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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech, August 2015 – present

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, John G. Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University, August 2014 – July 2015

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2013-2014

### **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, Political Science, August 2013

M.A., University of Notre Dame, Political Science, January 2010

M.A., University of Chicago, Social Sciences, June 2006

B.A., University of Iowa, with Distinction, May 2005

Majors: History with Honors, Political Science with Honors

Minor: Economics

### **RESEARCH**

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#### **Academic Book**

*Tempting Fate: Why Nonnuclear States Confront Nuclear Opponents* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, November 2019)

#### **Refereed Journal Articles**

“Disentangling Grand Strategy: International Relations Theory and U.S. Grand Strategy” Vol. 2, No. 1 (November 2018). (With Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)

“The Historical Rarity of Foreign-Deployed Nuclear Weapon Crises,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 27, No. 1 (January – March 2018)

“Do U.S. Troop Withdrawals Cause Instability? Evidence from Two Exogenous Shocks on the Korean Peninsula,” *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Vol 3, No. 1 (January 2018). (With Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)

“Who’s Afraid of the Bomb? The Role of Nuclear Non-Use Norms in Confrontations between Nuclear and Non-Nuclear Opponents,” *Security Studies*, Vol. 24, No. 4 (October – December 2015)

“What Do Policymakers Want from Us? Results from a Survey of Current and Former National Security Decision-makers,” *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 58, No. 2 (June 2014). (With Michael C. Desch)

“Confronting Soviet Power: U.S. Policy during the Early Cold War,” *International Security*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (Spring 2012)

### **Refereed Book Chapter**

“The Bumpy Road to a ‘Science’ of Nuclear Strategy,” (with Michael C. Desch), in Dan Maliniak, Sue Peterson, Ryan Powers, and Mike Tierney eds., *The Theory-Practice Divide in International Relations* (Georgetown: Georgetown University Press, forthcoming 2020)

### **Public Commentary**

WUSA9 OffScript (Washington, DC), U.S.-North Korean Nuclear Summit, June 11, 2018

WFIR Radio, U.S.-North Korea Nuclear Crisis, September 21, 2017

“How We Should Deal with North Korea,” *The Roanoke Times*, August 23, 2017

WDBJ7 CBS, U.S.-North Korea Nuclear Crisis, August 11, 2017

WLNI Radio, National Security Adviser Michael Flynn Resignation, February 16, 2017

Augusta Free Press, National Security Adviser Michael Flynn Resignation, February 16, 2017

“What’s New About Trump’s Finger on the Nuclear Button?” War on the Rocks, @  
www.warontherocks.com, April 4, 2016

“Political Science and Policy: It Ain’t Just Academic,” War on the Rocks, @ www.warontherocks.com,  
September 29, 2014

“But If You Try Sometime, You (Might) Get (Some of) What You Need: A Response to Goldgeier, Weaver, and Peterson,” *International Studies Quarterly* online forum, August 28, 2014. (With Michael C. Desch)

“Policymakers Follow Pertinent Academic Research,” USApp blog, American Politics and Policy at the London School of Economics and Politics, @<http://bit.ly/1nTnYI5>, March 14, 2014. (With Michael C. Desch)

“Cold War Fear is Unfounded,” *The Des Moines Register*, March 6, 2014

“What do Policymakers Want from Academics?” The Monkey Cage blog, @www.washingtonpost.com,  
September 25, 2013. (With Michael C. Desch)

“The Ivory Tower,” *Foreign Policy*, No. 191 (Jan/Feb 2012), pp. 90-93. (With Michael C. Desch, James D. Long, Daniel Maliniak, Susan Peterson, and Michael J. Tierney)

## **Reviews**

“*To Kill Nations: American Strategy in the Air-Atomic Age and the Rise of Mutually Assured Destruction*, by Edward Kaplan,” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 131, No. 3 (Fall 2016)

“The Korea Syndrome: An Examination of War-Weariness Theory, by Bradford Ian Stapleton,” *H-Diplo|ISSF Review*, (April 2016)

“*No Use: Nuclear Weapons and U.S. National Security*, by Thomas M. Nichols,” *H-Diplo|ISSF Review* (October 2014)

“Two Concepts of Liberty: U.S. Cold War Grand Strategies and the Liberal Tradition, by Brendan Rittenhouse Green,” *H-Diplo|ISSF Review* (April 2013)

## **Works in Progress**

“MAD and Taboo: Elite Views of Nuclear Weapons” (article project)

“Narrowing the Academic-Policy Divide: Will Blogging Bridge the Gap?” (article project, with Michael C. Desch, Ana Petrova, and Steven L. Wilson)

“The Fragility of the Nuclear Peace,” (article project)

## **Fellowships and Grants**

Council on Foreign Relations, International Affairs Fellowship based at the United States Department of Defense (Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy), 2018-2019

Course Development Grant, Stanton Foundation, 2016

Mentoring Project for New Faculty Members, Virginia Tech, 2016

Renewal Grant for “Beyond the Cult of the Irrelevant,” Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2015-2017 (with Michael C. Desch and Peter Campbell)

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Defense and Foreign Policy Studies, Cato Institute, 2014-2015 (declined)

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, 2013-2014 (declined)

Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, Managing the Atom/International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2012-2013

## **Recent Presentations**

“Fragility of the Nuclear Peace,”  
2019 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC

“MAD and Taboo: Elite Views of Nuclear Weapons,”  
2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA

- “Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly and the Evolving Nuclear Taboo”  
 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA,  
 2017 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD
- “Narrowing the Academic-Policy Gap: Evidence on the Role of Blogging” (with Michael C. Desch and Steven Wilson)  
 2017 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD (with Michael C. Desch and Steven Wilson)
- “The Strategic Costs of Foreign-Deployed Nuclear Weapons” (various titles)  
 2017 North Carolina State University, Visiting Young Scholars Program, April 11-12  
 2016 Annual Meeting of the ISAC-ISSS, Notre Dame, IN  
 2016 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA  
 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 2015 Annual Meeting of the ISAC-ISSS, Springfield, MA
- “Effects of Forward Troop Deployment on Regional Stability”  
 2016 Annual Meeting of the ISAC-ISSS, Notre Dame, IN (with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)
- “Disentangling Grand Strategy” (various titles, with Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon)  
 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA,  
 2016 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 16-19, 2016  
 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA
- “Tempting Fate: Conflict in Nuclear Monopoly” (various titles)  
 2016 Workshop on the Nuclear Taboo Revisited, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
 2015 Nuclear Studies Research Initiative Conference, Warrenton, VA  
 2015 Tower Center for Political Studies Workshop, SMU, Dallas, TX  
 2015 Notre Dame International Security Program, Notre Dame, IN

## **TEACHING**

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### **Instructor**

#### Virginia Tech

Strategies for Modern War  
 National Security Policies  
 Security Studies: Theory and Concepts  
 Nuclear Strategy and Politics  
 Introduction to World Politics  
 National Security (undergraduate)  
 National Security (graduate)

#### Southern Methodist University

Introduction to International Relations

### **Workshop**

Philip Merrill Center Teachers' Workshop, Basin Harbor Club, Lake Champlain, VT, June 1-5, 2015