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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia, 2018–Present.

Post-doctoral Associate and Lecturer, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2017–2018.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2017.
- M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011.
- B.A. in Government, College of William & Mary (with Honors), 2008.

RESEARCH

Refereed Articles

- "International Relations Scholars, the Media, and the Dilemma of Consensus" (with Irene Entringer, Shauna Gillooly, Susan Peterson and Mike Tierney). Forthcoming in *Perspectives on Politics*.
- "Can Rising Powers Reassure? Shifting Power, Foreign Economic Policy, and Perceptions of Revisionist Intent" (with Austin Strange). Published online ahead of print in *Journal of Peace Research*
- "Is Context Pretext? Institutionalized Commitments and the Situational Politics of Foreign Economic Policy." Published online ahead of print in *Review of International Organizations*.
- "Judicialization and Public Support for Compliance with International Commitments" (with Harlan Cohen). *International Studies Quarterly*, 68(3), 2024.
- "Great Expectations: The Democratic Advantage in Trade Attitudes" (with Jon C. W. Pevehouse and Freddy Chen), World Politics, 75(2), 2023, pp 316-352.
- "International Status Concerns and Domestic Support for Political Leaders" (with Jonathan Renshon), *American Journal of Political Science*, 67(3), 2023, pp. 732–747.
- "Trade Politics in the Checkout Lane: Ethnocentrism and Consumer Preferences" (with Alexa Bankert and Geoffrey Sheagley), *Political Science Research and Methods*, 11(3), 2023, 605–612.
- "The Cult of the Relevant: International Relations Scholars and Policy Engagement Beyond the Ivory Tower" (with Cullen Hendrix, Julia Macdonald, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney). *Perspectives on Politics*, 21(4), 2023, pp. 1270-1282.

- "Can Increasing Awareness of Gender Gaps in International Relations Help Close Them? Evidence from a Scholar Ranking Experiment" (with Emily Jackson, Daniel Maliniak, Eric Parajon, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney). *International Studies Perspectives*, 24(4), 2023, pp. 420-440.
- "The Myth of the Eclectic IR Scholar?" (with Helen Milner and Erik Voeten). *International Studies Perspectives*, 24(3), 2023, pp. 308-335.
- "Does Social Science Inform Foreign Policy? Evidence from a Survey of U.S. National Security, Trade, and Development Officials," (with Paul Avey, Michael Desch, Eric Parajon, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney), *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(1), 2022.
- "Epistemic Communities and Public Support for the Paris Agreement on Climate Change" (with Daniel Maliniak and Eric Parajon), *Political Research Quarterly*, 74(4), 2021, pp. 866–881.
- "Is International Relations a Global Discipline? Hegemony, Insularity, and Diversity in the Field," (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), Security Studies, 27(3), 2018, pp. 448–484.
- "The Gender Citation Gap in International Relations" (with Daniel Maliniak and Barbara F. Walter), *International Organization*, 67(4), 2013, pp. 889–922.
- "More Dollars than Sense: Refining our Knowledge of Development Finance Using AidData" (with Michael J. Tierney, Daniel L. Nelson, Darren G. Hawkins, J. Timmons Roberts, Michael G. Findley, Bradley Parks, Sven E. Wilson, and Robert L. Hicks), World Development, 39(11), 2011, pp. 1891–1906.

Edited Volume

Bridging The Theory–Practice Divide in International Relations (co-edited with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney). 2020. Georgetown University Press.

Book Chapter

"International Finance" (with Mark S. Copelovitch). Forthcoming in *Oxford Handbook of International Institutions* edited by Michael Barnett and Duncan Snidal.

Working Papers

- "Identity and the Social Construction of Reputation in World Politics" (with Jonathan Renshon).
- "Expert Endorsements, Partisan Cues, and Public Support for International Cooperation" (with Eric Parajon, Susan Peterson, and Daniel Maliniak).
- "Foreign Attacks on Space-Based Assets and Public Support for Retaliation" (with Jackson Tilley).
- "Risky Business: Uncertainty, Trust, and Domestic Support for Global Engagement" (with Diana Mutz).

Work in Progress

- "Burning Reputations" (with Michael Goldfien, Tyler Pratt, and Jonathan Renshon).
- "Hawks, Doves, and the Domestic Politics of Arms Control" (with Rachel Whitlark).
- "Democracy, Reputation, and International Cooperation: The Case of Dual-Use Trade" (with Justin Conrad and Jeff Berejikian).
- "Threats To Inference: Foreign Policy Elites and Errors in Causal Logic" (with Andrew Shaver)

Other Writing

- "IR Experts See Glaring Differences Between Harris and Trump" (with Irene Entringer Garcia Blanes, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney), Foreign Policy, October 31, 2024.
- "Poll: Experts Oppose No-Fly Zone Over Ukraine" (with Irene Entringer Garcia Blanes, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney), Foreign Policy, March 16, 2022.
- "Poll: Will Russia Invade Ukraine?" (with Irene Entringer Garcia Blanes, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney), Foreign Policy, January 31, 2022.
- "Poll: Biden Gets High Marks for Foreign Policy" (with Irene Entringer Garcia Blanes, Alexandra Murphy, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney), Foreign Policy, May 14, 2021.
- "Poll: How Biden and Trump Differ on Foreign Policy" (with Irene Entringer Garcia Blanes, Alexandra Murphy, Susan Peterson, and Michael Tierney), Foreign Policy, October 22, 2020.
- "Trump, COVID-19, and the Future of International Order" (with Helen Milner, Susan Peterson, Michael Tierney, and Erik Voeten), Foreign Policy, October 8, 2020.
- "Beyond IR's Ivory Tower" (with Cullen Hendrix, Julia MacDonald, Michael Tierney, and Susan Peterson), Foreign Policy, September 28, 2020.
- "Snap Poll: What Foreign-Policy Experts Make of Trump's Coronavirus Response" (with Emily Jackson, Michael Tierney, Susan Peterson, and Eric Parajon), *Foreign Policy*, May 8, 2020.
- "Has Trump Abused His Presidential Powers, as the House Charges? Foreign Policy Scholars Think So." (with Emily Jackson, Michael Tierney, Susan Peterson, and Eric Parajon), *Monkey Cage*, January 25, 2019.
- "There Really is an Expert Consensus: Multilateralism Still Matters" (with Michael Tierney, Susan Peterson, and Eric Parajon), *Lawfare*, December 7, 2018. Reprinted in the Lawfare eBook, *The Troubled U.S.-NATO Relationship*.
- "Snap Poll: What Experts Make of Trump's Foreign Policy" (with Michael Tierney, Susan Peterson, and Eric Parajon), Foreign Policy, December 7, 2018.
- "Experts Don't Like Trump's Withdrawal from the Iran Deal or his Foreign Policy in General" (with Michael Tierney and Susan Peterson), The Monkey Cage blog at *The Washington Post*, May 16, 2018.
- "A Reply to 'Reducing Political Bias in Political Science Estimates," (with Daniel Maliniak and Barbara Walter), PS: Political Science & Politics, 50(1), January 2017, pp 182–185.
- "Snap Poll: Who Will Make the Best Foreign Policy President?" (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), *Foreign Policy*, February 19, 2016.
- "Snap Poll: Will China, Iran, and Russia Cooperate With the United States?" (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), Foreign Policy, October 9, 2015.
- "Do Americans think strategically when they think about trade?" (with Jon C. W. Pevehouse), The Monkey Cage blog at *The Washington Post*, July 15, 2015.
- "Snap Poll: Is the Iran Deal Good for Your Country's National Security?" (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), *Foreign Policy*, March 18, 2015.
- "The Best International Relations Schools in the World," (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), Foreign Policy, February 3, 2015.

- "Snap Poll: How Likely Is War With Russia in the Next 10 Years?" (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), *Foreign Policy*, January 28, 2015.
- "Is the Public Really Learning to Love Globalization?" (with Daniel Maliniak), The Monkey Cage blog at *The Washington Post*, June 11, 2014.
- "Snap Poll: Does Obama Need to Put Troops in Ukraine to Prove America Is Tough?" (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), *Foreign Policy*, June 2, 2014.
- "Snap Poll: The View from the Ivory Tower" (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney), *Foreign Policy*, March 7, 2014.
- "Are There Neoconservative Wolves in the Realist Flock?" (with Daniel Maliniak and Michael J. Tierney), guest post on Daniel Drezner's blog at *Foreign Policy*, January 25, 2012.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

External

- Under review: "Powering the Future: Decarbonization, Grid Stability, and Consumer Sentiment in the U.S." (Amount requested: \$928,838), Sloan Foundation (with Jiaojing Ding, Camila Livio, and David Gattie), 2025.
- "Institutionalizing Policy Relevant Research at William and Mary's Global Research Institute II," Carnegie Corporation of New York (sub-award to UGA from Global Research Institute at William and Mary: \$58,359). 2024.
- "Institutionalizing Policy Relevant Research at William and Mary's Global Research Institute" (\$1,000,000), Carnegie Corporation of New York (sub-award to UGA from Global Research Institute at William and Mary: \$79,975).
- "The Role of Leaders in Nuclear Politics" (\$150,000), Stanton Foundation (with Molly Berkemeier; sub-award to UGA from Rachel Whitlark at Georgia Tech: \$88,563). 2021.
- "Nonproliferation Strategy to Practice: Assessing the State of Global Trade Control Implementation" (\$95,977), Stanton Foundation (with Justin Conrad and Jeff Berejikian), 2020.
- "Strengthening the Links Between Scholars and Practitioners of International Relations" (\$550,000), Carnegie Corporation of New York (with Susan Peterson and Michael Tierney), 2019. UGA portion: \$71,199.
- "Ethical Approaches to Policy Engagement" (\$62,241), Carnegie Corporation of New York (sub-award from University of Denver (with Susan Peterson and Michael Tierney), 2019. UGA portion: \$10,216.
- "Strengthening the Links Between Scholars and Practitioners of International Relations" (\$548,000), Carnegie Corporation of New York (with Susan Peterson and Michael Tierney), 2018. UGA portion: \$23,836.
- "Knowledge Diffusion in International Relations Research" (\$80,000), sub-award from Free University of Berlin, 2016 (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney).
- "Using Data to Bridge the Theory-Practice Divide" (\$115,000), MacArthur Foundation, 2015 (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney).
- "Strengthening the Links Between Scholars and Practitioners of International Relations" (\$501,400), Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2015 (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney).
- "Junior Policymaker Decision Making" (\$22,893), Carnegie Corporation of New York (sub-award from University of Notre Dame), 2015 (with Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney).

"Wisconsin International Policy and Public Opinion" (\$50,000), Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2015 (with Jon C. W. Pevehouse).

Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2014.

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2011–2014.

Internal

Nominated for CURO Research Mentor Award, 2025.

School of Public and International Affairs Teaching Award, 2024.

Nominated for the University of Georgia Early Career Scholar Award by the School of Public and International Affairs, 2023.

School of Public and International Affairs Research Award, 2023.

Seed Grant. School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia (with Geoff Shagley), 2023.

Department of International Affairs Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Georgia, 2022

Lilly Teaching Fellow. Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia, 2020–2022.

Seed Grant. Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia (with Harlan Cohen), 2020

Small Research Grant. Department of International Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia (with Alexa Bankert and Geoff Shagley), 2020.

Small Research Grant. Department of International Affairs, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia (with Mollie Cohen), 2020.

Seed Grant. School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia (with Alexa Bankert and Geoff Shagley), 2019.

Teaching Academy Fellow. Teaching Academy, University of Georgia, 2019–2020.

Award for Best Dissertation in International Relations. Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2017.

Conference Presentation Funds. Student Research Grants Competition, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2017.

Summer Initiative Grant. Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2014 (with Benjamin Toff), 2015, and 2016.

Conference Travel Grant. Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2016.

University Fellowship. University of Wisconsin–Madison, a two-year graduate fellowship used Fall 2010–Spring 2011 and Fall 2013–Spring 2014.

W. Warner Moss Prize for Outstanding Honors Thesis. Government Department. College of William & Mary, 2008.

CONFERENCES, TALKS, AND WORKSHOPS

I regularly present and/or organize panels at major disciplinary conferences (APSA, ISA, MPSA). In addition, I participate in smaller conferences: International Political Economy Society (2017, 2019, and 2021), Political Economy of International Organizations (2023), Political Economy of Aid (2023), and Peace Science (2023).

Invited to workshop on international law organized by Princeton's Program in Law and Public Policy, April 2025.

"Burning Reputations," invited talk to Renard Sexton's Conflict Lab at Emory University, March 2025.

"Burning Reputations," workshop on "How Domestic and International Actors Respond to Non-Cooperation" organized by Lisa Dellmuth and Stefanie Walter in Zurich, Switzerland, December 2024.

"Infrastructure for Foreign Policy Elite Experiments," Experimental Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin—Madison, February 2024.

"Identity and the Social Construction of Reputations in World Politics," International Relations Workshop at Emory University, February 2024.

"Identity and Reputations in World Politics," Weatherhead International Security Cluster Conference, Harvard University, September 2022.

Invited instructor, "Responsible Engagement Institute," University of Denver, Sié Chéou-Kang Center, May 2021.

Book Talk, "Bridging the Theory-Practice Divide in International Relations," Bridging the Gap Project, October 2020.

"Great Expectations: The Democratic Advantage in Trade Attitudes," Grinnell College, October 2019.

"Responsible Engagement Institute Planning Workshop," University of Denver, Sié Chéou-Kang Center, May 2019.

"Public Opinion, International Commitments, and the Supply Side of Trade Protection," Perry World House Workshop in International Law, Organization, and Politics at University of Pennsylvania, March 2018.

"The Gender Citation Gap in International Relations," Princeton University, Department of Politics, International Relations Colloquium, April 2013.

"Are Mass Preferences for Aid Like Mass Preferences for Trade?" College of William & Mary, Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations, July 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

INTL 8200: Experiments in International Relations, Spring 2023, Fall 2024.

INTL 4230: International Political Economy, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022.

INTL 3200: Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2023.

INTL 6200: Pre-Seminar in International Relations, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024.

INTL 8240: International Political Economy, Spring 2022 and Spring 2024.

Yale University

Lecturer, PSLC 697: Domestic Politics and International Relations, Spring 2018.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Lecturer, PS 359/701: Problems in American Foreign Policy, Summer 2016 and Summer 2017.

Lecturer, PS 700: Introduction to International Relations, Summer 2017.

Teaching Assistant, PS 377: Nuclear Weapons and World Politics, Spring 2017 for Professor Andy Kydd.

Teaching Assistant, PS 371: International Political Economy, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, and Summer 2015 for Professor Mark Copelovitch.

SERVICE

Reviewer: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Experimental Political Science, World Politics.