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

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 US 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." *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).

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

Editor-reviewed

Chinchilla, Alexandra, Kit Rickard, and Giuseppe Spatafora. "Ways Forward: A Research Agenda on Conflict Delegation." *International Studies Review* (2021).

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

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

“Formal Models of Proxy War,” forthcoming in the *Routledge Handbook of Proxy Wars*, edited by Moghadam Assaf, Vladimir Rauta, and Michel Wyss.

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“I’ll be Watching You: Great Power Use of Military Advisors to Police their Proxies.”

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

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

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

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 <i>\$500 research grant</i>	2020
	Bienen Summer Research Award, University of Chicago <i>\$1,800 research grant</i>	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	“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	Research methods seminar, The University of Texas at Austin
	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)

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

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

LANGUAGES Polish (Intermediate), Russian (Beginner).
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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
International Interactions
International Politics
International Security
International Studies Quarterly
Journal of Politics

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

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