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EXPERTISE International Security, Security Cooperation, Proxy War, Russia and Eastern Europe

EMPLOYMENT **Texas A&M University** Aug. 2022 - Present
The Bush School of Government and Public Service
Assistant Professor

The John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College 2021-22
Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security

AFFILIATIONS United States Institute of Peace 2020-21
USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar

The Notre Dame International Security Center 2020-21
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow

EDUCATION **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL 2021
Ph.D., Political Science
Qualifying exams: International Relations, Formal Theory

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 2015
Bachelor of Science, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS)
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Carroll Fellow

PUBLISHED WORK **Peer-reviewed**

Chinchilla, Alexandra and Jesse Driscoll, “Warlord Coordination As State-Building In Post-Maidan Ukraine.” special issue in *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* (2021).

Pape, Robert A., Alejandro Albanez Rivas, Alexandra C. Chinchilla. “Introducing the New CPOST Dataset on Suicide Attacks.” *Journal of Peace Research* (2021).

“Forum - Conflict Delegation in Civil Wars,” with Niklas Karlén, Vladimir Rauta, Idean Salehyan, Andrew Mumford, Belgin San-Akca, Alexandra Stark, Michel Wyss, Assaf Moghadam, Allard Duursma, Henning Tamm, Erin K Jenne, Milos Popovic, David S Siroky, Vanessa Meier, Kit Rickard, Giuseppe Spatafora. *International Studies Review* (2021).

Poast, Paul and Alexandra Chinchilla. “Good for Democracy? Evidence from the 2004 NATO Expansion.” special issue in *International Politics* (2020).

Editor-reviewed

Chinchilla, Alexandra C., and Paul Poast. "Defense Institution Building from Above? Lessons from the Baltic Experience." *Connections: The Quarterly Journal* 17, no. 3 (2018): 61-71.

Book chapters

Chinchilla, Alexandra. "Formal Models of Proxy War," *Routledge Handbook of Proxy Wars*, edited by Moghadam Assaf, Vladimir Rauta, and Michel Wyss, 2023.

Chinchilla, Alexandra and Paul Poast. "Good for Democracy? Evidence from the 2004 NATO Expansion," *Evaluating NATO Enlargement: From Cold War Victory to the Russia-Ukraine War*, edited by James Goldgeier, and Joshua R. Shiffrin, 2023.

Chinchilla, Alexandra and Stephen D. Mull. "The Development of the Modern U.S.-Polish Relationship and Its Future Prospects." *Projekt "Polska": Silne i Bezpieczne Panstwo?* ed. Anna Antczak-Barzan. Warszawa: Vizja Press, 2014: 255-267.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Solo-authored

Book project: Advising War.

"I'll be Watching You: Great Power Use of Military Advisors to Police their Proxies."

"The Effect of Advisor Deployments on Counterinsurgent Repression During Civil War."

"Building Militaries for External Defense: What Can We Learn from Ukraine?"

Co-authored

"U.S. Preponderance in NATO: The Role of Logistics, Intelligence & IT, Training, and Coordination." with Jordan Becker, Stephen Brooks, Hugo Meijer, and William Wohlforth.

"Explaining Conditionality Failure in Principal-Agent Relationships," with Renanah Miles Joyce.

"Irregular Warfare in Strategic Competition," with Kyle Atwell, Alexis Bradstreet, Catherine Crombe, and Luther Leblanc (Revise & resubmit).

OTHER WRITING

Alexandra Chinchilla and Jahara Matisek. "Ukraine's Hidden Advantage: How European Trainers Have Transformed Kyiv's Army and Changed the War." *Foreign Affairs*. May 11, 2023.

Alexandra Chinchilla. "Security Assistance Worked in Ukraine." *The Defense Post*. March 14, 2022.

Alexandra Chinchilla. Review of Groh, Tyrone L., *Proxy War: The Least Bad Option*. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. May, 2020.

Rauta, Vladimir, Matthew Ayton, Alexandra Chinchilla, Andreas Krieg, Christopher

Rickard, and Jean-Marc Rickli. “A Symposium – Debating ‘Surrogate Warfare’ and the Transformation of War.” *Defence Studies* 19, no. 4 (October 2, 2019): 410–30.

**GRANTS
& AWARDS**

Best Dissertation Award - Honorable Mention APSA International Collaboration Section	2022
Charles Koch Foundation Summer Foreign Policy Fellowship, \$14,983	2021
Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago Doctoral Research Innovation Fund, \$4,040	2020
Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Support Grant, \$5,000	2020
The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts \$10,000 research grant	2020
\$5,000 research grant	2019
The Social Sciences Research Center, University of Chicago \$500 research grant	2020
Bienen Summer Research Award, University of Chicago \$1,800 research grant	2020
UChicago Graduate Council Travel Fund Award	2018
ISA Travel Grant Award	2019, 2020
APSA Travel Grant Award	2018, 2019, 2021
Joseph S. Lepgold Medal, Georgetown University <i>Awarded to an undergraduate whose achievements in international security have been judged outstanding by the faculty.</i>	2015

**INVITED
TALKS &
WORKSHOPS**

“Proxy Wars, Great Powers, and the Democratic Order” conference Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel	2023
“US Preponderance in NATO: The Role of Logistics, Intelligence & IT, Training, and Coordination,” Swedish Defence University	2023
“NATO and Russia’s War in Ukraine,” University of Minnesota Duluth	2023
“The Past, Present, and Future of US Alliances” conference, William & Mary	2023
Dartmouth Postdoctoral Alumni Conference, Dartmouth College	2023
“Ukraine: What is to Come?”, Northwestern University	2022
Security Cooperation Conference, Duke University	2022
51st Annual Frank Church Symposium, Idaho State University	2022

New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS)	2021
New Wave Realism conference, Ohio State University	2021
Junior Scholar Symposium, Formal Theory Society	2020
Formal Models of International Relations, Vanderbilt University	2020
New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap	2019
Formal Models of Diplomacy Workshop, Peace Science Society Conference	2018
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute	2018
GUEST LECTURES “US Preponderance in NATO: The Role of Logistics, Intelligence & IT, Training, and Coordination,” University of Stockholm	2023
Research methods seminar, The University of Texas at Austin	2022
Morgenthau Grand Strategy Seminar, John Quincy Adams Society, “Going to War: Who Decides in a Democracy?”	2021
NATO Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism Ankara, Turkey	2020, 2021

CONFERENCES American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2018 - 2022
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting	2017, 2019 - 2022
IS-ISSS Conference (APSA & ISA conference on International Security)	2021
ISA Midwest Annual Conference	2020
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting	2018, 2022
Texas Triangle International Relations Conference (discussant)	2023
United States Military Academy Department of Social Sciences conference	2023
University of Chicago	
Workshop on International Politics (WIP)	2020
Program on International Security Policy (PISP)	2018
CISSR Conference on Replication and Transparency	2018
Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES)	2017

* canceled due to COVID-19

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University (Tenure Track Faculty)

- Russia in International Politics (Graduate: Fall 2023)
- International Relations in Theory & Practice (Graduate: Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
- International Affairs Capstone - Security Cooperation (Graduate: Spring 2023)

University of Chicago (Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Game Theory I (w/ Monika Nalepa & John Patty) (Graduate: 2016, 2017)
Game Theory II (w/ John Patty) (Graduate: 2018)
Mathematics for Social Sciences (w/ Mark Hansen) (Graduate: 2018)
Practice of Social Science Research (Undergraduate: 2019)
Strategy (w/ Robert Pape) (Undergraduate: 2018)
Intro to International Relations (w/ Paul Poast) (Undergraduate: 2018)
American Grand Strategy (w/ John Mearsheimer) (Undergraduate: 2019)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST) April 2019 - March 2021
Senior Data Research Fellow

- Managed a 15-person data analytics team producing data-driven publications on armed conflict and terrorism.
- Conducted numerous briefings for policymakers, professionals, and academics.

The RAND Corporation June 2017 - Sept. 2017
Summer Associate

- Developed a game theoretic model of Russian responses to potential U.S. force postures in Europe and briefed RAND experts on research findings.

Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST) Sept. 2016 - Jun. 2017
Graduate Research Associate

- Worked on a government-funded, multi-year project at the University of Chicago's international relations think tank.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Moscow State University (MGU) June - July 2016
Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) June - Aug. 2015
King's College London, Department of War Studies Jan. - June 2014
Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland July - Aug. 2013

FIELDWORK

Germany, Poland, United Kingdom, Ukraine.

LANGUAGES

Polish (Intermediate), Russian (Beginner).
Stata, R, Tableau.

SERVICE

Texas A&M University

Search Committee member, International Affairs Department, Fall 2022
Moderator, Book discussion of *The American Imperative: Reclaiming Global Leadership through Soft Power*, by Dan Runde (CSIS), Alexander Hamilton Society, February 2023

University of Chicago

Student Coordinator, Program on International Politics,
Economics and Security (PIPES) 2017 - 2018
Board Member, Political Science Association (PSA) 2016 - 2018
Organizer, Graduate Students in International Security, Etc. (GSISE) 2020 - 2022

Reviewer

Civil Wars, International Interactions, International Politics, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics

MEMBERSHIPS American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA), Peace Science Society

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