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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Harvard Kennedy School of Government</b> International Security Program Fellow, Belfer Center	Cambridge, MA 2025-2026
<b>Notre Dame University</b> Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center	South Bend, IN 2024-2025

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> Committee: Alex Weisiger (chair), Edward Mansfield, Julia Gray Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Methods <i>Ph.D. in Political Science</i>	Philadelphia, PA Expected 2026
<b>University of Florida</b> B.A. with <i>Highest Distinction</i> , Political Science Minors in Portuguese and European Union Studies Certificate in International Relations	Gainesville, FL 2020

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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### PRE-DOCTORAL PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [3] [“Strategic culture and competing visions for the EU’s Russia strategy: flexible accommodation, cooperative deterrence, and calibrated confrontation”](#), *International Relations* 38(2): 165–191. 2022.
- [2] [“Competing visions for the EU’s southern strategy: Restraint, preventative engagement, and selective intervention”](#), *Mediterranean Politics* 28(4): 580-610. 2021.
- [1] [“Economic interdependence and economic sanctions: a case study of European Union sanctions on Russia”](#), with Zachary Selden, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 33(2): 229-251. 2019.

## BOOK PROJECTS

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- [1] Lifting Failed Sanctions: Alliances, Reputations, and Instrumental Deference

## WORKING PAPERS

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- [7] “Instrumental Deference: Explaining Sanction Failure”
- [6] “Reshaping the International Order: Wars and Alliances”, with Alex Weisiger
- [5] “Costly Capitulation: Backing Down from Sanction Threats”
- [4] “Untying Hands: The Political Cover of Ally Pressure”
- [3] “Economic Coercion in US Grand Strategy”
- [2] “A Case for Restraint: Public Reactions to Sanctions’ Economic and Security Costs”, with Claire Hayes
- [1] “Electoral Campaigns and Alliance Reliability”

## DATASETS

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- [1] Sanctions and Third-Party Reactions

## GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

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- Predoctoral Fellowship, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University (\$40,000), 2025-2026 (Declined)
- Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$5,000), 2025
- Department Summer Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$2,000), 2024
- Event Support for “Research Frontiers of Economic Sanctions Workshop”, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics (\$1,000), 2024
- Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate in College and University Teaching, University of Pennsylvania, 2024
- Alvin Rubinstein Award (Best Teaching Assistant), Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (\$500), 2023
- Nomination for Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching, University of Pennsylvania. Awarded to 10 Graduate students across the School of Arts & Sciences, 2023
- Research Grant, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, University of Pennsylvania (\$6,360), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- SASGov Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$1,500), 2023, 2024
- Institute for Humane Studies Travel Grant (\$300), 2023
- Steven B. Feirson Family Fellowship Endowment, University of Pennsylvania, 2021-2022
- Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund (\$1,400), 2021
- Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 2020-2025
- Foreign Language Area Studies Award (\$30,000), 2018-2020
- SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award (\$300), 2019
- Summer Undergraduate International Research Award, Center for Undergraduate Research, University of Florida (\$5,000), 2018
- Study Abroad Scholarship, Center for Undergraduate Research, University of Florida (\$1,000), 2018
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Scholars Program, University of Florida (\$2,500), 2019
- Center for European Studies Travel Grant, University of Florida (\$500), 2018
- Best Poster Award “Can Economic Interdependence Predict Support among EU Member States for Sanctions against Russia”, Florida International Summit (\$500), 2018
- Phi Beta Kappa, University of Florida, 2020
- Outstanding Four Year Scholar, University of Florida, 2020

## ACADEMIC PAPERS, CONFERENCES, AND PANELS

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- “Instrumental Deference: Explaining Sanction Failure”. Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, April 2024; University of Pennsylvania International Relations Workshop, March 2024; Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, September 2024; Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, April 2025; Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, September 2025
- “Reshaping the International Order: Wars and Alliances”, with Alex Weisiger. Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, April 2024; Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, September 2024; Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, April 2025
- “Economic Coercion in US Grand Strategy”. Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, September 2025
- “Using Stronger Rope: Hand Tying and Sender Capitulation in Sanction Threat Episodes”. Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, September 2023
- “Sanctions, Allies, and Public Opinion: The Costs of the Sanctions Paradox”. International Studies Association International Security Studies Section Conference, December 2022

“The Lack of Public Constraints on the Imposition of Economic Sanctions: Evidence from a US-based Survey Experiment”. International Studies Association International Security Studies Section Conference, December 2022; University of Pennsylvania International Relations Workshop, March 2022

“Strategic culture and competing visions for the EU’s Russia strategy: flexible accommodation, cooperative deterrence, and calibrated confrontation”. Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019

“Competing visions for the EU’s southern strategy: Restraint, preventative engagement, and selective intervention”. Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019

## GUEST LECTURES

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Economic Statecraft, Guest Lecture for Edward Mansfield’s Introduction to International Relations class, 2024

Effectiveness of Economic Sanctions, Guest Lecture for Julia Gray’s International Political Economy class, 2023

## TEACHING

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### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Teaching Assistant, *International Political Economy*, Julia Gray Spring 2023

Grader, *The European Union: Arguments and Evidence*, Brendan O’Leary Spring 2023, Spring 2021

Head Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to International Relations*, Edward Mansfield Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant, *American Foreign Policy*, Dominic Tierney Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to International Relations*, Alex Weisiger Fall 2021

Instructor, *Introduction to International Relations*,  
Penn Summer Preparation Program June 2021

## SERVICE

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### Professional:

Organizer: Panel “Effectiveness of Economic Sanctions”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2023); Panel “Effectiveness of Economic Sanctions”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2024); “Research Frontiers of Economic Sanctions Workshop”, University of Pennsylvania (2024); Panel “The Drivers of Sanction Decisions: Unintended Consequences, State-to-State Pressure, and Domestic Politics”, Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (2025)

Discussant: Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (2024)

Chair: Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (2024); Research Frontiers of Economic Sanctions Workshop (2024); Annual Meeting of International Studies Association (2025)

### University:

#### Coordinator:

International Relations Internal Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (2023-2024)

#### Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor:

Claire Hayes– “*The American Economic Sanctions Dilemma: Dollar Dominance, Security, and Time Horizons*”, University of Pennsylvania, International Relations Program (2024-2025)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Summer 2023

Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer 2021

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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University of Pennsylvania, Julia Gray Summer 2023

University of Florida, Zachary Selden Fall 2018

## FIELD WORK

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Library of Congress (Manuscript Division), Washington D.C.	Summer 2024
Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Simi Valley	Summer 2024
Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Atlanta	Summer 2024
National Archives Annex, College Park	Summer 2023
NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Brussels	Summer 2018

## SPECIALIZED SKILLS

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**Languages:** *English* (native), *Portuguese* (fluent), *Spanish* (good working knowledge)

**Software & Programming Languages:** STATA, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics.

## REFERENCES

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