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- EXPERTISE** International Security, Political Violence, Russia and Eastern Europe
- EMPLOYMENT** **Texas A&M University** Aug. 2022 - Present
Assistant Professor
Department of International Affairs
The Bush School of Government and Public Service
Core Faculty, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy
- The John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College** 2021-22
Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security
- 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, Kyle Atwell, Alexis Bradstreet, Catherine Crombe, and Luther Leblanc. "Irregular Warfare in Strategic Competition," *Defence Studies* (2023).
- 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 (reprint of *International Politics* article).

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

"Advising War." Book manuscript.

"I'll be Watching You: Military Advisors as Monitors During Proxy War." Research article.

"Order Making on the Periphery: US Security Assistance to Ukraine (2014-2022)." Research article.

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

Co-authored

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

"Elite Opinion, Public Opinion, and Tripwire Effects," Paul Poast, Alexandra Chinchilla, and Dani Reiter. Research article.

"Explaining Conditionality Failure in Principal-Agent Relationships," Alexandra Chinchilla, Renanah Miles Joyce. Research article.

"Escalation as a Process." Sara Plana, Alexandra Chinchilla, Kyle Atwell, and Noel Anderson. Research article.

OTHER WRITING

Alexandra Chinchilla and Sam Rosenberg. "Why America Should Send Military Advisers to Ukraine." *Foreign Affairs*. September 22, 2023.

Alexandra Chinchilla. "Lessons from Ukraine for Security Force Assistance." *Lawfare*. September 10, 2023.

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 Melissa M. Lee, *Crippling Leviathan: How Foreign Subversion Weakens the State*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020. H-Diplo, Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum Roundtable Review 15-15. November 2023.

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.

FELLOWSHIPS	Non-Resident Fellow, Irregular Warfare Initiative (a joint production of Princeton's Empirical Studies of Conflict Project and the Modern War Institute at West Point)	2024	
	Young Strategists Forum German Marshall Fund of the United States	2024	
	United States Institute of Peace USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar	2020-21	
	The Notre Dame International Security Center Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow	2020-21	
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	Roundtable at Council on Foreign Relations with Visiting Military and Intelligence Fellows	2024
	Workshop on Ukraine and Security Force Assistance, Northwestern University	2023
	Security Cooperation Conference, Defense Security Cooperation University	2023
	“War on Ukraine: The Counteroffensive and What’s Next,” Columbia-NYU Russia Public Policy series.	2023
	“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	“Russia’s War in Ukraine.” INTS 205 <i>Current Issues in International Studies</i> Texas A&M University.	2023
	“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, 2023

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, 2024

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)

Proxy Wars (Graduate: Spring 2024)

Russia in International Politics (Graduate: Fall 2023)

International Relations in Theory & Practice (Graduate: Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

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)

SERVICE

Co-host, Social Science of War podcast, Department of Social Sciences and Modern

War Institute at West Point.

Texas A&M University

Search Committee member, International Affairs Department, Fall 2022

Awards Committee member, International Affairs Department, Fall 2023

Speaker:

- Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, “Researching Western Security Force Assistance to Ukraine.” September 26, 2023.
- MSC Wiley Lecture Series, ”The Rise of China.” November 16, 2022.

Moderator:

- Conversation with Daniel Fata (CSIS), Alexander Hamilton Society, November 2023
- Discussion with Dr. Stephen Kotkin, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, March 2023.
- 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, European Journal of International Security, International Interactions, International Politics, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics

**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.

**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

FIELDWORK Germany, Poland, United Kingdom, Ukraine.

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

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

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