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## EDUCATION

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### **Boston University**

PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science  
2021 – present

### **Georgetown University**

Master of Science in Foreign Service (Distinction), School of Foreign Service, certificate in Asian Studies  
2018

### **Georgetown University**

Bachelor of Arts, History & Bachelor of Arts, Japanese Language and Culture  
2013

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Forthcoming** “American Arms and Industry in a Changing International Order” (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski, Frank Finelli, Isak Kulalic, and Mark Wilson). *Defence Studies*

**2023** “Paying the Defense Bill: Financing American and Chinese Geostrategic Competition” (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski). *Texas National Security Review*. 6(2) ([link](#))

- Featured in “Paying the Costs of Competition,” the *Net Assessment* podcast, *War on the Rocks* ([link](#))

## POLICY ANALYSIS

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**2023** “American Arms and Industry in a Changing International Order” (with Rosella Cappella Zielinski, Frank Finelli, Isak Kulalic, and Mark Wilson), in *Order, Counter-Order, Disorder? Regional and Global Security Orders in the Shadow of Sino-American Competition*, edited by Jordan Becker and Joshua Woodaz (West Point Press 2023)

**2018** “Chinese Maritime Strategy and Sino-Japanese Energy Cooperation in the East China Sea.” *Pardee Periodical Journal of Global Affairs*

**2018** Editor-in-Chief, “Energy Politics: Asia in an Age of Transition,” *Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs*, Volume 4, No. 2 (Winter 2018-2019)

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Political Control and Bureaucratic Autonomy: The Purpose and Politics of National Security Councils”

## HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

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**2023** *Fellow*, Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Clements Center for National Security

- 2020** *Fellow, Security & Strategy Seminar, U.S.-China Strategic Competition, Hertog Foundation and the Public Interest Fellowship*
- 2020 – present** *Young Leader, Pacific Forum*
- 2017** *Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education*
- 2013** *Morris Medal, Georgetown University*

### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- 2024** International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference  
International Security Seminar, West Point
- 2023** International Studies Association Northeast (ISA-NE) Annual Conference  
International Security – International Security Studies Section (IS-ISSS) Annual Conference  
North American Political Science Association (NPSA) Annual Conference  
*Rapporteur, “American Arms and Industry and the Next National Defense Strategy,” International Security Seminar, United States Military Academy*
- Selected to produce a policy brief for *Special Report for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*
- 2022** *Presentation, “Paying the Defense Bill: Financing American and Chinese Geostrategic Competition,” Krulak Center for Innovation & Future Warfare, Marine Corps University*

### TEACHING

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- Fall 2023** *Head Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations*  
*Teaching Assistant, Contemporary East Asian Economics*
- Summer 2023** *Teaching Assistant, Race and the Politics of Criminal Justice Policy*
- Spring 2023** *Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations*
- Fall 2022** *Teaching Assistant, Public Opinion in American Politics*

### SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

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- 2023** *Graduate Representative, Department of Political Science, Faculty Search Committee*  
*Organizer, Political Economy of Security Workshop, Boston University*

*Assistant to the Panel Section Chairs, International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section*

**2018**      *Editor-in-Chief, Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs*

**2017**      *Section Editor, Politics and Diplomacy, Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*

## **LANGUAGES**

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Japanese – intermediate proficiency

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**2018 - 2020**      *Senior Associate, The Asia Group*

Advised Fortune 100 companies operating in the Asia-Pacific on political, security, economic, and reputational risks and opportunities in the defense, aviation, healthcare, technology, energy, and retail sectors. Subject matter expert on Asia-Pacific security and politics, U.S. and foreign defense industrial sectors, and U.S. foreign military sales

**2017**      *Graduate Intern, U.S. Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Asia-Pacific Security Affairs, Japan Team*

**2017**      *Graduate Intern, U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Industry and Analysis, Energy & Environmental Industries*

**2013 - 2016**      *Research Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Office of the Senior Vice President for Asia and Japan Chair*

Led research for Dr. Michael Green's *By More Than Providence: Grand Strategy and American Power in the Asia-Pacific Since 1783* (Columbia University Press, 2017), a history of U.S. foreign policy and grand strategy in the Asia-Pacific