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## Academic Appointments

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, August 2023 - Present. Brigham Young University
- Post-doctoral University Assistant, Department of Political Science, 2020 - 2023. University of Salzburg
- Research Fellow, Centre for Political and Legal Analytics, 2018 - 2020. Cardiff University

## Education

- PhD, Political Science and International Affairs, 2018. University of Georgia
- M.S., Political Science, 2012. Utah State University
- B.S., Political Science and History, 2010. Utah State University

## Additional Training

- Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2016
- EITM Europe, Quantitative Text Analysis, 2021

## Peer Reviewed Publications

1. "Secrecy and the Politics of Selective Disclosures: the US Government's Intervention in Guatemala." (with Luca Trenta and Kevin Fahey). *Intelligence and National Security*. Forthcoming.
2. "Rosie the Riveter, Vera the Volunteer: Assessing the Motivations of Female Service During the Second World War." 2023. (with Alexandra Artiles, Joana Trenska, and Kevin Fahey). *PS: Political Science & Politics*. July, 2023.
3. "Ain't No Fortunate Son: the Political Calculus of Conscription." 2023 (with Kevin Fahey) *Political Research Quarterly*. Volume 76(3).
4. "Everywhere and Nowhere: Information Literacy in the Political Science Classroom." (with Stephen Thornton) 2022. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. July. 2022.
5. "The Citation Behaviours and the Academic Performance of First Year Political Science Students" 2022 (with Stephen Thornton) *European Political Science*. Volume 21.
6. "The Issues are the Issue: Intangible Salience and War Duration." 2021. *International Interactions*. Volume 47(6).
7. "Rivalry, Uncertainty, and Militarized Compellent Threats." 2021 (with Josh Jackson and George Williford) *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Volume (6)1

8. "A Bayesian Forecasting Model of International Conflict." 2020 (with George Williford). *Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation*, Volume 17(3) pp. 235-242.
9. "The Refugee of My Enemy is My Friend: Rivalry Type and Refugee Admissions." 2019 (with Josh Jackson) *Political Research Quarterly*, Volume 72(1), 63-74.
10. "When States Resist: Regime Type, Relative Power and Militarized Compellent Threats" 2018 (with Filip Viskupic) *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Volume 3(4), 431-433.
11. "Should We Stay, or Should We Go? Assessing the Outcomes of Great Power Retrenchment" 2016 (with George Williford). *Research and Politics*, October-December 2016: pp.1-6.

### **Book Chapters**

1. "War and The Orient Express" 2021. in Sara McLaughlin Mitchell and John Vasquez. *What Do We Know About War?*, Third Edition. Routledge. (with Andy Owsiak).

### **Book Reviews**

1. "The False Promise of Battlefield: A Review of the *the Allure of Battle*." 2020. *International Studies Review*, Volume 22(1) pp. 183-84.

### **Media Publications**

1. "In times of war, who is conscripted may depend on who they voted for" *LSE United States Politics and Policy Blog* , September 27, 2022. (with Kevin Fahey)
2. "Ukraine: what will end the war? Here's what research says" *The Conversation*, March 9, 2022. (with Kevin Fahey)
3. "What moments of uncertainty mean for war – and peace – between global rivals" *The Conversation*, August 19, 2020.
4. "Trump is Nixon 2.0 – but like Watergate, His Scandals Offer an Opportunity for Radical Change." *The Conversation*, November 29, 2018. (with Rene Lindstadt, Kevin Fahey, and Zach Warner)

### **Working Papers (Under Review)**

1. "Systems of Conscription, Political Survival, and Battlefield Deaths." (with Kevin Fahey, Rene Lindstadt, and Zach Warner) R&R at *Comparative Political Studies*
2. "Sequencing the Steps to War Thesis." (with Andy Owsiak, Josh Jackson, and Rebecca Buechler) R&R *International Interactions*

### **Working Papers & Projects**

1. "A Fire Inside: Issues, Intangible Salience, and the Willingness to Suffer."
2. "What Happens After Peacekeepers Leave?" (with Sky Kunkel, Rebecca Dudley, and Zach Warner)

3. “ Never Realized How Much You Care’: Intangible Salience Discrepancies, Imperial Expansion, and the Onset, Management, and Termination of Territorial Claims ” (with Matthew Tikhonovsky and Andy Owsiak)
4. “Economic Interdependence and the Duration of Contentious Issue Claims” (with George Wilford)
5. “Caught in the Fray: Wartime Signaling and Issue Manipulation.”
6. When the Boys Leave: the Long-term Effects of Mass Conscription on Women’s Rights” (with Leslie Fischer, Vanessa Tuttle, and Kevin Fahey)
7. “You Can Get Anything You Want: Electoral Longitudinal Consequences of Manipulation of the Draft” (with Kevin Fahey and Alexandra Artiles)
8. You Can Get Anything You Want: Electoral Longitudinal Consequences of Inequitable Military Service”
9. “Evaluating the Strategic Manipulation of Issues During War” (with Dominik Butara and Andy Owsiak)
10. Fascism’s Shadow: How RAF Bombings in WWII haunt present-day Right-wing Populists (with Leslie Fischer)
11. “Creating Illusions: Manufacturing the Appearance of Fairness in an Inequitable Conscription System.” (with Kevin Fahey)

### **Awards and Grants**

- British Academy Small Grant for the project ”The CIA, Congress, and covert action: the politics of selective disclosure” (co-PI, with Luca Trenat (PI) and Kevin Fahey (co-PI)), £9,757.86 - 2021
- Research Support Scheme, Cardiff University School of Law and Politics, £1,000 - 2020
- Excellence in Research by Graduate Students Award for the Social and Behavioral Sciences, UGA Graduate School, \$1,000 – 2019
- W. Tapley Bennett Jr. Scholarship, UGA Department of International Affairs, \$4,250 – Fall 2017-Spring 2018
- Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant, UGA Graduate School, \$2,400 – Summer 2017
- Prestage-Cook Travel Award (SPSA), to attend the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, \$300 – Fall 2016
- EITM Certification Scholarship to attend ICPSR Summer program, \$2,500 – Summer 2016

## Teaching Experience

- Brigham Young University
  - Principles of International Relations (Fall 2023 & Winter 2024)
  - The Domestic Politics of War (Winter 2024)
- University of Salzburg
  - The Politics of War (Fall 2021 & Fall 2022)
  - Understanding Conflict Processes Using Quantitative Data (Spring 2021)–Nominated by Students for *Distance Teaching Award*.
  - Research Methods II (Spring 2021 & Spring 2022 & Spring 2023)
  - Designing Research on War (Fall 2020)–Nominated by Students for *Distance Teaching Award*.
  - Research Methods I (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)
- Co-Instructor: Cardiff University
  - The Power and Politics of Research Methods
  - Conducting Political Research
- Instructor of Record: University of Georgia
  - Introduction to Global Issues, Honors (two sections Spring 2018)
  - Introduction to Global Issues (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015)
  - International Conflict (Spring 2015)
  - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 2015)
- Tutor: University of Georgia Athletic Association (January 2014-December 2016)
- Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant: Utah State University (August 2011 – May 2012)

## Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

1. “ Never Realized How Much You Care’: Intangible Salience Discrepancies, Imperial Expansion, and the Onset, Management, and Termination of Territorial Claims ” (with Matthew Tikhonovsky and Andy Owsiak) to be Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 3-6, 2024.
2. “Creating Illusions: Manufacturing the Appearance of Fairness in an Inequitable Con-  
scription System.” (with Kevin Fahey) To be Presented at the Policy History Conference,  
Tempe, Arizona, February 2-3, 2024.

3. "The Strategy and Timing of Wartime Issue Manipulation." To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada. March 15-18, 2023.
4. "What Happens After Peacekeepers Leave?" (with Sky Kunkel and Zach Warner). To be presented at the Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Online. December 9, 2022.
5. "The Strategy and Timing of Wartime Issue Manipulation." To be presented at the Southwest Mixed Methods Workshop, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. October 27-28, 2022.
6. "Systems of Conscription, Battlefield Deaths, and Political Survival." Presented at the University of Zurich. July 11, 2022.
7. "What Happens After Peacekeepers Leave?" (with Sky Kunkel and Zach Warner). To be presented at Polmeth, St. Louis, Missouri. July 21-23, 2022.
8. "Issues, Intangible Salience, and the Willingness to Suffer." Presented at the LDS Scholars Workshop 2022, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. May 19-20, 2022.
9. "Intangible Salience and the Process of Territorial Expansion" (with Matthew Tikhonovsky and Andy Owsiak) to be presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, March 28-April 2, 2022
10. "Everyone Has a Tipping Point: Issues and the Willingness to Suffer." to be presented at the IS-ISSS Conference, November 12-14, 2021.
11. "Gimme Shelter: Systems of Conscription, Political Exposure, and the Battlefield." (with Kevin Fahey, Rene Lindstadt, and Zach Warner) to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, June 24-25.
12. "Refugees and Horizontal Inequality." (with Naji Bsisu) to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, April 6-9.
13. "Reconsidering Conscription: Conscription Processes, Regime Type, and Military Effectiveness." to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September 10-13, 2020.
14. "Who Serves? World War II and the Electoral Calculus of the Draft." (with Kevin Fahey) presented at Swansea University, March 27, 2020.
15. "Who Serves? World War II and the Electoral Calculus of the Draft." (with Kevin Fahey) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 16-19, 2020.\*
16. "The Impact of Minimum Threshold Requirements on International Cooperation." (with Chris Arnold and Carsten Andreas Schultz) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 16-19, 2020.\*
17. "Democratic Leaders and the Electoral Calculus of Battlefield Casualties." (with Kevin Fahey, Rene Lindstadt, and Zach Warner) presented at the European Political Science Association, Belfast, United Kingdom .

18. "The Impact of Minimum Threshold Requirements on International Cooperation." (with Chris Arnold and Carsten Andreas Schultz) presented at the European Political Science Association, Belfast, United Kingdom.
19. "Democratic Leaders and the Electoral Calculus of Battlefield Casualties." (with Kevin Fahey, Rene Lindstadt, and Zach Warner) presented at the LDS Scholars Workshop, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
20. "The Sequencing of the Steps to War Thesis." (with Andy Owsiak and Josh Jackson) presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada
21. "A Dynamic Measure of Territorial Saliency using Machine Learning." (with George Williford and Josh Jackson) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts. August 30-September 1, 2018.
22. "The Effect of Refugee Intake on Territorial Disputes." (with Josh Jackson and Naji Bisau) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. San Francisco, California. April 4-7, 2018.
23. "Caught in the Fray: Wartime Signaling and Indivisible Issues." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. January 4-6, 2018.
24. "Cloudy with a Chance of War? Forecasting the Onset of International Conflict." (with George Williford) the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 4-6, 2018.
25. "The Sequencing of the Steps to War Thesis." (with Andy Owsiak and Josh Jackson) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 4-6, 2018.
26. "What are We Fighting for? The Issue Approach and War Termination." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California. August 31-September 3, 2017.
27. "A Bayesian Forecasting Model of International Conflict." Forecasting in the Social Sciences for National Security. National Defense University, Washington D.C. July 26, 2017.
28. "What are We Fighting for? The Issue Approach, Divisibility, and Wartime Dynamics." presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. Baltimore, Maryland. February 22-25, 2017.
29. "The Role of Alliances in Wartime Dynamics." (with Josh Jackson) The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. January 12-14, 2017
30. "Conceptualizing Peace Settlements" (with Andy Owsiak and Matthew Yarborough) the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. January 12-14, 2017
31. "Should We Stay or Should We Go? Assessing the Outcomes of Great Power Retrenchment" (with George Williford) the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. Atlanta, Georgia. March 16-19, 2016.

32. “Asymmetrical Power and Losing Alliances” (with William Dory) the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 15-19, 2015.
33. “Alliances, Regime Types, and Asymmetric Bargaining” (with Filip Viskupic) the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 16-18, 2015.

### Research Experience

- Research Assistant: University of Georgia, Issue Correlates of War, Identity Claims. Under direction of Andy Owsiak (Fall 2015-Summer 2018)
- Research Assistant: University of Notre Dame, Settled Borders Dataset, Under Direction of Andy Owsiak and Gary Goertz (Summer 2016)

### Media

- Interviewed by *Audacious Aotearoa* podcast about the Russia-Ukraine War. March 18, 2022.
- Interviewed by FM4 Vienna about Russia-Ukraine War. March 14, 2022.
- Appeared on BBC Wales’ show *Good Morning Wales* to discuss the politics of the G20 summit. December 1, 2018.

### Service to the Department

- Faculty Advisor for *Sigma: Journal of Political and International Studies*

### Service to the Discipline

- Master’s Thesis Advisor:
  - Joana Trenska, University of Salzburg
  - Jennifer Houiess, University of Salzburg
  - Dastid Morina, University of Salzburg
- Discussant, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN, March 30-April 2.
- Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Austrian Political Science Association, Salzburg, November 25, 2021.
- Panel Chair, IS-ISSS Annual Meeting, Bloomington, Indiana, November 12-14, 2021.
- Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, April 16-19, 2020.\*
- Judge, Global Undergraduate Awards in the Politics and International Relations Category, 2019.
- Discussant, Annual Meeting of the European Political Science Association, Belfast, Northern Ireland, June 19-21, 2019.

- President of Steering Committee for "The Causes and Consequences of the Bosnian Genocide," conference.
- Representative for the School of Law and Politics at the Cardiff University Research Staff Association (2018-2020).
- Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. January 4-6, 2018.
- Co-Founder and coordinator of the Conflict Research Group (University of Georgia)

## Reviewer

- *International Studies Quarterly*; *PS: Political Science and Politics* ; *Political Research Quarterly*; *International Interactions*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *International Studies Review*; *All-Azimuth: Journal of Foreign Policy and Peace*; *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*; *Social Sciences*

## Skills and Languages

- Languages: Reading and Writing Proficiency in German
- Methods: Qualitative Methods, Introduction to Game Theory, Mathematics for Social Scientists, OLS, MLE, Panel Data, Simultaneous Equations, Text as Data, and Bayesian Analysis
- Software: STATA, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, WinBUGS

## Certificates

- Principles of Marketing Research University of Georgia (March 2013)
- EITM Certification, Maximum Likelihood Estimation II



## References

**Available upon request**

\*= canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic.

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