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EMPLOYMENT

- IE University**, Madrid, Spain Sep 2026 –
School of Politics, Economics, and Global Affairs
Assistant Professor of International Relations
- Texas A&M University**, College Station, TX July 2023 – Aug 2026
Bush School of Government and Public Service
Assistant Professor of Political Science
- Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ September 2022 – June 2023
Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

EDUCATION

- New York University**, New York, NY May 2022
Ph.D. in Politics
- Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, MO May 2017
B.A. in Political Science

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Foreign Policy Appointments**
International Organization, 78.3 (2024): 501–537
- Quid Pro Quo Diplomacy**, with Alastair Smith
Games 15.2 (2024): 14
- Conflict, Cooperation, and Delegated Diplomacy**
International Organization 75.4 (2021): 1018–1057
- State Visits and Leader Survival**, with Alastair Smith
American Journal of Political Science 65.1 (2021): 241–256
- A Global Game of Diplomacy**, with Alastair Smith
Journal of Theoretical Politics 31.4 (2019): 480–506

WORKING PAPERS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Cover Stories**, with Michael Joseph (*R&R, American Political Science Review*)
- The Limits of Expertise in International Organizations**, with Peter Rosendorff and Alastair Smith
(*Accepted, Review of International Organizations*)
- Key Officers of U.S. Foreign Service Posts: A Dataset of U.S. Diplomatic Representation, 1966–2017**, with David Lindsey and Calvin Thrall (*Accepted, Scientific Data*)

Representation Without Influence: Evidence from Gender Disparities in the U.S. Foreign Service, with David Lindsey and Calvin Thrall (*Submitted*)

Hometown Ties and the Allocation of Chinese Ambassadors, with Xuan Li, Lu Sun, and Kaibin Yuan (*Submitted*)

Diplomatic Capacity and International Cooperation, with Calvin Thrall (*Draft available*)

Collusion among Adversaries (*Draft available*)

Status and Influence in the Foreign Policy Bureaucracy (*Draft available*)

Interbranch Relations and Foreign Policy Shifts, with Tianyi Yang (*In progress*)

Revolving Door Diplomats, with Seowoo Chung, David Lindsey and Calvin Thrall (*In progress*)

Loyalty and Expertise in Foreign Policy Advising, with Joseph Ruggiero (*In progress*)

The Value of Social Ties in the Chinese Foreign Ministry, with Zhaoqing Li and Lu Sun (*In progress*)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Persistent Failure? International Interventions Since World War II

with Pablo Querubin and Shanker Satyanath

The Handbook of Historical Economics (Elsevier, 2021)

edited by Alberto Bisin and Giovanni Federico

Think Locally, Regress Globally: Making the Most of Conventional IR Data

with Felipe Balcazar

Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations (Edward Elgar, 2022)

edited by R. Joseph Huddleston, Tom Jamieson and Patrick James

WRITING IN POPULAR OUTLETS

Half of Biden's ambassador positions are vacant. Here's why that matters.

The Monkey Cage (Dec. 2021)

Why did Zelensky want a White House visit? Here's what it signals at home.

The Monkey Cage (Nov. 2019)

TEACHING

Probability and Statistics (Masters), IE University, Fall 2026

POLS 633: Foreign and Security Policy (Ph.D.), Texas A&M, Fall 2023, Spring 2026

POLS 308: Game Theory (Undergraduate), Texas A&M, Fall 2025

POLS 626: Comparative Political Institutions (Ph.D.), Texas A&M, Spring 2025

POLS 602: Quantitative Political Analysis (Ph.D.), Texas A&M, Fall 2024

POLS 309: Polimetrics (Undergraduate), Texas A&M, Spring 2024

Dissertation Committees (Texas A&M Ph.D. Candidates/Students):

Lu Sun (completed, current Assistant Professor at Tecnológico de Monterrey), Steven Wu, Kexin Bai, Kyle Chang, Chamseul Yu, Sunhee Kim, Da Haam Kim, Zhaoqing Li, Tianyi Yang (co-chair), Hongbi Choi, Erik Chi, Jake Turner, Ariela Briscuco

TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Madrid Empirical Social Sciences Conference (Oct. 2026) MPSA (Apr. 2023, Apr. 2026)
Peace Science Society Meeting (Nov. 2025, Nov. 2023, Nov. 2021, Nov. 2018)
Formal Models of Conflict Conference, Univ. of Pittsburgh (Nov. 2025, Oct. 2023, Oct. 2022)
APSA (Sep. 2025, Sep. 2024, Sep. 2022, Sep. 2020)
Vanderbilt Political Economy of Conflict Workshop (invited talk, Mar. 2024)
USC Conference on Bureaucracies in IPE (Feb. 2024)
Texas Triangle IR Conference (Jan. 2025, Feb. 2024, Jan. 2023)
University of Houston (invited talk, Oct. 2024)
University of Chicago Workshop on International Politics (invited talk, Feb. 2024)
IPES (Nov. 2023, Oct. 2022)
EPSA (June 2023)
Baruch College (invited talk, Apr. 2023)
ISA (Mar. 2023, Apr. 2021)
Bureaucracy and International Relations Conference (Brown University, July 2022)
Online Peace Science Colloquium (Dec. 2021)
GSISE (Aug. 2021, Mar. 2021)
GSIPE (Feb. 2021)
NEWEPS-13 (Sep. 2019)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Niehaus Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Princeton SPIA (2022-2023)
George Downs Prize Grant, NYU (Summer 2019)
MacCracken Fellowship, NYU (2017-2022)

SERVICE

Workshop Organizer

USC Conference on Bureaucracies in IPE (Feb. 2025)
Niehaus Workshop on Diplomats & Bureaucrats in IR (June 2023)
Graduate Students in International Security, (GSISE) Workshop (2020 – 2022)
NYU International Relations Workshop (2018 – 2020)
NYU Graduate Political Economy Seminar (2019)
Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-11, Aug. 2018)

Discussant

APSA (Sep. 2025, Sep. 2024, Sep. 2022)
Texas Triangle IR Conference (Feb. 2024)
Niehaus Diplomats & Bureaucrats (June 2023)
MPSA (Apr. 2023)
Brown Bureaucracy & IR (July 2022)

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Defence and Peace Economics, Economics & Politics, European Journal of Political Research, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of International Development, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Political Studies Review, Research & Politics, Review of International Organizations, Security Studies, World Politics