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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Center for International Studies, Sciences Po** *2022-present*
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow
- Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University** *2021-2022*
Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School** *2020-2021*
Predoctoral Fellow, International Security Program

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science** *August 2021*
Brown University
- Dissertation Title: *Imagining the Unimaginable: War, Weapons, and Procurement Politics*
Winner of the 2022 Kenneth N. Waltz Outstanding Dissertation Award in International Security, American Political Science Association
 - Committee: Nina Tannenwald, Mark Blyth, Jeff Colgan, Jordan Branch, and Jonathan Caverley
 - Comprehensive Exams: International Relations and Comparative Politics (September 2017)
- Master of Arts in Political Science** *2015-2017*
Brown University
- Master of Science in Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice (Distinction)** *2013-2014*
School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- Master Thesis: *General Elections in Kenya: Breaking with the History of Violence?*
- Master of Laws in Law (Magna Cum Laude)** *2011-2013*
Ghent University
- Erasmus Exchange, Lund University (January-June 2013)
 - Master Thesis: *The Development of Unmanned Weapons and Challenges for International Law*
- Bachelor of Laws in Law** *2008-2011*
Ghent University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Development and Use of Military Technology, Shifts in Military Strategy and Tactics, and the Role of Ideas and Norms therein
- Export of Conventional Weapons and Small Arms
- The Politics of Deterrence
- Intersection between Nuclear Weapons and Conventional Capabilities
- Linkages between Nuclear and Climate Change Politics

RESEARCH

Book Manuscript

- Imagining the Unimaginable: War, Weapons, and Procurement Politics. (working title)

Manuscripts Under Review

- Up in Arms: The Influence of Political Parties on Compliance with the Responsible Arms Transfer Norm. (Revise and Resubmit with *Journal of Global Security Studies*)
- Writing IR after COVID-19: Reassessing Political Possibilities, Good Faith and Policy Relevance. With Benoît Pelopidas. (Revise and Resubmit with *Global Studies Quarterly*)

Work in Progress

- The Eternal Promise of Missile Defense. (working paper)
- Prevailing over the Future: The Role of Imagination and Elite Bargaining in the Construction of Military Technology. (in preparation)
- Missile Defense and the Future of Arms Control. (in preparation)
- What's in a Name? The Many Faces of Nuclear Deterrence. With Daniel Post. (in preparation)
- Elite Perceptions of Dual-Use Weapons. With Lauren Sukin. (in preparation)
- Challenging the Nuclear Stand-Off. (in preparation for *Routledge Handbook of the Future of Warfare*, edited by Sebastian Kaempf and Artur Gruszczak)

Related Publications

- "What We Get Wrong About Missile Defense and Nuclear Deterrence." 22 August 2022. In *Global Dispatches*. ([link](#))
- "China's Hypersonic Weapons Tests Don't Have to Be a Sputnik Moment." 29 October 2021. In *War on the Rocks*. ([link](#))
- "War Isn't (Quite) the Right Metaphor for COVID-19." 20 May 2019. In *Political Violence at a Glance*. With Sara Plana. ([link](#))
- "Belgians know little about Nuclear Weapons (but do oppose them)." 7 August 2018. In *De Standaard*. ([link](#))
- "Time to Really Ban to Bomb." 14 May 2015. In *Mo**. ([link](#))

Conferences & Workshops

- Emerging Scholars Conference, University of Notre Dame (scheduled for May 2023) - Presenter
- New Voices Workshop, Bridging the Gap (scheduled for November 2022) - Presenter
- After Ideas Workshop, Brown University (scheduled for October 2022) - Presenter
- American Political Science Association, Montreal (scheduled for September 2022) - Presenter
- AI and Autonomy Workshop, UC Berkeley and UNIDIR (June 2022) - Participant
- International Studies Association, Nashville (March 2022) - Presenter and Discussant
- Social Science Reading Group, CISAC-Stanford (February 2022) - Presenter
- Nuclear Reading Group, CISAC-Stanford (February 2022) - Presenter
- IISS Roundtable on Non-Nuclear Strategic Weapons, Virtual (February 2022) - Participant
- Revisiting Nuclear Ethics, Stanford (February 2022) - Discussant
- Stanton Nuclear Security Conference, Virtual (October 2021) - Presenter
- American Political Science Association, Virtual (September 2021) - Presenter
- International Studies Association, Virtual (April 2021) - Presenter and Discussant
- American Political Science Association, Virtual (September 2020) - Presenter
- Future Strategy Forum, Virtual (June 2020) - Participant
- New England Political Science Association, Mystic (cancelled due to COVID-19) - Presenter
- International Studies Association, Honolulu (cancelled due to COVID-19) - Presenter

- International Security Studies Section of ISA, Denver (October 2019) - Presenter and Discussant
- Breaking the Mold 2.0 Workshop at U.S. Naval War College, Newport (October 2018) - Participant
- International Studies Association North East, Providence (November 2017) - Presenter
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (April 2017) - Presenter and Discussant

Invited Talks

- Center for Security Studies Kolloquium, ETH Zurich (scheduled for November 2022)
- Strategic and Operational Research Department, U.S. Naval War College (scheduled for Oct 2022)
- Ruger Project on Failed Innovation, U.S. Naval War College (June 2022)
- Arms Control Workshop, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (May 2022)
- Workshop on Emerging Technologies, American University (April 2022)
- Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (April 2022)
- Research Seminar, Center for International Security and Cooperation (March 2022)
- CISAC Research Visit, Los Alamos National Laboratory (March 2022)
- War Studies Conference, Modern War Institute, West Point (November 2021)
- Interdisciplinary Workshop on Environmental Research, Sciences Po (June 2021)
- Future Strategy Forum, Center for Strategic and International Studies and Kissinger Center, Johns Hopkins University SAIS (May 2021)
- Arms Control Workshop, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (November 2020)
- International Security Program Seminar, Belfer Center for Science and Intl Affairs (October 2020)
- Political Economy Workshop, Joint Forum with Boston University (October 2020)
- Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Workshop of Nuclear Knowledges, Center for International Studies, Sciences Po (June 2019)
- Foundation Biermans-Lapôte, Paris (May 2019)
- Political Economy of National Security Workshop, Boston University (December 2017)

Research Assistance

- Professor Linda Cook (Winter 2016-2017)
- Professor Mark Blyth (Winter 2015-2016)
- Professor Leslie Vinjamuri (Spring and Summer 2014)

Additional Training

- International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap (June 2022)
- New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap (October 2021)
- IR Theory Colloquium, Cornell-Yale-Notre Dame (September 2020-June 2021)
- Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Security (SWAMOS), Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University (July 2018)
- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry, Syracuse University (June 2018)
- Prospectus Development Workshop, Tobin Project (June 2017)
- International Summer School on Chinese Politics, Renmin University of China (July 2012)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

External

- Kenneth N. Waltz Outstanding Dissertation Award - American Political Science Association (2022)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship, Grant Agreement ID 101027421 - European Commission (2021)

- Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, Award Number 1849585 - Science, Technology and Society Program, National Science Foundation (2019)
- Harold D. Lasswell Award - Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (2019)
- Research Fellowship - Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia (2019)
- Prospectus Development Fellowship - The Tobin Project (2017)
- Cabeaux-Jacobs Fellowship - Belgian American Education Foundation (2015)
- Scholarship for Internship at United Nations - Flanders Trainee Programme (2014)
- Young Woman in Public Affairs Award - Zonta Belgium (2008)

Internal

- Dissertation Fellowship - Department of Political Science (2020-2021)
- Conference Travel Grant - Graduate School (2020, 2019, 2017)
- Global Mobility Research Fellowship - Graduate School (2019)
- Doctoral Research Travel Fund - Graduate School (2019)
- International Travel Fund Award - Graduate School (2019, 2016)
- Joukowsky Summer Research Award - Graduate School (2019, 2018, 2016)
- Internal Dissertation Fellowship - Department of Political Science (2018-2019)
- P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching - Department of Political Science (2018)
- Research Funding - Social Science Research Institute (2018)
- Methods Training Award - Department of Political Science (2018)
- Travel Funding - Graduate Student Council (2018)
- Teaching Consultant Award - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2018)
- Workshop Mentor Award - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2017)
- Five-Year Funding Guarantee - Graduate School (2015-2020)

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

- The International Law and Politics of Human Rights, Professor Nina Tannenwald (Spring 2018) - Head Teaching Assistant
- Introduction to International Relations, Professor Jordan Branch (Fall 2017) - Head Teaching Assistant
- Ethnic Politics and Conflict, Professor Linda Cook (Spring 2017)
- The International Law and Politics of Human Rights, Professor Nina Tannenwald (Fall 2016)

Guest Lectures

- Qualitative Research Methods, Lehigh University (scheduled for November 2022)
- Hypersonics & Missile Defense, Air Force Academy (May 2022)
- The Politics of Weapons Development and Qualitative Research Methods, Georgia Institute of Technology (October 2021)
- The Responsibility to Protect, Brown University (November 2019)
- The Plight of the Rohingya, Brown University (April 2017)

Mentoring

- Second Reader, Senior Honors Thesis of Anna Victoria Sasaki (Spring 2016)

Pedagogical Training

- Teaching Consultant Program - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2017-2018)
- Course Design Seminar - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2017)
- Seminar on Reflective Teaching - Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (2016)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

May-June 2016

Guest Researcher

- Analysis of arms export legislation and practices in Germany, Sweden, and United Kingdom

Flemish Peace Institute

April-June 2015

Research Intern

- Analysis of the implementation of the ICT Directive in France and United Kingdom
- Research on Transfer without Transshipment and Discovery of Dual-Use in 1925 Geneva Protocol

United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs

July-December 2014

Political Affairs Intern

- Created daily summaries of the disarmament news and wrote a speech for the High Representative
- Research for a report on UAVs, the UN Disarmament Yearbook, and other UNODA publications
- Wrote a trend analysis of UNODA's donor relations for the High Representative

Centre for the International Politics of Conflict, Rights and Justice

January-August 2014

Research Intern

- Research about the work of the International Criminal Court
- Worked on the Centre's social media presence and organized events

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & SKILLS

Professional Service

- Organizer of the Nuclear Knowledges Workshop - Sciences Po (2022-present)
- Co-organizer of the Workshop for Emerging Scholars on Emerging Technologies (2021-present)
- Mentor - Mentorship Program, Center for International Security and Cooperation (2022)
- Co-convener of Nuclear Reading Group - Center for International Security and Cooperation (2022)
- Co-convener of Speaker Series on International Security - Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University (2019-2020)
- Coordinator of Graduate Peer Mentorship Program - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2019-2020)
- Graduate Representative - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2018-2019)
- Convener of the Graduate Workshop for International Relations and Comparative Politics - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2015-2017)
- Co-Organizer of the Graduate Women in Political Science Workshop - Department of Political Science, Brown University (2016-2017)

Affiliations & Membership

- Affiliate - Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University (2022-Present)
- Member - Bridging the Gap Network (2021-Present)
- Member - American Political Science Association (2020-Present)
- Member - International Studies Association (2018-Present)
- Visiting Researcher - Center for International Studies, Sciences Po (April-July 2019)
- Visiting Researcher - Department of War Studies, King's College London (January-March 2019)

Reviewer

- International Security
- Security Studies

Languages

- Dutch (Mother Tongue), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), German (Basic Knowledge)

Skills

- R, Stata, HLM, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

Fieldwork

- Various Locations, United States (Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Spring & Summer 2022)
- London, United Kingdom (January-March 2019, worked with Professor Susan Martin)
- Paris, France (April-July 2019, worked with Professor Benoît Pelopidas)
- New Delhi, India (rescheduled for February 2023 due to COVID-19, affiliated with the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses)

REFERENCES

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