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EMPLOYMENT

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Cambridge, Massachusetts

- Frank Stanton Professor of Nuclear Security Policy and Political Science (July 2021-present; Public Service Leave March 2022-August 2024)
- Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure (July 2017-July 2021)
- Mitsui Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science without tenure (July 2014-July 2017)
- Assistant Professor of Political Science (July 2010-July 2014)
- Member, Security Studies Program and Center for International Studies

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, Washington, DC

- Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense (May 2024-August 2024). Security Clearance: TS/SCI
- Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense (March 2022-May 2024)

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Massachusetts

- PhD (2010), Department of Government
- Dissertation: “Posturing for Peace?: The Sources and Deterrence Consequences of Regional Power Nuclear Postures” received Edward M. Chase prize for best dissertation in international relations.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY (BALLIOL COLLEGE), United Kingdom

- M.Phil (2004) with Distinction in International Relations (2002 Marshall Scholarship)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford, California

- B.S. (2001), M.S. (2002) in Chemical Engineering with Distinction, with a Minor in International Relations, and with Honors in International Security Studies
- Phi Beta Kappa (Junior year)

SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Seeking the Bomb: Strategies of Nuclear Proliferation* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2022)
- *The Fragile Balance of Terror: Deterrence in the New Nuclear Age* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2022). Co-edited with Scott D. Sagan.
- *Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era: Regional Powers and International Conflict* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2014)
 - Winner of the 2015 International Studies Association International Security Section Best Book Award
 - Translated into Chinese (National Defense Industry Press, 2017) and Korean (Research Institute for National Security Affairs, 2017)

PEER- REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “When Actions Speak Louder than Words: Adversary Perceptions of No-First-Use Pledges,” *International Security*, vol. 48, no. 4 (Spring 2024), pp. 7-46. With Caitlin Talmadge and Lisa Micheline.
- “North Korea: Risks of Escalation,” *Survival*, vol. 62, no.1 (2020), pp. 47-54. With Ankit Panda.
- “India’s Counterforce Temptations: Strategic Dilemmas, Doctrine, and Capabilities,” *International Security*, vol. 43, no. 2 (Winter 2018/2019), pp. 7-52. With Christopher O. Clary
 - Featured in Max Fisher, “India, Long at Odds with Pakistan, May be Rethinking Nuclear First Strikes,” *New York Times*, March 31, 2017. Available at: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/31/world/asia/india-long-at-odds-with-pakistan-may-be-rethinking-nuclear-first-strikes.html?_r=1.
- “Democratic Accountability and Foreign Security Policy: Theory and Evidence from India,” *Security Studies*, vol. 27, no. 3 (Summer 2018), pp. 410-447. With Paul Staniland.
- “Civil-Military Pathologies and Defeat in War: Tests Using New Data,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 62, no. 7 (August 2018), pp. 1379-1405. With Caitlin Talmadge.
- “India’s Nuclear Strategy Twenty Years Later: From Reluctance to Maturation,” *India Review*, vol. 17, no. 1 (April 2018), pp. 159-179.
- “North Korea Defied the Theoretical Odds: What Can We Learn from its Successful Nuclearization?” *Texas National Security Review*, vol. 1, no. 2 (March 2018), pp. 58-75.
- “Nuclear Deterrence in the India-China Dyad,” in T.V. Paul, ed., *The China-India Rivalry in the Globalization Era* (Georgetown University Press, 2018), Chapter 9.
- “Strategies of Nuclear Proliferation,” *International Security*, vol. 41, no. 3 (Winter 2016/2017), pp. 110-150.
- “India’s Nuclear Weapons Policy,” in Sumit Ganguly, ed., *Engaging the World: India’s Foreign Policy since 1947* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).
- “Nuclear Strategies of Emerging Nuclear Powers: North Korea and Iran,” *The Washington Quarterly*, vol. 38, no. 1 (Spring 2015), pp. 73-91.
- “What Does it Take to Deter?: Regional Power Nuclear Postures and International Conflict,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 57, no. 3 (June 2013), pp. 478-508.
 - Reprinted in Neil Narang, Erik Gartzke, and Matthe Kroenig, *Nonproliferation Policy and Nuclear Posture: Causes and Consequences of the Spread of Nuclear Weapons* (New York: Routledge, 2016), pp. 235-267.
- “Five Myths about India’s Nuclear Posture,” *The Washington Quarterly*, vol. 36, no. 3 (Summer 2013), pp. 143-157.
- “Posturing for Peace?: Pakistan’s Nuclear Postures and South Asian Stability,” *International Security*, vol. 34, no. 3 (Winter 2009/2010), pp. 38-78.
- “Who are these Belligerent Democratizers?: Reassessing the Impact of Democratization on War,” *International Organization*, vol. 63, no.2 (April 2009), pp. 357-379. With Rebecca M. Nelson.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Frank Stanton Chair in Nuclear Security Policy
- 2020 International Studies Association ISSS Emerging Scholar Award recognizing the scholar under 45 years of age that has “made the most significant contribution to the field of security studies”
- 2014-2017 Mitsui Career Development Chair, MIT
- 2015 International Studies Association ISSS Best Book Award
- 2013 Smith Richardson Strategy and Policy Fellowship (\$60,000)
- 2012-13 Stanton Nuclear Security Junior Faculty Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University
- 2010 Edward M. Chase Prize for best dissertation promoting international peace at Harvard University
- 2008-10 Predoctoral Fellowship with joint appointments in International Security Program and Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- 2009 Smith Richardson World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship
- 2008-09 Predoctoral Fellowship, Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University
- 2007 & 2008 Derek Bok Certificate for Excellence in Teaching
- 2006-08 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans for two years of graduate study
- 2004 Awarded Distinction by Oxford University Department of International Relations for highest overall mark in M.Phil in International Relations
- 2003 RAND Graduate Summer Fellowship
- 2002-04 Marshall Scholarship for two years of graduate study at Oxford University
- 2001 William J. Perry Prize for outstanding undergraduate honors thesis
- 2001 American Institute for Chemical Engineering Outstanding Senior Award given to top graduating senior in Stanford University Department of Chemical Engineering
- 2001 Terman Prize given to top 15 graduates of Stanford University School of Engineering
- 2000 Phi Beta Kappa