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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
- 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, Kyle Atwell, Alexis Bradstreet, Catherine Crombe, and Luther Leblanc. "Irregular Warfare in Strategic Competition," forthcoming, *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: Great Power Use of Military Advisors to Police their Proxies." Research article.

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

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

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. Research article.

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

"Escalation as a Process." with Kyle Atwell, Sara Plana, 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 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 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 2020
\$10,000 research grant
2019
\$5,000 research grant

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, Georgetown University 2015
Awarded to an undergraduate whose achievements in international security have been judged outstanding by the faculty.

**INVITED
TALKS &
WORKSHOPS**

Workshop on Ukraine and Security Force Assistance, 2023
Northwestern University

Security Cooperation Conference, Defense Security Cooperation University 2023

"War on Ukraine: The Counteroffensive and What's Next," 2023
Columbia-NYU Russia Public Policy series.

	“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 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, 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

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: will be taught Spring 2023)

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)

SERVICE

Co-host, Social Science of War podcast, 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, 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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