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RESEARCH INTERESTS	International organizations, United Nations, climate politics, agenda setting, legislative politics, public opinion, climate security, 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>[9] "Who Sets the Agenda? Diplomatic Capital and Small State Influence in the United Nations." Forthcoming. <i>World Politics</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lawrence S. Finkelstein Best Paper Prize, ISA International Organization Section <p>[8] "Digital Diplomacy and Consensus-Building in International Organizations." Registered Report, Stage 1 In-Principle Acceptance. <i>Journal of Politics</i>.</p> <p>[7] "Risk and Responsibility: Climate Disasters and IMF Conditionality." (with Richard Clark) Conditionally Accepted. <i>Journal of Politics</i></p> <p>[6] "China's Leadership of IOs: Reputational Gains and Institutional Legitimacy." 2025. <i>Review of International Organizations</i>. (with Rachel Ann Hulvey)</p> <p>[5] "Power by Proxy: Participation and Influence in Global Governance." 2025. <i>Review of International Organizations</i>. (with Richard Clark and Ayse Kaya)</p> <p>[4] "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>[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>	

- Cover article
- [2] "Who Securitizes? Climate Change Discourse in the United Nations." 2022. *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (2): 1-13.
- [1] "Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Migration." 2022. *Journal of Politics* 84 (1): 560-567. (with Christopher W. Blair)
- UNDER REVIEW
- [3] "Think Globally, Act Locally: The Determinants of Local Policymakers' Support for Climate Policy" (with Joshua A. Schwartz)
- *Revise & Resubmit, Perspectives on Politics.*
 - Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ISA Environmental Studies Section
- [2] "Beyond Meeting Climate Goals: Masculinity and Climate Policy Backlash" (with Christopher W. Blair and Joshua A. Schwartz)
- Paul Sabatier Best Paper Award, APSA Science, Technology and Environmental Policy Section
- [1] "Proximity Matters: Exploring the Impact of Physical Arrangement on Diplomatic Interactions" (with Fiona Bare)
- WORKING PAPERS
- [4] "Everything Old is New Again: Textual Recycling in UN Resolutions"
- [3] "Breaking Commitments: Public Reactions to Withdrawals from International Institutions" (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate)
- [2] "Populism and IO Appointments" (with Richard Clark and Allison Carnegie)
- [1] "Who are Powerful Diplomats?: Ambassador Biographies and Social Embeddedness"
- BOOK PROJECT
- Diplomatic Giants: How Small States and Powerful Ambassadors Shape International Organization Policymaking*
- Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award, APSA International Collaboration Section
 - Finalist, Fredric M. Jablin Doctoral Dissertation Award, University of Richmond Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the International Leadership Association
- IN PREPARATION
- [3] "Influencer Diplomacy: Non-Traditional Actors in Public Diplomacy" (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate)
- [2] "The Politics of Climate Adaptation: Bluelining, Insurance Reform, and Voting" (with Christopher W. Blair and Alexander Gazmararian)
- [1] "Is a picture worth a hundred votes? Diplomatic gifts and UNSC elections" (with Mirko Heinzl)

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>
BOOK REVIEWS	<p>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.</p> <p>Review of <i>Theater of State: A Dramaturgy of the United Nations.</i> 2022. <i>International Affairs</i> 98 (5): 1795-1797.</p>
POLICY COMMENTARY & REPORTS	<p>"When Trump withdraws from global agreements, will the public follow?" <i>Good Authority.</i> February 3, 2026. (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate)</p> <p>"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).</p> <p>"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.</p> <p>"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)</p> <p>"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)</p> <p>"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)</p> <p>"The United Nations at 75: Coronavirus and Competition" <i>Perry World House Colloquium Report.</i> Fall 2020. (with Meghan M. Garrity)</p> <p>"Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Change and Climate Migration." <i>Kleinman Center Policy Digest.</i> December 18, 2019. (with Christopher W. Blair)</p> <p>"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)</p>
SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>Russell Sage Foundation (with Alexander Gazmararian and Christopher Blair) 2026 \$200,000</p> <p>Salata Institute for Climate and Sustainability, Harvard University (with 2025</p>

	Lotem Bassan-Nygate), \$10,000	
	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
	Kleinman Center for Energy Policy Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Christopher W. Blair), \$11,440	2018
	Browne Center for International Politics Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, \$7,160	2017-2022
SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	International Studies Association Dissertation Completion Fellowship, \$4,650	2022
	NYAAPOR & PANJAAPOR Young Public Opinion Scholar, \$500	2022
	Climate Leaders @ Penn Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania	2021-2022
	Margaret E. Galey Award, Browne Center for International Politics \$2,000, Awarded to top female graduate student in IR	2021
	Robert A. Fox Fellow, University of Pennsylvania \$3,000	2017-2018
	Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, U.S. Department of State	2015
INVITED TALKS	2025: Columbia University; University College Dublin (Virtual)	
	2024: Princeton University; University of Chicago; Workshop on "Climate Conundrum: Bridging the Gap between Science and Security," American Academy of Arts & Sciences	
	2023: Center for the Study of Contemporary China, University of Pennsylvania	
	2022: University of Arizona; Institute for Immigration Research Climate Change and Migration Webinar, George Mason University	
	2021: Wharton Risk Center Seminar for Early Career Research; Wharton "Three Degree" Climate Working Group	
	2020: Kleinman Center for Energy Policy	

2019: Conference on Borders and Boundaries, University of Pennsylvania

CONFERENCES &
WORKSHOPS

2025: 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; Kiel-Gottingen-CEPR Conference on China in the Global Economy; Conference on Data Science and Law, Fordham University

2024: 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 of Business

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:

Introduction to International Relations, Instructor

F2024, S2025, S2026

International Organization, Instructor

S2026

	Individuals and Diplomacy in International Politics, Instructor	S2025, F2025
	International Security, TA (<i>Instructor: Fiona Cunningham</i>)	S2023
	American Foreign Policy, TA (<i>Instructor: John Gans</i>)	S2020
	Introduction to International Relations, TA (<i>Instructor: Alex Weisiger</i>)	F2019
	International Law and Institutions, TA (<i>Instructor: Mark Pollack</i>)	S2019
	Introduction to Data Science, TA (<i>Instructor: Daniel Hopkins</i>)	F2018
	Research Methods in Political Science, Instructor (<i>Supervisor: Patrick Shea</i>)	2013
	<i>Graduate:</i>	
	Behavioral Science: Theory and Application of Experimental Methods, CA (<i>Instructor: Eugen Dimant</i>)	F2020-S2022
	<i>Other Teaching:</i>	
	English Language, High School Instructor (<i>SMK Inderapura, Malaysia</i>)	2015
ADVISING	<i>Undergraduate Thesis:</i> Ujin Khongorzul, Lehigh University (2025-2026)	
SKILLS	<i>Language:</i> Spanish (High working proficiency), French (limited working proficiency), Malay (basic proficiency)	
	<i>Technology:</i> R, Python, L ^A T _E X, Excel, SPSS, Qualtrics, Lucid, mTurk, SQL, Sawtooth	
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	<i>Department:</i>	
	Governance Committee	2024-2026
	Class of 2028 Major Advisor	2025-2028
	<i>University:</i>	
	External Member, History Department Hiring Committee	2025-2026
	Coordinator, International Relations Internal Workshop	2021-2022
	Representative, Graduate Student Government (SASGov)	2018-2019
	Committee Member, Political Science Graduate Student Conference	2017-2018
	<i>Professional:</i>	
	Founder/Organizer, Junior IO Scholars Workshop	2022-2023
	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>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , <i>Foreign Policy Analysis</i> , <i>Climatic Change</i> , <i>Environmental Politics</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>	
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	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