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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 - 2021 (Expected)
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 The John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College 2021-2022
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

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 Państwo?* ed. Anna Antczak-Barzan. Warszawa: Vizja Press, 2014: 255-267.

WORKING PAPERS

“Warlord Coordination As State-Building In Post-Maidan Ukraine.” with Jesse Driscoll, University of California San Diego.

“Ways Forward: A Research Agenda on Conflict Delegation.” with Kit Rickard, University College London, and Giuseppe Spatafora, University of Oxford (under review).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“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.

“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 Panel, "Enlarging NATO: Grave Mistake or Vital Cause?"	2020
	NATO Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism Ankara, Turkey <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>	2020
	League of Creative Minds <i>Lectured for advanced high school class on causes of suicide terrorism and ISIS recruitment in the United States.</i>	2020
	Pathways Program, University of Chicago <i>Lectured on the causes and management of proxy war for advanced high school students enrolled in the University of Chicago's pre-college program.</i>	2019
WORKSHOPS	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
CONFERENCES	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021	
	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting	2017, 2019, 2020*, 2021
	ISA Midwest Annual Conference	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 <i>Game Theory I</i> (Graduate) Prof. Monika Nalepa, Prof. John Patty	Fall 2016, 2017
	<i>Game Theory II</i> (Graduate) Prof. John Patty	Winter 2018

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.
- Regularly utilized statistical software such as R for the role as well as data visualization tools such as Tableau.

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.

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).
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