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## EMPLOYMENT

2008—current *Assistant Professor*  
Department of Government and Politics  
University of Maryland

*Research Fellow*  
Center for International Development and Conflict Management  
University of Maryland

## EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Ph.D. in Political Science (2008).

Dissertation: *Peace at What Price?: Domestic Politics, Settlement Costs and War Termination* (Chairs: Paul Huth and James Morrow).

Relevant coursework in international conflict, research methodology and economic development.

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Awarded Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and History in the college of Liberal Arts and Sciences, May 2000. *Highest Distinction in Political Science*

## PUBLICATIONS

“Bringing Law to the Table: Legal Claims, Bargaining Leverage and the Settlement of Territorial Disputes Since 1945.” (with Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel) (Under review)

“Does International Law Promote the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes? Evidence from the Study of Territorial Conflicts Since 1945” (with Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel) (Under review)

“Bear Any Burden? How Democracies Minimize the Costs of War” (with Benjamin Valentino and Paul Huth). (R&R at *The Journal of Politics*)

“Covenants without the Sword: International Law and the Protection of Civilians In Times of War” (2006) *World Politics* 58: 339-77 (with Benjamin Valentino and Paul Huth)

“Assessing the Dyadic Approach to Interstate Conflict Processes: a.k.a. ‘Dangerous Dyad’ Years”. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 22: 5-18 (with Tze Kwang Teo). Reprinted in *The Causes of International Conflict: Data, Methods and Theory*. Taylor and Francis Publications

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Book manuscripts*

“Peace at What Price? The Domestic Politics of War Termination”

“International Law and Territorial Disputes” (with Paul Huth).

*Papers*

“Domestic Politics and War Termination”

“The Obama Effect: Citizen Assessments of Leader Responsibility in Wartime Elections”

“War Costs and War Outcomes” (with Benjamin Valentino, Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel).

“The Importance of Individual Leaders on National and International Outcomes” (with Stuart Reid and Benjamin Valentino).

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Horace Rackham Graduate School One-term Dissertation Grant (2007)

National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Changing Horses Midstream: Leadership Turnover, Public Opinion and War Termination” (2007)

Veterans for Peace Dissertation Research Grant (2006)

Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Grant (2006 & 2007)

Center for International and Comparative Studies Student Fellowship (2006)

Horace Rackham Graduate School Discretionary Grant (2006)

Horace Rackham Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (2004)

Summer Collaboration Grant (with Paul Huth) (2004)

Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Fellow (2003)

Honors Council's Lurie Award for Honors Teaching (2003)

John Kingdon Graduate Student Instructor Award (2003)

Mary M. Ketchum Memorial Scholarship, University of Michigan (2003)

Horace Rackham Graduate School Conference Travel Grant (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)

Pi Sigma Alpha Howard Penniman Graduate Scholarship (2001)

Department of Political Science First Year Fellowship (2000-1)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*At the University of Maryland*

Government and Politics 409 D: International Security and Research Design

Government and Politics 409 L: International Security and Domestic Politics

*As Lead Instructor at the University of Michigan*

Political Science 372: Advanced International Security  
Political Science 160: Introduction to World Politics  
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning and Techniques (4-day seminar)

*As Graduate Student Instructor (Teaching Assistant) at the University of Michigan*

Political Science 699: Statistics II  
Political Science 599: Introduction to Statistics  
Program in the Environment: GSI Training  
Political Science 993: GSI Training. *Graduate Student Mentor.*  
Political Science 160: Introduction to World Politics  
Political Science 353: The Arab-Israeli Conflict (with Mark Tessler) Winter Semester, 2002.

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Changing Horses Midstream: Domestic Politics and War Termination.” Paper presented at the Second Annual Journeys in International Relations Conference, Iowa City, 2006 and the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2006.

“Making Formal Models Freshmen-Friendly” with Leanne Powner. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, 2005.

“Understanding Mass Killing in International Wars: Does Military Strategy Matter?” with Paul Huth and Benjamin Valentino. Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, 2005 and the Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Iowa City, 2005.

“The Dyadic Approach to Interstate Conflict Processes: a.k.a. ‘Dangerous Dyad’ Years” with Tze Kwang Teo. Paper presented at the Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Ann Arbor, 2003, and the Political Methodology Annual Meeting, Palo Alto, 2003

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Graduate Studies Committee (2008-9)  
International Relations Search Committee (2008)

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*  
Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*  
Reviewer, *Journal of Peace Research*  
Reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly*

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