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

EDUCATION **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL 2015 - Present
PhD. Candidate, Political Science
Master of Arts, Political Science June 2017
Qualifying exams: International Relations, Formal Theory

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Science, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS) May 2015
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Carroll Fellow

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

DISSERTATION PROJECT *Advising War: Limited Intervention in Conflict*
Committee: Paul Poast (chair), Austin Carson, Monika Nalepa, and Paul Staniland

PUBLISHED WORK **Peer-reviewed**

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

"Introducing the New CPOST Dataset on Suicide Attacks." with Robert A. Pape and Alejandro Albanez Rivas, University of Chicago (Accepted, *Journal of Peace Research*).

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

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

WORK IN PROGRESS "Training Future Leaders: The Effect of US Military Training on Human Rights in Recipient Countries," with Genevieve Bates and Andres Uribe, University of Chicago.

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

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

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

**OTHER
WRITING**

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**

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
\$10,000 research grant 2020
\$5,000 research grant 2019

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

Joseph S. Lepgold Medal 2015
Awarded to an undergraduate whose achievements in international security have been judged outstanding by the faculty.

**INVITED
TALKS**

Quincy Institute For Responsible Statecraft 2020
Panel, “Enlarging NATO: Grave Mistake or Vital Cause?”

NATO Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism 2020
Ankara, Turkey
Lectured for military officers and civilian security professionals on causes of suicide terrorism, recent trends in the use of suicide terrorism during conflict, and ISIS recruitment in the United States.

League of Creative Minds 2020
Lectured for advanced high school class on causes of suicide terrorism and ISIS recruitment in the United States.

Pathways Program, University of Chicago 2019
Lectured on the causes and management of proxy war for advanced high school students enrolled in the University of Chicago's pre-college program.

WORKSHOPS 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

CONFERENCES American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2018, 2019, 2020
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting 2017, 2019, 2020*
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting 2018
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 - Present
Data Research Fellow

- Manages a 6-person data analytics team producing data-driven publications on terrorism trends and the link between 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.
- 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

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