
- Conrad, Courtenay, Justin Conrad, James A. Piazza and James I. Walsh. 2017. “Why Military Forces Respond to Terrorism with Torture.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 13(4): 761-786.
- Conrad, Justin and Kevin Greene. 2015. “Differentiation and the Severity of Terrorist Attacks.” *Journal of Politics* 77(2): 546-561.
- Asal, Victor, Justin Conrad and Peter B. White. 2014. “Going Abroad: Transnational Solicitation and Contention by Ethnopolitical Organizations.” *International Organization* 68(4): 945-978.
- Conrad, Courtenay, Justin Conrad and Joseph K. Young. 2014. “Why Some Autocrats Are Terrorized While Others are Not.” *International Studies Quarterly* 58(3): 539-549.
- Conrad, Justin and James I. Walsh. 2014. “International Cooperation, Spoiling and Transnational Terrorism.” *International Interactions* 40(4): 453-476.
- Conrad, Justin, Hong-Cheol Kim and Mark Souva. 2013. “Narrow Interests and Military Resource Allocations in Autocracies.” *Journal of Peace Research* 50(6): 739-752.
- Conrad, Justin and Daniel Milton. 2013. “Unpacking the Connection Between Terror and Islam.” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 36: 315-336.

Conrad, Justin. 2011. "Interstate Rivalry and Terrorism: An Unprobed Link." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(4): 529-555.

Conrad, Justin and Mark Souva. 2011. "Regime Similarity and Rivalry" *International Interactions* 37(1): 1-28.

## Other Publications

Jacobs, Stephanie, et al. 2024. "Assessment of Fluoropolymer Production and Use With Analysis of Alternative Replacement Materials." No. SRNL-STI-2023-00587. Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL). <https://doi.org/10.2172/2370520>

Conrad, Justin. 2024. "Cause and Consequence: U.S. Military Alliances and a Rising China." In *Competing for Advantage: The CCP, Statecraft, and SOF*, ed, David C. Ellis. Joint Special Operations University Report.

Conrad, Justin. 2023. " Hamas' Calculated Gamble." *National Interest*. October 16.

Conrad, Justin and Hayley Worsfold. 2023. "The U.S. Should Look Abroad for Nuclear Waste Solutions." Center for International Trade and Security. *CITS Paper Series*. September 14.

Berejikian, Jeffrey, Justin Conrad and Ryan Powers. 2023. "Strategic Trade Professionals on the Future of Nonproliferation." Center for International Trade and Security. *CITS Paper Series*. July 18.

Conrad, Justin and Chase Duncan. 2022. "From Russia to Indonesia: How Energy Crises Will Evolve." *RealClearDefense*. May 6.

Conrad, Justin and William Spaniel. 2021. "The Terrorists' Marketplace: Do More Terrorist Groups Always Mean More Violence?" *Modern War Institute (West Point)*. December 30. **Named "Article of the Day" by Center for Strategic and International Studies Transnational Threats project**

Conrad, Justin. 2020. "The Cole Attack - More Than 9/11 - Predicted America's Challenges in the 21st Century." *Navy Times*. October 12.

Conrad, Justin. 2020. "US Public Opinion Is Changing the Relationship With China." *The Diplomat*. September 16.

Conrad, Justin and Mark Souva. 2020. "Interests, Institutions and Defense Spending." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.

Asal, Victor, Justin Conrad, and Steven Sin. 2020. "Back to the Future: Teaching About the End of the World." *European Political Science* 19: 302-318.

Conrad, Justin and William Spaniel. 2018. "How Governments Influence Competition between Militant Groups." *Midwest Political Science Association Blog*. June 21.

- Conrad, Justin. 2018. “What Poker Tells Us about ISIS’s Changing Strategy.” *Foreign Policy Research Institute*. March 20.
- Conrad, Justin. 2017. “Review of Wright, Lawrence. The Terror Years: From al-Qaeda to the Islamic State.” *H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews*. June.
- Conrad, Justin. 2016. “Strengthening US-Japan Alliance Can Deter, Without Provoking, China.” 2016. Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). *Issues and Insights* 16(13): 5-6.”
- Conrad, Justin. 2016. “Syria and the Credible Commitments of World Powers.” *War on the Rocks*. March 3.
- Conrad, Justin and Kevin Greene. 2015. “Why Terrorists Become More Violent.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. July 1. **Named one of Aspen Institute’s “Five Best Ideas of the Day”**
- Conrad, Justin. 2015. “Why America’s Democratic Allies are the Best Bet against a Rising China.” *War on the Rocks*. June 18.
- Conrad, Courtenay, Justin Conrad, James I. Walsh and James A. Piazza. 2015. “When Do Countries Respond to Terrorism with Torture?” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage*. Jan 13.
- Walsh, James I., Beth Elise Whitaker and Justin Conrad. 2014. “Funding Rebels: Resources, Crime, and Conflict in Africa.” National Intelligence University. *Africa Research Initiative Newsletter*. August.

## Recent Conference Participation

- “COVID-19 and Public Threat Perception of Biological Weapons.” (with Barbara Del Castello). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. September 2025.
- “Building Student Interest in Policy and Regulations: SRNL Collaboration with the University of Georgia.” (with Stephanie Jacobs). Presented at 2025 Waste Management Symposia. February 2025.
- “Coalitions and Perceived Power in Collaborative Decision-Making Processes.” (with Emily Bell and Sechindra Vallury). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2024.
- “Cybersecurity of Electric Vehicles.” Panel moderator at the UGA E-Mobility Summit. April 2024.
- “Religion and Rivalry: How Religious Ideology Fuels Militant Group Competition.” (with Victor Asal). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting,

September 2023.

“Building and Repairing Trust: Strategies for Effective Regulatory and Stakeholder Engagement in Nuclear Waste Management.” (with Emily Bell). Presented at 2023 Waste Management Symposia. February 2023.

“COVID-19 and Public Threat Perception of Biological Weapons.” (with Barbara Del Castello). Presented at the Georgia Political Science Association annual meeting. November 2022.

“Nuclear in the Context of Clean Energy Expected Global Demand Increase.” Panel moderator at the Multilateral Nuclear Energy Dialogue. August 2022.

“Energy and Geopolitics.” Panel moderator at the UGA Energy Security Conference. April 2022.

“Introducing ViNSAR: Dyadic Data on Violent Non-State Actor Rivalry.” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the Network of European Peace Scientists pre-conference workshop. June 2022.

“Going Critical: Nuclear Cooperation and Foreign Direct Investment.” (with David Gattie, Joshua Massey and Sophie McMurray). Presented at the IS-ISSS joint annual meeting, November 2021.

“Going Critical: Nuclear Cooperation and Foreign Direct Investment.” (with David Gattie, Joshua Massey and Sophie McMurray). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, September 2021.

“Natural Resource Exploitation and Military Spending.” Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, April 2021.

“Natural Resource Exploitation and Military Spending.” Presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, November 2020.

“Fighting in an Alternative Arena: Incumbent Justice Processes and Rebel Criminal Activity” (with Liana Eustacia Reyes). Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. January 2020.

“Government Responses to Militant Group Competition” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the European Political Science Association annual meeting. June 2019.

“Decisions About When to Fight.” Panel chair at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2019.

“Government Responses to Militant Group Competition” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2019.

“Terrorist Tactics and Individual Information-Seeking Behavior” (with Tobias Heinrich, Yoshiharu Kobayashi and Jacob Swanstrom). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2019.

“Government Responses to Militant Group Competition” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. January 2019.

“Militant Group Rivalries and Civilian Victimization” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. September 2018.

“Rebel Resource Extraction and Healthcare: Strategic Incentives for Social Service Provision” (with Megan A. Stewart and Liana Eustacia Reyes). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2018.

“Militant Group Rivalries and Civilian Victimization” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2018.

“How Conflict Unfolds.” Panel chair at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2018.

“Terrorist Competition and Violence in Unstable Environments” (with William Spaniel). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2017. **Awarded Best Paper in International Relations.**

## Grants and Contracts

“Extending and Further Developing the Militarized Interstate Confrontation Dataset.” 2024. National Science Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount \$220,000.

“UGA Project GO 2024.” 2024. U.S. Department of Defense. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount \$563,207.

“Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment: Cyber and Consumer Threat Analysis.” 2023. Southern Company. Principal Investigator. Amount \$200,000.

“The Impact of Diminished U.S. Civil Nuclear Technology Engagement on Global Nonproliferation Efforts.” 2023. Stanton Foundation. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount \$204,266.

“UGA Project GO 2023.” 2023. U.S. Department of Defense. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount \$479,965.

“Subject Matter Experts (SME) in Regulatory and Policy Expertise.” 2023. Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Energy. Amount: \$88,834.

“Reinforcing International Nonproliferation Norms and Regimes Against Russian Malign Influence.” 2023. Principal Investigator. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory/U.S. De-

partment of State. Amount: \$20,161.

“Socio-Technical Solutions for Countering AI-Generated Deep Fakes.” 2023. University of Georgia Presidential Interdisciplinary Seed Grant. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount: \$147,688.

“Equitable Urban Smart Growth under Climate Uncertainty.” 2023. SPIA Faculty Seed Grant. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount \$6,000.

“UGA Project GO 2022.” 2022. U.S. Department of Defense. Co-Principal Investigator. Amount \$439,274.

“Comprehensive Border Security Academy.” 2021. U.S. Department of State. Principal Investigator. Amount: \$971,831.

“Subject Matter Experts (SME) in Regulatory and Policy Expertise.” 2021. Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Energy. Amount: \$312,897.

“Reinforcing International Nonproliferation Norms and Regimes Against Russian Malign Influence.” 2021. Principal Investigator. Pacific Northwest National Laboratory/U.S. Department of State. Amount: \$54,824.

“Support for CTR Global Threat Reduction Activities.” 2020. Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of State. Amount: \$538,911.

“Countering DPRK Enterprise-Based Sanctions Evasion in Southeast Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.” 2020. Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of State. Amount: \$413,410.

“Countering DPRK Enterprise-Based Sanctions Evasion in Kuwait.” 2020. Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of State. Amount: \$100,000.

“Nonproliferation Strategy to Practice: Assessing the State of Global Trade Control Implementation.” 2020. Co-Principal Investigator. Stanton Foundation. Amount: \$95,977.

“Competing Allies: Activist Competition at Major Protest Events.” 2019. Co-Principal Investigator. UGA School of Public and International Affairs. Amount: \$4,000.

“Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence.” 2019. Co-Principal Investigator. Defense Intelligence Agency. Amount: \$1,489,000. Status: Awarded, no longer part of grant after changing institutions.

“Violent Non-State Rivalry and Organizational Behavior.” 2017. Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation. Amount: \$405,818.

“Natural Resources and Armed Conflict.” 2013. Co-Principal Investigator. U.S. Department of Defense. Amount: \$825,000.

“Transnational Politics in the Middle East and North Africa.” 2013. Principal Investigator. UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant. Amount: \$4,300.



UNC Charlotte Diversity Grant. 2013. Amount: \$1,000.

“State Actions and Terrorism: Evidence from the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.” 2012. Principal Investigator. UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant. Amount: \$6,000.

## Teaching Experience

### Course Instructor

Nuclear Regulation (Fall 2024)

*University of Georgia* graduate course

Research Methods in International Policy (Fall 2022)

*University of Georgia* graduate course

Counterterrorism (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2025)

*University of Georgia* graduate course

Terrorism (Fall 2021, Fall 2023)

*University of Georgia* graduate course

Gambling and War (Spring 2018)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

Counterterrorism (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019)

*Penn State University* graduate course

International Conflict (Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

Politics of Terror (Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

U.S. Foreign and Defense Policy (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Summer 2019)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

International Politics (Spring 2013)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

Political Science Research Methods (Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

Political Science Senior Thesis (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2019)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

Political Science Independent Study (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

*UNC Charlotte* undergraduate course

Public Policy Independent Study (Fall 2013)

*UNC Charlotte* graduate course

Master of Public Administration Thesis (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

*UNC Charlotte* graduate course

Terror and Politics (Spring 2011, Summer 2011)

*Florida State University* undergraduate course

Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2009, Summer 2010)

*Florida State University* undergraduate course

### **Teaching Assistant/Lab Instructor**

Game Theory (Spring 2010)

*Florida State University* graduate course

Advanced Quantitative Analysis/Methods IV (Fall 2009)

*Florida State University* graduate course

Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2009)

*Florida State University* undergraduate course

### **Service & Professional Affiliations**

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Social Science Research*, *International Studies Review*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Democracy and Security*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, *African Security*, *Civil Wars*, *International Criminal Justice Review*, *PS: Political Science and Politics* (2011-current)

Founding Member, U.S. Department of Energy Regulatory Center of Excellence (2022-current)

Member, Student Veteran Success Council (2022-current)

Faculty Advisor, UGA Loch Johnson Society (2020-current)

Member, Conflict Management and Peace Science Editorial Board (2019-current)

Chair, R&D Working Group, Georgia Network for Electric Mobility (2023-2025)

Executive Council, International History and Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2022-2025)

Member, Electric Mobility Summit Planning Committee (2022-2025)

Member, School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) Council (2020-2025)

Member, School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA) Promotion and Tenure Review Committee (2023-2025)

Member, University of Georgia Research Institute Search Committee (2023-2025)

Member, Innovation District Faculty Advisory Council (2019-2024)

Member, Dean Administrative Review Committee (2023)

Reviewer, National Science Foundation (2021, 2023-2024)

Member, Department of International Affairs Third Year Review Committee (2023)

Chair, Department of International Affairs Search Committee (2021-2022)

Member, Department of International Affairs Diversity and Inclusion Standing Committee, UGA (2019-2021)

Peace Science Section Chair, 2018 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (2018)

Editor, *Future of Global Security* book series, U.S. Naval Institute Press (2017-2018)

Young Leader, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Pacific Forum (2016-2018)

Faculty Affiliate, Ph.D. in Public Policy Program, UNC Charlotte (2012-2018)

Member, Department Review Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2018-2019)

Member, Political Science Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2018-2019)

Member (elected), University Faculty Executive Committee, UNC Charlotte (2016-2018)

Member, Political Science Awards Development Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2017-2018)

Faculty Affiliate, Project Mosaic, UNC Charlotte (2017)

Member, Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2016-2017)

Member, Political Science Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2016-2017)

Member, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, UNC Charlotte (2012-2015)

Member, Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2014-2015)

Member, Department Review Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2013-2014)

Member, Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2011-2013)

Vice President, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2009-2010)

Graduate Student Representative, FSU Political Science Faculty Committee (2009-2010)

Secretary, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2008-2009)

Member, Peace Science Society International

Member, Southern Political Science Association

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, International Studies Association

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

## **Awards and Honors**

Student Career Success Influencer Award (2023)

*University of Georgia*

SPIA Excellence in Research Award (2022)

*University of Georgia*

Best Paper in International Relations Award (2018)

*Midwest Political Science Association*

Junior Faculty Development Award (2015)

*UNC Charlotte*

Academic Fellowship (2012)

*Foundation for the Defense of Democracies*

Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship (2010)  
*Florida State University*

Prestage-Cook Travel Grant (2009)  
*Southern Political Science Association*

Graduate Assistantship (2007-2011)  
*Florida State University*

College Teaching Fellowship (2007-2008)  
*Florida State University*

Graduate Fellowship (2002-2003)  
*University of California, Los Angeles*

Student Speaker - Commencement Ceremonies (2003)  
*University of California, Los Angeles*