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| RESEARCH INTERESTS | International organizations, United Nations, climate politics, agenda setting, legislative politics, public opinion, American foreign policy, experimental methods, text analysis | |
| ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS | Lehigh University Bethlehem, PA. Assistant Professor of International Relations | 2024-Present |
| | Princeton University Princeton, NJ. Postdoctoral Fellow <i>Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance</i> | 2023-2024 |
| EDUCATION | University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA. Ph.D., Political Science <i>Dissertation Committee:</i> Beth Simmons (<i>Chair</i>), Edward Mansfield, Julia Gray, Daniel Hopkins | 2023 |
| | Columbia University New York, NY. M.A. Political Science | 2016 |
| | Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey New Brunswick, NJ. B.A. Political Science and Philosophy <i>Summa cum Laude</i> and <i>Highest Honors</i> | 2014 |
| PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS | <p>[7] "Digital Diplomacy and Consensus-Building in International Organizations." Registered Report, Stage 1 In-Principle Acceptance. <i>Journal of Politics</i>.</p> <p>[6] "China's Leadership of IOs: Reputational Gains and Institutional Legitimacy." Forthcoming. <i>Review of International Organizations</i>. (with Rachel Ann Hulvey)</p> <p>[5] "The textual dynamics of international policymaking: A new corpus of UN resolutions, 1946-2018." 2025. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> 62 (4): 1317-1327.</p> <p>[4] "Power by Proxy: Participation and Influence in Global Governance." 2025. <i>Review of International Organizations</i>. (with Richard Clark and Ayse Kaya)</p> <p>[3] "In the Eye of the Storm: Hurricanes and Climate Migration Attitudes." 2024. <i>American Political Science Review</i> 118 (4): 1593-1613. (with Christopher W. Blair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover article <p>[2] "Who Securitizes? Climate Change Discourse in the United Nations." 2022. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 66 (2): 1-13.</p> <p>[1] "Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Migration." 2022. <i>Journal of Politics</i> 84 (1): 560-567. (with Christopher W. Blair)</p> | |

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| UNDER REVIEW | <p>[4] "Who Sets the Agenda? Diplomatic Capital and Small State Influence in the United Nations"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Revise & Resubmit, World Politics</i> • Lawrence S. Finkelstein Best Paper Prize, ISA International Organization Section <p>[3] "Risk and Responsibility: Climate Disasters and IMF Conditionality" (with Richard Clark)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Revise & Resubmit, Journal of Politics</i> <p>[2] "Think Globally, Act Locally: The Determinants of Local Policymakers' Support for Climate Policy" (with Joshua A. Schwartz).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ISA Environmental Studies Section <p>[1] "Beyond Meeting Climate Goals: Masculinity and Climate Policy Backlash" (with Christopher W. Blair and Joshua A. Schwartz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Sabatier Best Paper Award, APSA Science, Technology and Environmental Policy Section |
| WORKING PAPERS | <p>[2] "Everything Old is New Again: Textual Recycling in UN Resolutions"</p> <p>[1] "Proximity Matters: Exploring the Impact of Physical Arrangement on Diplomatic Interactions" (with Fiona Bare)</p> |
| BOOK PROJECTS | <p><i>Diplomatic Giants: How Small States and Powerful Ambassadors Shape International Organization Policymaking</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award, APSA International Collaboration Section <p><i>Changing Climate, Moving Minds: The Origins and Consequences of Public Opinion on Climate Migration</i> (with Christopher W. Blair)</p> |
| IN PREPARATION | <p>[5] "Influencer Diplomacy: Non-Traditional Actors in Public Diplomacy" (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate)</p> <p>[4] "Breaking Commitments: Public Reactions to Withdrawals from International Climate Agreements" (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate)</p> <p>[3] "Mitigation or Adaptation? The Political Economy of Multilateral Climate Finance" (with Richard Clark)</p> <p>[2] "Populism and IO Appointments" (with Richard Clark and Allison Carnegie)</p> <p>[1] "Climate Insurance" (with Christopher W. Blair and Alexander Gazmararian)</p> |
| DATASETS | <p><i>The IO Project Database.</i> Country-year data on projects of 11 UN agencies, including funding, topic, participants, and funders (with Rachel Ann Hulvey).</p> <p><i>UN Legislative Activities Dataset.</i> Data on all 1,500 items proposed for inclusion on the General Assembly's agenda over 1946-2019 and 8,899 side meetings held between 2003-2017. Metadata includes topics, countries involved, contestation, and outcomes.</p> <p><i>UN Resolutions Dataset.</i> Text and metadata of all UN General Assembly and Security Council Resolutions, including citations and topics. 17,324 observations over 1946-2018.</p> |

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| BOOK REVIEWS | Review of <i>Advocacy and change in international organizations: communication, protection, and reconstruction in UN peacekeeping</i> . 2024. <i>International Affairs</i> . 100 (4): 1775-1776. | |
| | Review of <i>Theater of State: A Dramaturgy of the United Nations</i> . 2022. <i>International Affairs</i> 98 (5): 1795-1797. | |
| POLICY COMMENTARY & REPORTS | "Exposure to extreme weather events increases public support for climate migrants." <i>London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog</i> . June 28, 2024. (with Christopher W. Blair). | |
| | "The UN Security Council Declined to take up Climate Change as a Security Problem. Why?" <i>Columbia-SIPA Multilateralism in Action Blog</i> . October 11, 2022. | |
| | "Americans agree with their state and local officials on climate action" <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i> . July 26, 2022. (with Joshua A. Schwartz) | |
| | "Changing Climate, Changing Migration: Are Climate Migrants Treated Differently than Other Migrants?" <i>Migration Policy Institute Podcast</i> . March 29, 2022. (with Christopher W. Blair) | |
| | "The Biden administration is planning for climate migration. Do Americans support helping climate migrants?" <i>The Washington Post Monkey Cage</i> . March 5, 2021. (with Christopher W. Blair) | |
| | "The United Nations at 75: Coronavirus and Competition" <i>Perry World House Colloquium Report</i> . Fall 2020. (with Meghan M. Garrity) | |
| | "Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Change and Climate Migration." <i>Kleinman Center Policy Digest</i> . December 18, 2019. (with Christopher W. Blair) | |
| RESEARCH GRANTS | "A Changing Climate, A Changing World: Policy Challenges and Opportunities in Migration and Urbanization" <i>Perry World House Colloquium Report</i> . Spring 2019. (with Meghan M. Garrity) | |
| | Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability, Harvard University (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate), \$10,000 | 2025 |
| | Center for the Study of Contemporary China Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Rachel Ann Hulvey), \$6,000 | 2022 |
| | GAPSA-Provost Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation, University of Pennsylvania (with Rachel Ann Hulvey), \$6,000 | 2022 |
| | Kleinman Center for Energy Policy Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Joshua A. Schwartz), \$6,025 | 2021 |
| | Wharton Risk Management Center Russell Ackoff Doctoral Student Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (with Joshua A. Schwartz), \$2,500 | 2021 |
| | Social and Behavioral Science Initiative Small Grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Joshua A. Schwartz), \$3,000 | 2021 |

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| | Social and Cultural Evolution Working Group Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Michael Weisberg), <i>\$3,500</i> | 2019 |
| | Kleinman Center for Energy Policy Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Christopher W. Blair), <i>\$11,440</i> | 2018 |
| | Browne Center for International Politics Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, <i>\$7,160</i> | 2017-2022 |
| SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS | International Studies Association Dissertation Completion Fellowship, <i>\$4,650</i> | 2022 |
| | NYAAPOR & PANJAAPOR Young Public Opinion Scholar, <i>\$500</i> | 2022 |
| | Climate Leaders @ Penn Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania | 2021-2022 |
| | Margaret E. Galey Award, Browne Center for International Politics <i>\$2,000, Awarded to top female graduate student in IR</i> | 2021 |
| | Robert A. Fox Fellow, University of Pennsylvania <i>\$3,000</i> | 2017-2018 |
| | Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, U.S. Department of State | 2015 |
| INVITED TALKS | <i>2025</i> : Columbia University | |
| | <i>2024</i> : Princeton University; University of Chicago; Workshop on “Climate Conundrum: Bridging the Gap between Science and Security,” American Academy of Arts & Sciences | |
| | <i>2023</i> : Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania | |
| | <i>2022</i> : University of Arizona; Institute for Immigration Research Climate Change and Migration Webinar, George Mason University | |
| | <i>2021</i> : Wharton Risk Center Seminar for Early Career Research; Wharton "Three Degree" Climate Working Group | |
| | <i>2020</i> : Kleinman Center for Energy Policy | |
| | <i>2019</i> : Conference on Borders and Boundaries, University of Pennsylvania | |
| CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS | <i>2025</i> : Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO); International Studies Association Conference; Individuals in International Policy Workshop, University of Texas at Austin; Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (TWIIGG); Climate Pipeline Project, Princeton University; Conference on the Political Economy of Aid and International Organization (PEAIO), University of Milano Bicocca; Conference on Data Science and Law, Fordham University | |
| | <i>2024</i> : International Studies Association Conference; Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO); American Political Science Association Conference; Workshop on the International Political Economy of Climate Change, Princeton University; Workshop on International Financial Institutions, Villanova School | |

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2023: International Studies Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania IR Workshop; Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Workshop on Diplomats and Bureaucrats in IR, Princeton University; The Dimensions of Great Power Competition Workshop, University of Surrey; Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (PRESS) Workshop, Princeton University

2022: American Political Science Association Conference; International Studies Association Conference; Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (POLMETH); Climate Pipeline Project, Harvard University; Conference on Environmental Politics & Governance, Pennsylvania State University; Energy Policy Seminar, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center; Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop; Constructing and Deconstructing International Law Workshop, Arizona State University; Workshop on Surveys and Experiments in International Law, University of Toronto Scarborough's Public Law Working Group; Academic Council on the United Nations System - United Nations Workshop; Change and Resilience in International Law Workshop, Geneva Graduate Institute; Midwest Political Science Association Conference; Southern Political Science Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania IR Workshop

2021: American Political Science Association Conference; New Directions in Text as Data; Academic Council on the United Nations System Annual Meeting; University of Pennsylvania IR Workshop

2020: American Political Science Association Conference; NYU CESS Conference on Experimental Political Science; Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (POLMETH); Southern Political Science Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania IR Workshop

2019: New Directions in Text as Data; PolTEXT; Immigration: Research Frontiers and Policy Conference; Midwest Political Science Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania IR Workshop

2018: New Directions in Text as Data; University of Pennsylvania IR Workshop

TEACHING

Undergraduate:

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| Introduction to International Relations, Instructor | Fall 2024, Spring 2025 |
| Individuals and Diplomacy in International Politics, Instructor | Spring 2025, Fall 2026 |
| International Security, TA (<i>Instructor: Fiona Cunningham</i>) | Spring 2023 |
| American Foreign Policy, TA (<i>Instructor: John Gans</i>) | Spring 2020 |
| Introduction to International Relations, TA (<i>Instructor: Alex Weisiger</i>) | Fall 2019 |
| International Law and Institutions, TA (<i>Instructor: Mark Pollack</i>) | Spring 2019 |
| Introduction to Data Science, TA (<i>Instructor: Daniel Hopkins</i>) | Fall 2018 |
| Research Methods in Political Science, Instructor (<i>Supervisor: Patrick Shea</i>) | 2013 |

Graduate:

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| Behavioral Science: Theory and Application of | Fall 2020-Spring 2022 |
| Experimental Methods, CA (<i>Instructor: Eugen Dimant</i>) | |

Other Teaching:

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| English Language, High School Instructor (<i>SMK Inderapura, Malaysia</i>) | 2015 |
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| ADVISING | <i>Undergraduate Thesis:</i> Ujin Khongorzul, Lehigh University (2025-2026) | |
| SKILLS | <p><i>Language:</i> Spanish (High working proficiency), French (limited working proficiency), Malay (basic proficiency)</p> <p><i>Technology:</i> R, Python, L^AT_EX, Excel, SPSS, Qualtrics, Lucid, mTurk, SQL, Sawtooth</p> | |
| ADDITIONAL TRAINING | Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate in College and University Teaching | 2021 |
| | DREAM Lab Digital Humanities Training Institute (<i>Text Analysis</i>) | 2019 |
| | Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research (ICPSR) | 2018 |
| | Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (<i>Regression III, Multilevel Models</i>) | |
| SERVICE | <p><i>Department:</i></p> <p>Governance Committee</p> | |
| | | 2024-2025 |
| | <p><i>University:</i></p> <p>Coordinator, International Relations Internal Workshop</p> | |
| | | 2021-2022 |
| | Representative, Graduate Student Government (SASGov) | 2018-2019 |
| | Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Conference | 2017-2018 |
| | <p><i>Professional:</i></p> <p>Founder/Organizer, Junior IO Scholars Workshop</p> | |
| | | 2022-2023 |
| | <p>Reviewer, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>, <i>World Politics</i>, <i>International Organization</i>, <i>Review of International Organizations</i>, <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, <i>Foreign Policy Analysis</i>, <i>Climatic Change</i>, <i>Nature Climate Action</i>, <i>International Interactions</i>, <i>Political Geography</i>, <i>Cambridge Review of International Affairs</i>, <i>European Journal of International Relations</i>, <i>Journal of European Public Policy</i>, <i>International Studies Perspectives</i></p> | |
| PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS | <p>American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, International Studies Association, International Political Science Association, Society for Political Methodology, International Political Economy Society, Text as Data Association, National Women's Caucus for Political Science, Academic Council on the United Nations System</p> | |