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## EMPLOYMENT

2008—present *Assistant Professor*

Department of Government and Politics  
University of Maryland

*Research Associate*

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*

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

“Flip-flops and High Heels: An Experimental Analysis of Elite Position Change and Gender on Wartime Public Support” with Scott Gartner. (Under review)

“The Flipside of Flip-Flopping: Citizen Preferences, Leader Inconsistency and the War in Iraq” (Under review)

“Bringing Law to the Table: Legal Claims, Bargaining Leverage and the Settlement of Territorial Disputes Since 1945.” with Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel. (2012) *The American Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming)

“Law and the Use of Force in World Politics: The Varied Effects of Law on the Exercise of Military Power in Territorial Disputes” with Paul Huth and Benjamin Appel. (2012) *International Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming)

“The Decider’s Dilemma: Leader Culpability, Domestic Politics and War Termination.” (2011) *The American Political Science Review*. 105.3: 457-77.

“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. (2011) *The American Political Science Review*. 105.2: 415-36.

“Bear Any Burden? How Democracies Minimize the Costs of War” with Benjamin Valentino and Paul Huth. (2010) *The Journal of Politics* 72.2: 528-44.

“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” with Tze Kwang Teo. (2005) *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 22: 5-18.

Reprinted in *The Causes of International Conflict: Data, Methods and Theory*. Taylor and Francis Publications

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Book manuscripts*

“Peace at What Price? Leader Culpability, Domestic Punishment and War Outcomes”

*Papers*

“The Effect of War Outcomes on Leader Tenure” with Jessica Weeks

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

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Elmer Plischke Annual Faculty Research Award (2012)

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Emerging Scholars Award (2012)

Dean’s Initiative Grant (with Candace Turitto) (2011)

Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar Mentor (for Marcus Johnson) (2010-11)

Excellence in Teaching Award. College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland (2010)

One semester leave to work on a project with a graduate student (Benjamin Appel) as a co-author. Awarded by the Graduate School at the University of Maryland, College Park. (2010)

National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Behind the Legal Shield: International Law, Territorial Settlements and Domestic Punishment.” With Benjamin Appel and Paul Huth (2009)

Best Dissertation Award in the field of Strategic Studies. Awarded by the Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS). (2009)

National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Looking Weak in the War on Terror: Policy Reversals, Partisanship and International Reputations for Resolve” (2008)

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)

## **INVITED TALKS**

Dartmouth College (May 2012)

Harvard University (April 2012)

University of Virginia (March 2011)

University of Iowa (March, 2010)

University of Chicago (November, 2009)

American University (September, 2009)

The Pennsylvania State University (February, 2009)

## **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  
Government and Politics 700: Introduction to Scope and Methods

### *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

*Dissertation Committees (University of Maryland)*

Benjamin Appel—Government and Politics  
David Garcia—Government and Politics

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“The Flipside of Flip-Flopping: Citizen Preferences, Leader Inconsistency and the War in Iraq” Paper presented at the Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Chapel Hill, 2009 and the Visions in Political Methodology, Iowa City (2010)

“The Obama Effect: Citizen Assessments of Leader Responsibility in Wartime Elections” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2009.

“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

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

International Relations Search Committee (2010)  
Salary Committee (2008-9)  
Graduate Studies Committee (2008-10, 2011-12)  
International Relations Search Committee (2008)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*  
Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*  
Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*  
Reviewer, *Journal of Peace Research*  
Reviewer, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
Reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly*  
Reviewer, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*  
Reviewer, *International Security*  
Reviewer, *Foreign Policy Analysis*

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