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APPOINTMENTS	Emory University Assistant Professor, Political Science Hoover Institution, Stanford University Starr Foundation National Fellow	2020– 2025-2026
EDUCATION	University of Michigan Ph.D., Political Science M.A., Political Science Duke University B.A., Political Science, with distinction	2020 2018 2014
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“Strategic State Violence and Migration in Conflict.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , 2025, 69.4: 1317–1334. “Crisis Bargaining, Domestic Politics and Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine” with Sasha de Vogel. <i>Conflict Management & Peace Science</i> , 2024, 41.5: 534-555. “The Wages of Repression.” <i>The Journal of Politics</i> , 2024, 86.3: 850-863. “Autocratic Stability in the Shadow of Foreign Threats,” with Livio Di Lonardo and Scott A. Tyson. <i>American Political Science Review</i> , 2020, 114.4: 1247-1265.	
BOOK CHAPTERS	“Models of Interstate Conflict,” with James D. Morrow in <i>The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations</i> , 2020, ch. 15.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Protecting at Home or Providing Abroad: Refugee Policy in Civil Conflicts” (<i>revise & resubmit, International Organization</i>) “Repression and Autocratic Consolidation” with Livio Di Lonardo and Scott A. Tyson (<i>revise & resubmit, Games & Economic Behavior</i>) “Influence from Abroad: Activism and Repression of Dissidents Across Borders” with Carlo M. Horz “Concessions and Protest Demobilization” with Sasha de Vogel “Backlash” with Emily Hencken Ritter and Scott A. Tyson	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Are you coming with me? A theory of military defection during popular protest” with Celine Kim “Influence Operations with Corrupt Agents” with Sasha de Vogel “Eager Hearts and Radicalized Minds” with Livio Di Lonardo and Scott A. Tyson “Assignment Mechanisms in Quasi-Experimental Designs” with Scott A. Tyson	

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	MPSA Best Paper in International Relations	2019
	Student Visitor, University of Rochester	2018-2020
	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan	2018
	Roy Pierce Award, University of Michigan	2017
	Ole R. Holsti Award in American Foreign Policy and International Relations, Duke University Department of Political Science	2014
CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	14th IBEO Alghero Workshop; Wallis Institute Conference, University of Rochester (discussant); University of Michigan; Formal Models of Conflict, University of Pittsburgh; Comparative Politics & Formal Theory, Stanford	2025
	IE-Rochester Workshop in Political Economy (discussant); Political Economy of Conflict Workshop, Vanderbilt; Columbia University Political Economy Seminar	2024
	University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop; Journeys in World Politics, UW-Madison; Formal Models of Conflict, University of Pittsburgh; Comparative Politics & Formal Theory, Rochester (discussant); IE-Rochester Workshop on Political Economy and International Relations; Vanderbilt Conflict Workshop; Eurasian Peace Science, NYU Abu Dhabi	2023
	Uses of Formal Theory, University of Chicago (discussant); Formal Models of Conflict, University of Pittsburgh; Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (discussant)	2022
	Washington University in St. Louis; University of Chicago Harris School Political Economy Workshop; Cornell Peace and Conflict Institute Reading Group	2021
	Peace Science Society Online Peace Science Colloquium (discussant); Formal Models of International Relations, Vanderbilt	2020
	Comparative Politics & Formal Theory, UC Berkeley	2019
	Frontiers of Formal Models, Vanderbilt	2018
	Annual Meetings and Conferences (d = also served as discussant)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APSA: 2017, 2018, 2020(d), 2021, 2022(d), 2023(d), 2024(d), 2025 • EPSA: 2019, 2022(d) • ISA: 2017, 2019 • MPSA: 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021(d), 2022(d), 2023(d), 2024(d) • Peace Science: 2017, 2023, 2024 • PolMeth: 2021(d) • SPSA: 2018, 2020(d), 2024(d) • WPSA: 2018 	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Introduction to Game Theory (Graduate)	

- Emory University: Spring 2024, 2025

Applied Game Theory (Graduate)

- Emory University: Spring 2021, 2022, 2023

Models of International Relations

- Emory University: Spring 2021, 2022

Civilians in Conflict

- Emory University: Fall 2020, 2021, 2023, Spring 2025

Political Science Math Camp (Graduate)

- University of Michigan: Summer 2017, Summer 2018

ADVISING &
MENTORSHIP

Emory University

Jenn Kim: <i>Rochester post-doc; incoming Assistant Professor, Purdue</i>	
Adee Weller (dissertation committee)	2023-
Anthony Luongo (dissertation committee)	2024-
Burak Yilmaz (dissertation committee)	2024-
Linchuan Zhang (dissertation committee)	2024-
Celline Kim (dissertation co-chair)	2026-
Ring Feng (honors thesis advisor)	2024-2025
Celline Kim (honors thesis advisor)	2022-2023
Annie Luo (honors thesis committee; Applied Math & Statistics)	2023
Faculty Fellow, EITM Summer Institute	2024
Mentor, Scholarly Inquiry and Research Experience (SIRE)	2020-2022

University of Michigan

Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program	2016-2017
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DEPARTMENTAL
SERVICE

Emory University

Graduate Policy Committee	2024-2025
Graduate Admissions Committee	2021-2024
CP/IR Search Committee	2023-2024
Math/Political Science Major Committee	2022-2023
Target of Opportunity Hiring Committee	2021-2022
Undergraduate Honors Committee	2020-2021

University of Michigan

Formal Models of Politics workshop coordinator	2017-2018
Honors Thesis third reader	2018
Conflict & Peace, Research & Development workshop coordinator	2016-2017

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Laney Graduate School Awards Reviewer	2023
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DISCIPLINARY
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Virtual Formal Theory Workshop co-organizer	2022-2023
Best Article Award Committee, APSA Formal Theory Section	2022

REFeree

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Games and Economic Behavior, International Interactions, International Organization, International Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Political Analysis, Political Science Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, PS: Political Science and Politics, World Development, World Politics