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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

- Associate Professor of Political Science with Tenure, 2017-present.
- Associate Professor of Political Science on Term, 2015-2017.
- Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2009-2015.

University of Rochester

- Assistant Professor of Political Science and Economics, 2007-2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2021-present.
- Co-Director, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, 2013-2018.

EDUCATION

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Economics, 2007.
- University of Oxford, M.Phil. in Economic and Social History (with Distinction), 2002.
- Université de Montréal, B.Sc. in Economics and Mathematics, 2000.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations, Causes of War, Formal Theory, Nuclear Proliferation, Democratization, Political Economy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Nuclear Politics: The Strategic Causes of Proliferation* (with Nuno P. Monteiro), Cambridge Studies in International Relations, vol. 142 (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

Reviews: Andrew Bast, "Unpredictable," *Los Angeles Review of Books*, January 1, 2017; featured in Jill Lepore, "The Atomic Origins of Climate Science," *The New Yorker*, January 30, 2017; Martin Senn, *H-Diplo*, July 2017; Sarah Kreps, Andrew J. Coe, Alexander H. Montgomery, *International Politics Reviews*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (May 2018), pp. 3-19; Matthew Fuhrmann, *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 133, No. 2 (Summer 2018), pp. 358-359; Or (Ori) Rabinowitz, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (June 2019), pp. 620-622.

Journal Articles

12. “Mutual Optimism and War, and The Strategic Tensions of the July Crisis,” *American Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming).
11. “An Economic Theory of War” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 82, No. 1, (2020), pp. 255-268.
10. “General Nuclear Compellence: The State, Allies, and Adversaries” (with Nicholas D. Anderson and Nuno P. Monteiro), *Strategic Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (2019), pp. 93-121.
9. “Conflict and Cooperation on Nuclear Nonproliferation” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *Annual Review of Political Science*, Vol. 20 (2017), pp. 331-349.
8. “Circumstances, Domestic Audiences, and Reputational Incentives in International Crisis Bargaining” (with Jessica C. Weiss), *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Vol. 60, No. 3 (2016), pp. 403-433 (lead article).
7. “Living by the Sword and Dying by the Sword? Leadership Transitions In and Out of Dictatorships,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 60, No. 1 (2016), pp. 73-84.
6. “The Strategic Logic of Nuclear Proliferation” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 2 (2014), pp. 7-51 (lead article).
5. “Known Unknowns: Power Shifts, Uncertainty, and War” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *International Organization*, Vol. 68, No. 1 (2014), pp. 1-31 (lead article).

Debate with David Lake, *Duck of Minerva* blog, July 30-August 6, 2013.

4. “Regime Type, the Fate of Leaders, and War” (with H.E. Goemans), *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 104, No. 3 (2010), pp. 430-445.
3. “Inequality under Democracy: Explaining the Left Decade in Latin America” (with Gretchen Helmke), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (2010), pp. 209-241 (lead article).

Winner of the MPSA Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics, 2009.

2. “Economic Theories of Dictatorship,” *The Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (2010), pp. 11-17.
1. “‘To be’ or ‘Ought to be’, the Questions of Empirical Content and Normative Bias in Léon Walras’s Methodology,” *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, Vol. 26, No. 4 (2004), pp. 479-492.

Winner of the Feinstein Award for Best Master’s Thesis in Economic and Social History, University of Oxford, 2002.

Chapters in edited volumes

2. “The Empirical Promise of Game Theory,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations*, William Thompson, ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), Vol. 1, pp. 737-755.
1. “NATO and Nuclear Proliferation, 1949-1968” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), in *Charter of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; Together with Scholarly Commentaries and Essential Historical Documents*, Ian Shapiro and Adam Tooze, eds. (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2018), pp. 193-211.

Other articles

4. “Political Economy and the Causes of War” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *The Political Economist*, Newsletter of the Section on Political Economy, American Political Science Association, Vol. 12, No. 1 (2016), pp. 3-4.
3. “The Effect of Alliances on Nuclear Proliferation” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), Program on Strategic Stability Evaluation (POSSE) white paper (December 2013).
2. “Legislative Bargaining under Weighted Voting: Corrigendum” Internet Corrigendum (with James M. Snyder Jr. and Michael M. Ting), September 2009.
1. “Testing for a Structural Break in the Volatility of Real GDP Growth in Canada,” Bank of Canada Working Paper. 2001-9. (2001).

Book reviews

3. Review of Alexander Lanoszka’s *Atomic Assurance: The Alliance Politics of Nuclear Proliferation* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2018), *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 17, No. 3 (2019), pp. 928-930.
2. Review of Terence Roehrig’s *Japan, South Korea, and the United States Nuclear Umbrella: Deterrence After the Cold War* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2017), *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 133, No. 3 (2018), pp. 576-577.
1. Review of Vipin Narang’s *Nuclear Strategy in the Modern Era: Regional Powers and International Conflict* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2014), *H-Diplo Roundtable* Vol. VII, No. 17 (2015).

Academic and Public Affairs Commentary

5. “Strategies, Set, and Match: Scoring Preferences for Nuclear Weapons in Analyzing the Effect of the NPT on Proliferation,” in *The Constraining Effect of Arms Control Treaties*, an International Studies Quarterly Online Symposium (April 19, 2019), pp. 5-6.
4. “Cascading Chaos in Nuclear Northeast Asia” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Spring 2018), pp. 97-113.
3. “Response to Nicholas Miller’s Review of Gene Gerzhoy’s article, “Alliance Coercion and Nuclear Restraint,” (*International Security*, Vol. 39, No. 4, pp. 91-129).” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *H-Diplo* (April 21, 2016).
2. “The Curious Case of Nuclear Studies,” *Monkey Cage* online (July 10, 2014).
1. “The Flawed Logic of Striking Iran” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), *Foreign Affairs* online (Jan. 17, 2012).

Working Papers

- “Multiple Threats, Alliances, and Nuclear Proliferation” (with Stephen Herzog and Nuno P. Monteiro).
- “Income, the Middle Class, and Democracy” (with Kevin Morrison).
- “Diversionary Gambles and Nationalist Protests in International Crisis Bargaining” (with Jessica C. Weiss).
- “Political Strength and Economic Efficiency in a Multi-Agent State”.
- “The Wheel of Fortune: Agency Problems in Dictatorships”.
- “Media and Divide-and-Rule”.
- “On The Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: China, Russia”.

PAST FELLOWSHIPS, VISITING POSITIONS

- Visiting Associate Professor, Yale-NUS College, 2020.
- Stanton Nuclear Security Junior Faculty Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), Stanford University, 2011-2012.
- Visiting Scholar, Berkeley Center for Economics and Politics (BCEP), University of California, Berkeley, 2011-2012.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Academic Exchange Mission to Israel and Palestine, 2018.
- Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations' Summer Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, 2013.

AWARDS

- Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund grant for "Formal Theory and Comparative Politics" (with Milan Svobik), MacMillan Center, Yale University, 2018-2019.
- Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund grant for "Conflict and Cooperation in the Nuclear Age" (with Nuno P. Monteiro), MacMillan Center, Yale University, 2016-2017.
- Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund grant for "A Strategic Theory of Nuclear Proliferation" (with Nuno P. Monteiro), MacMillan Center, Yale University, 2013-2014.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2002-2006.
- Edward L. Horton Fellowship Award for Fostering Fellowship in the Graduate Student Body at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2004.
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Economics Fellowship, 2002-2004.
- Quebec Government Doctoral Fellowship (ranked 1st in Economics), 2002-2004.
- University of Oxford, Jesus College Graduate Scholarship, 2001.
- Rhodes Scholarship, 2000-2002.
- Quebec Government Master's Level Fellowship, 2000-2002.
- Governor General's Medal for Graduating Senior with Highest G.P.A., Université de Montréal, 2000.
- André-Raynald Prize for Graduating Senior with Highest G.P.A., Department of Economics, Université de Montréal, 2000.
- Dean's Scholarship in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Université de Montréal, 1999.
- Entrance Scholarship, Université de Montréal (ranked 1st overall) and Department of Economics, Université de Montréal, 1997.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Conference Organizer

- “Formal Theory and Comparative Politics” (with Milan Svoblik), Yale University (2018).
- “Conflict and Cooperation in the Nuclear Age” (with Nuno P. Monteiro), Yale University (2016).
- “Nuclear Politics: The Strategic Logic of Proliferation” book manuscript workshop (with Nuno P. Monteiro), Yale University (2014).
- “Non-Democratic Regimes,” Yale University (2010).

Conference Participant

- “Formal Models of Nuclear Deterrence” workshop, Tokyo (2020, postponed due to COVID-19).
- “Atomic Uncertainty: Information Problems in Nuclear Negotiations” book manuscript workshop for William Spaniel and Rupal N. Mehta, University of Pittsburgh (2019).
- International Cooperation in the National Interest: In Defense of the Multilateral System, Yale University (2019).
- Yale Brady-Johnson International Security Studies Research Workshop, Yale University (2018).
- “Game Theory and Nuclear Stability in Northeast Asia,” Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory Game Theory Workshop (2018).
- “Formal Models of International Relations,” University of Southern California (2018).
- “Political Economy,” Columbia University (2016).
- “Formal Theory and Comparative Politics,” Harvard University (2016).
- “Economics and Security Reconsidered,” sponsored by *International Organization*, University of Pennsylvania (2016).
- “Deterrence and Arms Control – Charting a Way Forward: Historical and Policy Perspectives,” Yale University (2016).
- “Formal Models of International Relations,” University of Southern California (2016).
- Empirical Implications of Bargaining Theory (EIBT), Princeton University (2015).
- “Nuclear Disarmament, Non-proliferation, and Energy: Fresh Ideas for the Future,” Symposium on the Non-Proliferation Treaty, United Nations, New York City (2015).
- “Rethinking Regime Type in International Relations,” Yale University (2015).
- Nuclear Studies Research Initiative Workshop, Woodrow Wilson Center and Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law at the University of Texas (2013).
- “Theoretical and Quantitative International Relations,” Princeton University (2013).
- “Elections and Political Order,” Emory University (2012).

- “Causes and Consequences of Radical Political Transition,” Stanford University (2012).
- Stanton Nuclear Security Fellows Seminar, Washington, D.C. (2011).
- Wallis Conference, University of Rochester (2007, 2008, 2009, 2011).
- “Endogenous Institutions & Political Conflict,” University of California, Berkeley (2009, 2010).
- NBER Summer Meetings, Cambridge, Massachusetts (2009, 2010).
- “Fighting & Voting,” Yale University (2009).
- VIIIth International Scientific Conference of the Higher School of Economics, Moscow (2007).

Invited Talks

2020: Yale-NUS College; National University of Singapore; Australian National University (all canceled due to COVID-19); **2018:** University of Tokyo. **2017:** Harvard University; University of Connecticut; University of Virginia; University of Rochester. **2016:** University of Iowa; University of Wisconsin – Madison; Stanford University; Vanderbilt University; University of Texas at Austin. **2015:** Université de Montréal; Texas A&M University. **2014:** Rice University; University of Maryland; University of Pennsylvania; Massachusetts Institute of Technology. **2013:** McGill University; University of Virginia; Dartmouth College; Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse; NYU-Abu Dhabi. **2012:** University of California, San Diego; University of California, Berkeley; Stanford University; Princeton University; Harvard University/Massachusetts Institute of Technology. **2011:** Stanford University; University of California, Berkeley. **2010:** Notre Dame University; University of Colorado Boulder; Caltech; IMT-Lucca; Cornell University; University of Wisconsin – Madison; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University of Chicago; Duke University; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. **2009:** University of Chicago. **2008:** Yale University; Columbia University; Princeton University; University of Toronto. **2006:** Caltech; Ohio State University; University of Rochester; University of California, Berkeley. **2005:** Université de Montréal. **2003:** University of Oxford.

Annual Meetings

- American Political Science Association: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 (canceled), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- International Studies Association: 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- Peace Science Society: 2008, 2009, 2010.
- American Economic Association: 2009.
- Econometric Society North American Summer Meeting: 2006.

TEACHING

Yale University

- Formal Models of International Relations, graduate seminar, 2019.
- Nuclear Politics, undergraduate lecture, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- Introduction to Game Theory, graduate lecture, 2016, 2018, 2019 (taught under the title “Fundamentals of Modeling II,” 2015).
- Game Theory and International Relations, undergraduate lecture, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2021 (scheduled; taught under the title “Fundamentals of Game Theory,” 2010, 2012).
- International Relations II, graduate seminar, 2014.
- Political Economy of Institutions and Development, graduate seminar, 2010, 2011, 2013.
- Introduction to Political Economy, undergraduate lecture, 2009, 2011.
- Domestic Politics and International Conflict, undergraduate/graduate seminar, 2010.

Yale-NUS College

- Nuclear Politics, 2020.
- Game Theory and International Relations, 2020.

University of Rochester

- Political Economy of Institutions and Development, graduate seminar, 2008, 2009.
- Introduction to Political Economy, undergraduate lecture, 2008.

DISSERTATION ADVISING

- Michael Goldfien, *Essays on Costly Diplomacy, Signaling, and U.S. Foreign Policy*, Yale University, in progress.
- Fahd Humayun, *After Defeat: External Crises & Domestic Politics*, Yale University, in progress.
- Tyler Bowen, *The Logic of Escalation and the Benefits of Conventional Power Preponderance in a Nuclear World*, Yale University, in progress.
- Torey McMurdo, *Great-Power Intervention in Foreign Elections*, Yale University, chair, in progress.
- Jiahua Yue, *Harnessing the Masses: The State-Led Nationalism in China*, Yale University, chair, in progress.
- Gautam Nair, *The Politics of Inequality and Redistribution in Two Domains*, Yale University, in progress (University of Pennsylvania, Center for the Advanced Study of India doctoral fellowship, 2019-2020; Harvard Kennedy School, 2020).
- William G. Nomikos, *Local Peace, International Builders: How the UN Builds Peace from the Bottom Up*, Yale University, 2018 (University of California, Santa Barbara visiting scholar, 2017-2019; Washington University in Saint Louis Assistant Professor, 2019).
- Jiyoung Ko, *A Prelude to Violence? The Effect of Nationalism on Interstate Violence*, Yale University, 2017 (Notre Dame University post-doctoral fellow, 2017-2018; Bates College Assistant Professor, 2018).
- Qiuqing Tai, *A Double Edged Sword: Western Media in Transforming the Political Attitudes of Overseas Chinese*, Yale University, 2015 (Boston Consulting Group).
- Dawn Teele, *The Logic of Women's Enfranchisement: A Comparative Study of the United States, France, and the United Kingdom*, Yale University, 2015 (London School of Economics and Political Science Research Fellowship, 2013-2015; University of Pennsylvania Assistant Professor, 2015).
- Cameron Ballard-Rosa, *Regime-Contingent Biases and the Politics of Sovereign Default*, Yale University, 2014 (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Assistant Professor).
- Patrick M. Kuhn, *On Ballots and Bullets: Causes and Dynamics of Pre-Electoral Violence and Post-Electoral Protests*, University of Rochester, 2013 (Princeton University pre-doctoral fellow, 2012-2013, and post-doctoral fellow, 2013-2014; Durham University Lecturer, 2014).
- Yang Bonny Lin, *Arms, Alliances, and the Bomb: Using Conventional Arms Transfers to Prevent Nuclear Proliferation*, Yale University, 2012 (RAND).
- Jonah B. Schulhofer-Wohl, *Dynamics of Civil Wars: The Causes and Consequences of Subsidies to Armed Groups*, Yale University, 2012 (Princeton University pre-doctoral fellow, 2010-2012; University of Virginia Assistant Professor, 2012).

- Subhasish Ray, *The Warrior's Curse: What Decolonization Teaches Us About Democracy Promotion and Ethnic Conflict*, University of Rochester, 2010 (University of Rochester post-doctoral fellow, 2010-2012; National University of Singapore Assistant Professor, 2012).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member

American Political Science Review, 2020-present.
Journal of Politics, 2017-2019.

Reviewer

African Journal of Political Science and International Relations; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Austrian Science Fund; British Journal of Political Science; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Cambridge University Press; Comparative Political Studies; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Econometrica; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Economics and Politics; Electoral Studies; Foreign Policy Analysis; Games and Economic Behavior; German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development; International Economic Review; International Game Theory Review; International Interactions; International Organization; International Political Science Review; International Relations; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; International Studies Review; International Theory; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Economic Theory; Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Politics; Journal of Theoretical Politics; Latin American Research Review; Macroeconomic Dynamics; National Science Foundation; Oxford Economic Papers; Oxford University Press; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Quarterly; Political Science Research and Methods; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of International Organizations; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Security Studies; Studies in Comparative International Development; World Politics.

Yale University

Department of Political Science:

- Omnibus search committee, member, 2019-2020.
- International Relations Faculty Search Committee, member, 2018-2019, chair, 2017-2018.
- Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Faculty Search Committee, chair, 2017-2018.
- Comparative Politics of Migration Faculty Search Committee, chair, 2017-2018.
- Graduate Admissions Committee, member, 2013, 2014.
- MacMillan International Relations Seminar Series, co-organizer, 2017-present.
- International Relations Field Faculty Coordinator, 2017-2018, 2019-2020.
- International Relations Graduate General Exam Committee, member, 2013, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Formal Theory Field Faculty Coordinator, 2016-2017, 2018-2019.
- Formal Theory Graduate General Exam Committee, member, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017.
- Political Economy Field Faculty Coordinator, 2014-2015, 2018-2019.
- Political Economy Graduate General Exam Committee, member, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2018.
- James Gordon Bennett Prize Committee for Best Senior Essay in International Relations, member, 2014, 2018.

Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy:

- Political Economy Seminar Series, co-organizer, 2010-2011, 2012-2015.
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, member, 2010-2011.
- Affiliated Faculty, 2009-present.

MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies:

- Fox Fellowship Selection Committee, member, 2014-2015.
- Research Fellow in International and Area Studies, 2009-present.

Jackson Institute of Global Affairs:

- M. A. Admissions Committee, member, 2018.
- B. A. Admissions Committee, member, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- Affiliated Faculty, 2016-present.

University Committees:

- Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, 2021-present.
- Committee on Teaching and Learning, 2019-2020.
- Joint Committee for the Marshall, Mitchell, and Rhodes Scholarships, member, 2010, 2012-2014, 2016-2019.
- Porter and Field graduate prize committee, member, 2018.
- Faculty of Arts and Science Senate, elected member, 2017-2019.

Silliman College:

- College Adviser, 2017-2019.
- Freshman Adviser, 2010-2011, 2012-2015, 2016-2017.
- Fellow, 2009-present.

University of Rochester

Wallis Political Economy Seminar Series, co-organizer, 2007-2009.
International Fellowship Selection Committee, member, 2007-2008.

Professional Associations

- American Political Science Association:
 - Member, 2006-present.
 - Committee for Best Paper, Comparative Democratization Section, 2011.
- International Studies Association:
 - Member, 2012-present.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), French (native), Spanish (intermediate), German (basic).