

# Alexandra Chinchilla

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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

“NATO Expansion and Democratic Development in Eastern Europe,” with Paul Poast, forthcoming in *Evaluating NATO Enlargement: From Cold War Victory to the Russia-Ukraine War*, edited by James Goldgeier, and Joshua R. Shiffrin.

“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. “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 <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	
<b>INVITED TALKS &amp; WORKSHOPS</b>	“The Past, Present, and Future of US Alliances” conference, William & Mary	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	
	<b>GUEST LECTURES</b>	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	
<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

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.

**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** **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  
Journal of Politics

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

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