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RESEARCH INTERESTS International Security, Political Violence, Russia and Eastern Europe, Archival Research, Formal Theory

EDUCATION **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL Aug. 2021
Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation: *Advising War: Limited Intervention in Conflict*
Committee: Paul Poast (chair), Austin Carson, Monika Nalepa, and Paul Staniland

Master of Arts, Political Science June 2017
Qualifying exams: International Relations, Formal Theory

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

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

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

PUBLISHED WORK **Peer-reviewed**

Poast, Paul and Alexandra Chinchilla. "Good for Democracy? Evidence from the 2004 NATO Expansion." *International Politics* (2020).

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

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

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

WORKING PAPERS

“Warlord Coordination As State-Building In Post-Maidan Ukraine.” with Jesse Driscoll, University of California San Diego (conditional acceptance, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*).

“Ways Forward: A Research Agenda on Conflict Delegation.” with Kit Rickard, University College London, and Giuseppe Spatafora, University of Oxford (conditional acceptance, *International Studies Review*).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Formal Theory and Proxy War Studies,” in the *Routledge Handbook of Proxy Wars*, edited by Moghadam Assaf, Vladimir Rauta, and Michel Wyss (under contract).

“Authoritarian Commitment to Military Professionalism: How Security Alliances Reduce Coups and Coup Attempts Under Dictatorships.” with Tolgahan Dilgin, University of Illinois.

“Training Future Leaders: The Effect of US Military Training on Human Rights in Recipient Countries,” with Genevieve Bates and Andres Uribe, University of Chicago.

“Do Threats Work? Third Party Intervention and Humanitarian Violations in Civil War.”

“Gray Zone Bargaining: Coercion through Low Intensity Warfare and the Credible Threat of Escalation.” with Jonathan Askonas, Catholic University.

OTHER WRITING

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

Charles Koch Foundation 2021
Summer Foreign Policy Fellowship, \$14,983

Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago 2020
Doctoral Research Innovation Fund, \$4,040

Charles Koch Foundation 2020
Dissertation Support Grant, \$5,000

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 2020
\$500 research grant

Bienen Summer Research Award, University of Chicago 2020
\$1,800 research grant

UChicago Graduate Council Travel Fund Award 2018

ISA Travel Grant Award 2019, 2020

	APSA Travel Grant Award	2018, 2019, 2021
	Joseph S. Lepgold Medal <i>Awarded to an undergraduate whose achievements in international security have been judged outstanding by the faculty.</i>	2015
INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS	New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS)	Sept. 2021
	New Wave Realism conference, Ohio State University	2021
	Quincy Institute For Responsible Statecraft Panel, "Enlarging NATO: Grave Mistake or Vital Cause?"	2020
	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	Morgenthau Grand Strategy Seminar, John Quincy Adams Society, "Going to War: Who Decides in a Democracy?"	2021
	<i>Lectured for advanced undergraduates and graduate students on the extent (and limits) of democratic oversight and accountability for presidents considering or using force abroad, and the roles of Congress and the military in decision-making about the use of force.</i>	
	NATO Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism Ankara, Turkey	2020, 2021
	<i>Lectured for military officers and civilian security professionals on causes of suicide terrorism, recent trends in suicide terrorism during conflict, and ISIS recruitment.</i>	
	League of Creative Minds	2020
	<i>Lectured for advanced high school class on causes of suicide terrorism and ISIS recruitment in the United States.</i>	
	Pathways Program, University of Chicago	2019
	<i>Lectured on the causes and management of proxy war for advanced high school students enrolled in the University of Chicago's pre-college program.</i>	
CONFERENCES	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2018 –2021
	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting	2017, 2019, 2020*, 2021
	ISA Midwest Annual Conference	2020

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting	2018
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**

Political Methodology

Game Theory I (Graduate) Fall 2016, 2017
Prof. Monika Nalepa, Prof. John Patty

Game Theory II (Graduate) Winter 2018
Prof. John Patty

Mathematics for Social Sciences (Graduate) Fall 2018
Prof. John Mark Hansen

Practice of Social Science Research (Undergraduate) Spring 2019
Prof. Patricia Conley

International Relations

Strategy (Undergraduate) Spring 2018
Prof. Robert Pape

Intro to International Relations (Undergraduate) Fall 2018
Prof. Paul Poast

American Grand Strategy (Undergraduate) Winter 2019
Prof. John Mearsheimer

**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.
- Produced a report for the Office of Naval Research on U.S. military aid to counterterrorism partners in the Middle East and South Asia.

INTER- NATIONAL 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

LANGUAGES Polish (Intermediate), Russian (Beginner).
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SERVICE	University of Chicago	
	Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES) <i>Student Coordinator</i>	2017 - 2018
	Political Science Association (PSA) Board Member	2016 - 2018

Reviewer
International Interactions
International Security
Journal of Politics

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