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Academic Appointments

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Professor of Political Science and Law (by courtesy), 2026-present

Associate Professor of Law (by courtesy), 2025-2026

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2022-2026

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2016-2022

College Fellow, 2015-2016

Education

Duke University, Durham, NC

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

Dissertation: "The Justice Dilemma"

Committee: Laia Balcells, Alexander Downes, Peter Feaver, Erik Wibbels

Award: APSA's 2016 Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Prize

M.A., Political Science, 2012

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

B.A., Political Science and Economics, 2009

Research

Books

Above the Law: The United States and the International Criminal Court. 2026. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

The Justice Dilemma: Leaders and Exile in an Era of Accountability. 2020. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press (Cornell Studies in Security Affairs).

Journal Articles

"Trump, the International Criminal Court, and the Future of Global Impunity." Forthcoming, *Perspectives on Politics*.

"When Do Leader Backgrounds Matter? Evidence from the President's Daily Brief." 2024. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 41(4): 414-437 (with Michael Goldfien and Michael Joseph).

"Billionaire Politicians: A Global Perspective." 2024. *Perspectives on Politics* 22(2): 357-371 (with Stephen Nelson and Andrew Roberts).

"Does the International Criminal Court Target the American Military?" 2023. *American Political Science Review* 117(1): 325-331.

"I'll Be Back? Exiled Leaders and Political Instability." 2023. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67(2-3): 402-427 (with Abel Escribà-Folch).

"Nowhere to Hide? Global Policing and the Politics of Extradition." 2022. *International Security* 47(2): 7-47.

"Studying Leaders and Elites: The Personal Biography Approach." 2020. *Annual Review of Political Science* 23(1): 133-151 (with Stephen Nelson and Andrew Roberts).

"Information, Secrecy, and Civilian Targeting." 2019. *International Studies Quarterly* 63(2): 322-333.

"Should I Stay or Should I Go? Leaders, Exile, and the Dilemmas of International Justice." 2018. *American Journal of Political Science* 62(2): 486-498.

"Varieties of Civil War and Mass Killing: Reassessing the Relationship between Guerrilla Warfare and Civilian Victimization." 2018. *Journal of Peace Research* 55(1): 18-31.

"Dictators in Exile: Explaining the Destinations of Ex-Rulers." 2017. *Journal of Politics* 79(2): 560-575 (with Abel Escribà-Folch).

"Who Democratizes? Western-Educated Leaders and Regime Transitions." 2017. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(3): 671-701 (with Thomas Gift).

"Refugee Flows, Ethnic Power Relations, and the Spread of Conflict." 2014. *Security Studies* 23(1): 182-216.

Work in Progress

"Elite Misperceptions of Public Opinion in American Foreign Policy: Evidence from the International Criminal Court" (with Thomas Gift)

"Manhunts: Evidence from the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List"

Public Commentary

"Trump is Filling His Cabinet with Billionaires. We're Not Surprised." *Good Authority*. December 13, 2024 (with Stephen Nelson).

"Should the ICC Prosecute Putin?" *Intelligence Squared* podcast. July 23, 2023 (debate with Philippe Sands).

"The International Criminal Court Takes Aim at Vladimir Putin." *Political Violence at a Glance*. April 5, 2023 (with Jacqueline McAllister).

"Biden Called Putin a 'War Criminal.' That's Risky." *Washington Post*. March 24, 2022 (with Alexander Downes).

"Four Reasons It'll Be Hard to Offer Maduro a Golden Parachute (and One Reason to Try Anyway)." *Washington Post*. January 26, 2019 (with Andy Bennett, Ariya Hagh, and Zac Ritter).

"Leaders, Exile, and the Dilemmas of International Justice." *Open Global Rights*. May 1, 2018.

“What Happens When Ousted Dictators Can’t Seek Exile?” Interview with *ABC Radio*. February 20, 2017.

“Where Do Ousted Dictators Go? Fewer Countries Now Offer a Warm Welcome.” *Washington Post*. January 30, 2017 (with Abel Escribà-Folch).

“The Security Consequences of the Global Refugee Crisis.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. July 15, 2016.

“Say You’re Leading a Country. Does Having a Western Education Matter?” *Washington Post*. November 13, 2015 (with Thomas Gift).

Reviews

Review of *Escaping Justice: Impunity for State Crimes in the Age of Accountability* by Cyanne E. Loyle, *H-Diplo/RJISSF Review*, September 2026.

Review of “The Extremist’s Advantage in Civil Wars” by Barbara F. Walter, *H-Diplo/RJISSF Review*, March 2018.

Review of *Rivalry and Revenge: The Politics of Violence during Civil War* by Laia Balcells, *Journal of Peace Research* online book note, 2018.

Fellowships and Awards

Distinguished Teaching Award, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, 2026

Glenn Palmer Prize for the best article published in 2024 in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Peace Science Society (International), 2025

R. Barry Farrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Northwestern University, 2019

Associated Student Government’s Faculty Honor Roll, Northwestern University, 2019-2020

Buffett Institute Faculty Fellow, Northwestern University, 2018-2021

Visiting Professor, Sciences Po, Paris, France, Fall 2017

Associated Student Government’s Faculty Honor Roll, Northwestern University, 2016-2017

Kenneth N. Waltz Prize for the best dissertation in the field of international security, American Political Science Association, 2016

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellow, 2014-2015

Predoctoral Fellow, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 2014-2015

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, 2010-2014

James B. Duke Fellow, Duke University, 2009-2014

Teaching

International Security (Ph.D. seminar)
International Justice and Human Rights (Ph.D. seminar)
War and Society (Ph.D. seminar)
International Criminal Law (Law School seminar)
International Responses to Mass Atrocities (undergraduate seminar)
War and Peace (undergraduate seminar)
Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate lecture)
US Foreign Policy (undergraduate lecture)

Professional Presentations

Talks and Workshops

University of Washington, Department of Political Science, May 15, 2026
Duke University, School of Law, Transitional Justice Workshop, January 23-24, 2026
University of Wisconsin, Department of Political Science, October 21, 2025
University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, October 3, 2025
University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, February 20, 2025
Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law, September 30, 2024
George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, October 2, 2023
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Atrocity Prevention Workshop, September 29, 2023
University of Maryland, Department of Political Science, April 20, 2021
George Washington University, Department of Political Science, November 28, 2018
Texas A&M University, Bush School of Government, November 8, 2018
Rice University, Department of Political Science, November 5, 2018
Rutgers University, Department of Political Science, October 30, 2018
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Political Science, November 8, 2017
University College London, Department of Political Science, October 11, 2017
Northwestern University, Center on Equality Development and Globalization Studies, May 9, 2017
University of Chicago, Program on International Security Policy, October 4, 2016
Duke University, Department of Political Science, August 26, 2016
Northwestern University, Buffett Institute Faculty and Fellows Colloquium, November 20, 2015
George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, October 27, 2014

Conferences

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025)

International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2025)

American Society of International Law ILASS Meeting (2024)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)

International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Meeting (2014)

Triangle Institute for Security Studies “New Faces” Conference (2014)

Professional Service

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Security Studies*, *World Politics*, Cambridge University Press

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