

# Alexandra Chinchilla

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

**AFFILIATIONS** 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

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  
Dissertation: *Advising War: Limited Intervention in Conflict*  
Qualifying exams: International Relations, Formal Theory

**Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C.  
*Bachelor of Science*, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS) 2015  
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

“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

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

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

“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.

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

### OTHER WRITING

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 <i>Awarded to an undergraduate whose achievements in international security have been judged outstanding by the faculty.</i>	2015
<b>INVITED TALKS &amp; WORKSHOPS</b>	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
	<b>GUEST LECTURES</b>	Morgenthau Grand Strategy Seminar, John Quincy Adams Society, "Going to War: Who Decides in a Democracy?"
	<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>	
<b>CONFERENCES</b>	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
	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).  
Stata, R, Tableau.

**SERVICE** **University of Chicago**  
Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES) 2017 - 2018  
*Student Coordinator*  
Political Science Association (PSA) Board Member 2016 - 2018  
  
Graduate Students in International Security, Etc. (GSISE) 2020 - Present  
Organizer  
  
**Reviewer**  
International Interactions  
International Security  
Journal of Politics

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