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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

American University

<i>Professor, Department of Foreign Policy and Global Security</i>	2025-present
<i>Provost Associate Professor, Department of Foreign Policy and Global Security</i>	2022-25
<i>Associate Professor, School of International Service</i>	2017-22
<i>Assistant Professor, School of International Service</i>	2009-17

EDUCATION

Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

<i>Ph.D. in Politics and Public Policy</i>	2009
<i>Dissertation: From Crisis to Reform: The Impact of National Security Commissions</i>	

Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

<i>Master's in Public Affairs - International Relations</i>	2004
<i>Distinction, Qualifying Exams</i>	

Williams College

<i>B.A. in History</i>	1998
<i>Summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa</i>	

BOOKS

Jordan Tama, *Bipartisanship and US Foreign Policy: Cooperation in a Polarized Age* (Oxford University Press, 2024)

Gordon M. Friedrichs and Jordan Tama, Editors, *Polarization and US Foreign Policy: When Politics Crosses the Water's Edge* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2024)

James A. Thurber and Jordan Tama, Editors, *Rivals for Power: Presidential-Congressional Relations*, Sixth Edition (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018)

Jordan Tama, *Terrorism and National Security Reform: How Commissions Can Drive Change During Crises* (Cambridge University Press, 2011)

Lee H. Hamilton, with Jordan Tama, *A Creative Tension: The Foreign Policy Roles of the President and Congress* (Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2002)

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUE

Gordon M. Friedrichs and Jordan Tama, Editors, *Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy: Ideas, Institutions, and Implications*, Special Issue of *International Politics* 59, 5 (2022)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Joshua D. Kertzer, Joshua Busby, Jonathan Monten, Jordan Tama, and Craig Kafura, "Elite Misperceptions in Foreign Policy," *British Journal of Political Science* (Forthcoming)
- Hana Attia and Jordan Tama, "The Domestic and International Sources of Legislative Action on Economic Sanctions," *Foreign Policy Analysis* (Forthcoming)
- Jordan Tama, "Institutionalizing Mechanisms for Cultivating the Societal Impact of Research," in "Societal Impact in a Turbulent World: Researcher Competencies and Career Pathways," Forum, *International Studies Perspectives* (Forthcoming)
- Jordan Tama, "Bipartisanship Put to the Test: U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan," in Special Issue of *Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik* 18, 4 (2025): 633-650
- Jordan Tama, Maria Rost Rublee, and Kathryn Urban, "The Impact of Professional Training in Public and Policy Engagement," *PS: Political Science & Politics* 57, 3 (2024): 396-402
- Jordan Tama, Naazneen H. Barma, Brent Durbin, James Goldgeier, and Bruce W. Jentleson, "Bridging the Gap in a Changing World: New Opportunities and Challenges for Engaging Practitioners and the Public," *International Studies Perspectives* 24, 3 (2023): 285-307
- Ashrakat Elshehawy, Nikolay Marinov, Federico Nanni, and Jordan Tama, "SASCAT: Natural Language Processing Approach to the Study of Economic Sanctions," *Journal of Peace Research* 60, 5 (2023): 877-885
- Gordon Friedrichs and Jordan Tama, "Polarization and US Foreign Policy: Key Debates and New Findings," in Special Issue of *International Politics* 59, 5 (2022): 767-785
- James D. Bryan and Jordan Tama, "The Prevalence of Bipartisanship in U.S. Foreign Policy: An Analysis of Important Congressional Votes," in Special Issue of *International Politics* 59, 5 (2022): 874-897
- Jordan Tama, "Forcing the President's Hand: How the U.S. Congress Shapes Foreign Policy Through Sanctions Legislation," *Foreign Policy Analysis* 16, 3 (2020): 397-416
- Republished in "Economic Sanctions," Virtual Issue of *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2022)
- Joshua Busby, Craig Kafura, Jonathan Monten, and Jordan Tama, "Multilateralism and the Use of Force: Experimental Evidence on the Views of Foreign Policy Elites," *Foreign Policy Analysis* 16, 1 (2020): 118-129
- Jordan Tama, "How an Agency's Responsibilities and Political Context Shape Government Strategic Planning: Evidence from US Federal Agency Quadrennial Reviews," in Special Issue of *Public Management Review* 20, 3 (2018): 377-396
- Reprinted in John M. Bryson, Lauren Hamilton Edwards, and David M. Van Slyke, Editors, *Toward a More Strategic View of Strategic Planning Research* (Routledge, 2023), 68-87
- Jordan Tama, "Tradeoffs in Defense Strategic Planning: Lessons from the U.S. Quadrennial Defense Review," in Special Issue of *Defence Studies* 18, 3 (2018): 279-301
- Reprinted in Henrik Breitenbauch and André Ken Jacobson, Editors, *Defence Planning as Strategic Fact* (Routledge, 2020), 27-49

- Jordan Tama, "The Politics of Strategy: Why Government Agencies Conduct Major Strategic Reviews," *Journal of Public Policy* 37, 1 (2017): 27-54
- Jordan Tama, "Independent Commissions as Settings for Civil-Military Deliberation: The Case of Women in the Military," *Armed Forces and Society* 42, 2 (2016): 407-426
- Jordan Tama, "Does Strategic Planning Matter? The Outcomes of U.S. National Security Reviews," *Political Science Quarterly* 130, 4 (2015): 735-765
- Jordan Tama, "Crises, Commissions, and Reform: The Impact of Blue-Ribbon Panels," *Political Research Quarterly* 67, 1 (2014): 152-164
- Jordan Tama, "From Private Consultation to Public Crusade: Assessing Eisenhower's Legislative Strategies on Foreign Policy," *Congress and the Presidency* 40, 1 (2013): 41-60
- Jordan Tama, "The Power and Limitations of Commissions: The Iraq Study Group, Bush, Obama, and Congress," *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 41, 1 (2011): 135-155
- Robert M. Hathaway and Jordan Tama, "The U.S. Congress and North Korea during the Clinton Years: Talk Tough, Carry a Small Stick," *Asian Survey* 44, 5 (2004): 711-733

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Jordan Tama, "The Use of Sanctions in U.S. Foreign Policy," in David Skidmore, Editor, *Research Handbook on American Foreign and Security Policy* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Forthcoming)
- Jordan Tama, "Varieties of Bipartisanship: How Democrats and Republicans Align on Foreign and Domestic Policy," in Sarah E. Kreps and Douglas L. Kriner, Editors, *Checking the Costs of War: Sources of Accountability in Post-9/11 US Foreign Policy* (University of Chicago Press, 2025), 76-104
- Susanna Campbell and Jordan Tama, "Bridging the Gap in International Relations," in Cameron G. Thies, Editor, *Handbook of International Relations* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2025), 374-386
- Jordan Tama, "Anti-Presidential Bipartisanship in Foreign Policy in the Trump Era," in Ralph G. Carter and James M. Scott, Editors, *Congress and U.S. Foreign Policy: Activism, Assertiveness and Acquiescence in a Polarized Era* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2021), 21-36
- Shoon Murray and Jordan Tama, "U.S. Foreign Policymaking and National Security," in Derek S. Reveron, Nicholas K. Gvosdev, and John A. Cloud, Editors, *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. National Security* (Oxford University Press, 2018), 57-75
- Dina Smeltz, Craig Kafura, Joshua W. Busby, Jonathan Montan, and Jordan Tama, "Foreign Policy Beliefs Among Leaders and the Public," in James M. McCormick, Editor, *The Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy: Insights and Evidence*, Seventh Edition (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), 133-151
- Jordan Tama, "Foreign and Security Policy," in Gillian Peele, Christopher Bailey, Bruce Cain, B. Guy Peters, and Jon Herbert, Editors, *Developments in American Politics*, Eighth Edition (Palgrave, 2018), 248-264

James A. Thurber and Jordan Tama, “An Introduction to Presidential-Congressional Rivalry,” in Thurber and Tama, Editors, *Rivals for Power: Presidential-Congressional Relations*, Sixth Edition (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), 1-30

Jordan Tama, “Presidential-Congressional Relations in Foreign Policy,” in Thurber and Tama, Editors, *Rivals for Power: Presidential-Congressional Relations*, Sixth Edition (Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), 217-236

Jordan Tama, “The Political, Policy, and Oversight Roles of Congressional Defense Commissions,” in Colton C. Campbell and David P. Auerswald, Editors, *Congress and Civil-Military Relations* (Georgetown University Press, 2015), 53-70

Jordan Tama, “The 9/11 Commission,” in Gregory Moore, Editor, *Encyclopedia of U.S. Intelligence* (Auerbach Publications, 2015), 9-13

Jordan Tama, “Changing Course in a Time of War: Congress and the 2006 Iraq Study Group,” in Maxmillian Angerholzer III, James Kitfield, Christopher P. Lu, and Norman Ornstein, Editors, *Triumphs and Tragedies of the Modern Congress: Case Studies in Legislative Leadership* (Praeger, 2014), 311-317

Jordan Tama, “Reforming Defense Acquisition,” in Will Marshall and Mark Ribbing, Editors, *Memos to the New President* (Progressive Policy Institute, 2009), 165-172

WORK IN PROGRESS

Constraining Goliath: The Fight to Rein in the Imperial Presidency and Protect the International Order
(book project)

“From Insulation to Politicization: The Politics of U.S. Foreign Aid Policy”

“Swinging the Pendulum Back: Reconnecting Public Opinion Research and Policy Making,” with A. Burcu Bayram, Juliet Kaarbo, and Efe Tokdemir

“The US Response to China’s Expansionism in the Asia-Pacific,” with Lily Wojtowicz

“Bridging the Gap: Connecting the Study and Practice of Foreign Policy”

POLICY REPORTS

Craig Kafura, Dina Smeltz, Jordan Tama, and Joshua Busby, “Republican Foreign Policy Experts Signal Strong Support for Taiwan,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (February 6, 2025)

Dina Smeltz, Craig Kafura, Lama El Baz, Jordan Tama, and Joshua Busby, “US Opinion Leaders Endorse Alliances and Security Guarantees,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (December 18, 2024)

Dina Smeltz, Craig Kafura, Lama El Baz, Jordan Tama, and Joshua Busby, “US Opinion Leaders Support Continued Aid to Ukraine,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (December 18, 2024)

Lama El Baz, Craig Kafura, Dina Smeltz, Joshua Busby, and Jordan Tama, “US Opinion Leaders Deeply Divided on Israel-Gaza War,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (November 25, 2024)

Joshua Busby, Jordan Tama, Jonathan Monten, and Craig Kafura, “What’s Worrying US Foreign Policy Leaders Ahead of the 2024 Election,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (November 4, 2024)

Joshua Busby, Jordan Tama, and Jonathan Monten, “Foreign Policy Experts Fear the Threat Is Coming From Inside the House,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (May 22, 2024)

Craig Kafura, Dina Smeltz, Joshua Busby, Jonathan Monten, and Jordan Tama, “US Opinion Leaders Support Aid to Taiwan,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (June 2023)

Jordan Tama, Craig Kafura, Dina Smeltz, Joshua Busby, Joshua D. Kertzer, and Jonathan Monten, “Cooperation or Coercion? The Views of US Opinion Leaders on Foreign Policy Approaches,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (March 2021)

Craig Kafura, Dina Smeltz, Joshua Busby, Joshua D. Kertzer, Jonathan Monten, and Jordan Tama, “Divisions on US-China Policy: Opinion Leaders and the Public,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (February 2021)

Joshua Busby, Craig Kafura, Dina Smeltz, Jordan Tama, Jonathan Monten, Joshua D. Kertzer, and Brendan Helm, “Coming Together or Coming Apart? Attitudes of Foreign Policy Opinion Leaders and the Public in the Trump Era,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (March 2020)

Elizabeth Rosenberg and Jordan Tama, “Strengthening the Economic Arsenal: Bolstering the Deterrent and Signaling Effects of Sanctions,” Center for a New American Security (December 2019)

Dina Smeltz, Karl Friedhoff, Craig Kafura, Joshua Busby, Jonathan Monten, and Jordan Tama, “The Foreign Policy Establishment or Donald Trump: Which Better Reflects American Opinion?” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (April 2017)

Jordan Tama, “Maximizing the Value of Quadrennial Strategic Planning,” IBM Center for the Business of Government (2016)

Dina Smeltz, with Joshua Busby, Gregory Holyk, Craig Kafura, Jonathan Monten, and Jordan Tama, “United in Goals, Divided on Means: Opinion Leaders Survey Results and Partisan Breakdowns from the 2014 Chicago Council Survey of American Opinion on US Foreign Policy,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (2015)

Jordan Tama, “How an Afghanistan-Pakistan Study Group Could Help,” Progressive Policy Institute (2011)

Jordan Tama and Benjamin Rhodes, “What’s Worth Fighting For? A Progressive View of the Use of Force,” Truman National Security Project (2007)

Jordan Tama, “Intelligence Reform: Progress, Remaining Deficiencies, and Next Steps,” Princeton Project on National Security (2005)

SELECTED PUBLIC-FACING WRITING

Jordan Tama, “How Congress Can Still Influence Trump’s War,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (March 5, 2026)

Jordan Tama, “The American Political Environment Is Ripe for a New Foreign Policy Vision,” Chicago Council on Global Affairs (January 28, 2026)

Jordan Tama, “How Congress Can Shape America’s Use of Economic Sanctions,” *Lawfare* (May 28, 2025)

Jordan Tama, “Congress Can Check the President on Foreign Policy – Even under Trump,” Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (January 30, 2025)

Roundtable featuring Jordan Tama, Jeffrey A. Friedman, Sahar Khan, Ali Wyne, Christopher Preble, and Mir Mohiuddin, “Will Foreign Policy Matter in the 2024 Presidential Election?” *Inkstick* (March 11, 2024)

Jordan Tama, “Democrats and Republicans Can Still Work Together in Some Important Areas of Foreign Policy, But Don’t Expect Unity,” *LSE United States Politics and Policy Blog* (January 10, 2024)

Roundtable featuring Elizabeth N. Saunders, Sarah Binder, Michael Tesler, Jordan Tama, and Andrew Payne, “Will Congress Shut Down the Government over Aid to Israel and Ukraine?” *Good Authority* (November 14, 2023)

Jordan Tama, “Trump Didn’t Invent Isolationism,” *Foreign Policy* (September 5, 2023)

Jordan Tama, “First Republican Debate Set to Kick Off Without Trump – But With the Potential to Direct the GOP’s Foreign Policy Stance,” *The Conversation* (August 22, 2023)

Jordan Tama, “Can Democrats and Republicans Still Cooperate on Foreign Policy?” *Inkstick* (August 22, 2023)

Jordan Tama, “The Surprising Bipartisanship of U.S. Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Affairs* (July 6, 2023)

Jordan Tama, “Congressional Democrats and Republicans Are United in Confronting Russia. That Unity Won’t Last,” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* (March 4, 2022)

Jordan Tama and Dina Smeltz, “How Would the American Public Respond to a Russian Invasion of Ukraine?” *War on the Rocks* (February 3, 2022)

Dina Smeltz and Jordan Tama, “Did Trump Remake the GOP? On Foreign Policy, Not so Much,” *Politico* (May 27, 2021)

Jordan Tama, “How a January 6 Commission Can Succeed: What Empirical Research Tells Us,” *Just Security* (February 24, 2021)

Jordan Tama, “Members of Congress Want a Commission to Investigate the Capitol Invasion. Here’s When These Work,” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* (January 19, 2021)

Jordan Tama, Jonathan Monten, Joshua Busby, Joshua D. Kertzer, Dina Smeltz, and Michael Tierney, “Foreign Policy is Biden’s Best Bet for Bipartisan Action, Experts Say – But GOP Is Unlikely to Join Him on Climate Change,” *The Conversation* (December 9, 2020)

Jonathan Monten, Joshua Busby, Joshua D. Kertzer, Dina Smeltz, and Jordan Tama, “Americans Want to Engage the World: The Beltway and the Public Are Closer Than You Think,” *Foreign Affairs* (November 3, 2020)

Elizabeth Rosenberg and Jordan Tama, “Add Economic Policy to Deterrence Planning,” *Defense One* (December 16, 2019)

Joshua Busby, Dina Smeltz, and Jordan Tama, “Trump and His Advisers Are Probably Wrong about What Foreign Policy Americans Want,” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* (July 3, 2019)

Jordan Tama, Joshua Busby, Craig Kafura, Joshua D. Kertzer, and Jonathan Monten, “Congress has NATO’s Back, Despite Trump’s Unilateralism,” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* (April 3, 2019)

Jordan Tama, “Why is the Senate Challenging Trump on Yemen? Here’s What You Need to Know,” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* (November 30, 2018)

Dina Smeltz, Joshua Busby, and Jordan Tama, “Political Polarization the Critical Threat to US, Foreign Policy Experts Say,” *The Hill* (November 9, 2018)

Jordan Tama, “What is the Global Magnitsky Act, and Why are U.S. Senators Invoking This on Saudi Arabia,” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* (October 12, 2018)

Jordan Tama, “The Nuances Behind Recent Changes in Congress’s Foreign Policy Role,” *The Hill* (August 31, 2017)

Jordan Tama, “So Congress is Challenging the President About Sanctions? That Has a Long History,” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage* (June 16, 2017)

Jordan Tama, “Strikes Against Syria: Did Trump Need Permission from Congress?” *The Conversation* (April 7, 2017)

Jordan Tama, “Russia, Trump, and the 2016 Election: What’s the Best Way for Congress to Investigate?” *The Conversation* (February 16, 2017)

Joshua Busby, Craig Kafura, Jonathan Monten, Dina Smeltz, and Jordan Tama, “How the Elite Misjudge the U.S. Electorate on International Engagement,” *Real Clear World* (November 7, 2016)

Jordan Tama, “Why Strategic Planning Matters to National Security,” *Lawfare* (March 6, 2016)

Joshua Busby, Jonathan Monten, Jordan Tama, Dina Smeltz, and Craig Kafura, “Measuring Up: How Elites and the Public See U.S. Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Affairs* (June 9, 2015)

Joshua W. Busby, Jonathan Monten, Jordan Tama, and William Inboden, “Congress Is Already Post-Partisan: Agreement Across the Aisle on U.S. Foreign Policy,” *Foreign Affairs* (January 28, 2013)

Jordan Tama, “The Best Way to Investigate Benghazi,” *Washington Post* (November 18, 2012)

Jordan Tama, “In Defense of the Back-Room Deal,” *New York Times* (October 19, 2011)

Jordan Tama, “This Is a Job for a Super Committee,” *Newsday* (August 7, 2011)

- Jordan Tama, “Three Cheers for Blue-Ribbon Panels,” *Wilson Quarterly* 35, 3 (2011): 30-34
- Jordan Tama, “In Defense of Blue-Ribbon Commissions,” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas* (April 20, 2011)
- Jordan Tama, “Debt Commission’s Fate Now in President’s Hands,” *The Hill* (January 26, 2010)
- Jordan Tama, “Intelligent Design,” *Foreign Policy* (January 11, 2010)
- Jordan Tama, “Commission Impossible?” *The Atlantic* (December 6, 2006)
- Jordan Tama, “Is Europe Too Cautious?” *Foreign Policy* 140 (2004): 88-90

REVIEWS

- Jordan Tama, Review of *The Insiders’ Game: How Elites Make War and Peace*, by Elizabeth N. Saunders, in *H-Diplo/Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum Roundtable* (Forthcoming)
- Jordan Tama, Review of *The Commander-in-Chief Test: Public Opinion and the Politics of Image-Making in US Foreign Policy*, by Jeffrey A. Friedman, in *H-Diplo/Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum*, Roundtable Review 17, 29 (2026): 12-17
- Jordan Tama, Review of *Dying by the Sword: The Militarization of US Foreign Policy*, by Monica Duffy Toft and Sidika Kushi, in *H-Diplo/Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum*, Roundtable Review 16, 1 (2024): 25-30
- Jordan Tama, Review of *Power Shifts: Congress and Presidential Representation*, by John A. Dearborn, in *Congress and the Presidency* 49, 2 (2022): 252-253
- Jordan Tama, Review of *Reagan, Congress, and Human Rights. Contesting Morality in US Foreign Policy*, by Rasmus Sinding Søndergaard, in *Diplomatica* 4 (2022): 326-328
- Jordan Tama, Review of *Foreign Policy Advocacy and Entrepreneurship: How a New Generation in Congress Is Shaping U.S. Engagement with the World*, by Jeffrey S. Lantis, in *Political Science Quarterly* 135, 2 (Fall 2020): 520-521
- Jordan Tama, *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum* Article Review 129 of “Why Did the United States Invade Iraq in 2003?” by Ahsan I. Butt (November 14, 2019)
- Jordan Tama, *H-Diplo* Article Review 741 of “The CIA and Congressional Oversight: Learning and Forgetting Lessons” by Glenn Hastedt (January 30, 2018)
- Jordan Tama, Review of *The National Security Enterprise: Navigating the Labyrinth*, edited by Roger Z. George and Harvey Rishikof, in *Intelligence and National Security* 27, 4 (2012): 610-614
- Jordan Tama, Review of *The Threat on the Horizon: An Inside Account of America’s Search for Security after the Cold War*, by Loch Johnson, in *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum Roundtable* 3, 12 (2012): 14-18

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Naazneen H. Barma, Brent Durbin, Danielle Gilbert, James Goldgeier, Bruce W. Jentleson, Jordan Tama, and Michael Weintraub, *Training for Public and Policy Engagement: Lessons from 20 Years of Bridging the Gap Programming* (Bridging the Gap, 2026)
- Jordan Tama, “How My Congressional Fellowship Informed My Research Agenda,” *Political Science Today* 5, 1 (2025): 6-8
- Jordan Tama, Author’s Response, *H-Diplo/Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum Roundtable* 16-10 (2024): 34-38
- Jordan Tama, “Gouverner Avec Son Opposant: De la Cohabitation en Amérique,” Institut Montaigne (August 12, 2024)
- Jordan Tama, “The Multiple Forms of Bipartisanship: Political Alignments in US Foreign Policy,” *Democracy Papers*, Social Science Research Council (June 19, 2018)
- Jordan Tama, Author’s Response, *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum Roundtable* 3, 16 (2012): 17-20
- Jordan Tama, “The Policymaking Value of Blue-Ribbon Commissions,” *Presidency Research Group Report* 23, 2 (2011): 9
- Jordan Tama, “Is Torture Justified in the Fight against Terrorism?” *International Affairs Review* 13, 2 (2004): 75-99
- Jordan Tama, “Failures in U.S. Decision Making in the Middle East,” *LBJ Journal of Public Affairs* 17, 1 (2004): 60-68

PUBLISHED DATA SETS

- Jordan Tama, “Important Congressional Votes, 1991-2020” (2021), Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research
- Jordan Tama, “U.S. National Security Commissions, 1981-2009” (2013), Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Lead Principal Investigator, “Bridging the Gap – New Voices in National Security,” Raymond Frankel Foundation, 2026-28 (\$1,062,000)
- Co-Principal Investigator, Grant for Bridging the Gap, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2026-28 (\$1,000,000; administered through University of Denver)
- Faculty Exceptional Research Award, School of International Service, American University, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26
- Best Annual Conference Discussant Award, Foreign Policy Section, American Political Science Association, 2025

Co-Principal Investigator, “ART: American University Translating Research into Action Center (TRAC),” National Science Foundation Award Number 2331399, 2024-28 (\$5,720,577)

Lead Principal Investigator, “Bridging the Gap – New Voices in National Security,” Raymond Frankel Foundation, 2023-25 (\$837,000)

Co-Principal Investigator, “Bridging the Gap – An Initiative for Training, Research, and Outreach to Bridge the Gap Between Academia and the Policy World with a Focus on Foreign Policy and International Relations,” Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2023-25 (\$1,057,500; administered through University of Denver)

Cooperation Partner, “Sanctions Termination in Times of Crises: Unpacking the Role of External Shocks,” Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 2022-24 (€152,681; administered through German Institute for Global and Area Studies)

Co-Principal Investigator, “Bridging the Gap – An Initiative for Training, Research, and Outreach to Bridge the Gap Between Academia and the Policy World with a Focus on Foreign Policy and International Relations,” Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2021-22 (\$575,000)

Lead Principal Investigator, “Bridging the Gap – New Voices in National Security,” Raymond Frankel Foundation, 2020-22 (\$455,591)

Co-Investigator, “Bridging the Gap: New Voices in Australian National Security,” Australian Government Department of Defense, 2020 (\$110,000 AUS; administered through Monash University)

Lead Principal Investigator, “Bridging the Gap – New Voices in National Security,” Raymond Frankel Foundation, 2019-20 (\$130,351)

Co-Investigator, “Bridging the Gap – An Initiative for Training, Research, and Outreach to Bridge the Gap Between Academia and the Policy World with a Focus on Foreign Policy and International Relations,” Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2019-20 (\$741,000)

Lead Principal Investigator, “New Voices in National Security,” Raymond Frankel Foundation, 2018-19 (\$100,000)

Negotiating Agreement in Congress Research Grant, Social Science Research Council, 2016-17 (\$10,000)

Research Grant, IBM Center for the Business of Government, 2016 (\$20,000)

Residential Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2013-14

Term Membership, Council on Foreign Relations, 2012-17

Congressional Fellowship, American Political Science Association, 2011-12

Faculty Research Support Grant, American University, 2011

Research Fellowship, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2007-09

Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, 2005

Presidential Management Fellowship, 2004 (declined)

John Parker Compton Memorial Fellowship, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs,
Princeton University, 2002-04

Jay Bleiman Public Service Summer Internship Award, Princeton School of Public and International
Affairs, Princeton University, 2003

Junior Fellowship, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1998-99

Erastus C. Benedict, 1821, First Prize in History, Williams College, 1998

Class of 1945 Student World Fellowship, Williams College, 1997

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

“East Asian Responses to Uncertainty and Flux in the Global Order,” Bridging the Gap and U.S. State
Department, organized with Brent Durbin and Rachel Odell (Scheduled for 2026)

“Conducting Policy-Relevant and Responsibly Engaged Public Scholarship,” International Studies
Association Professional Advancement Seminar, organized with Susanna Campbell and Oliver
Kaplan (Scheduled for 2026)

“Public Opinion and the Future of U.S. Foreign Policy,” Bridging the Gap and Chicago Council on
Global Affairs Roundtable, organized with Bruce Jentleson and Dina Smeltz (2025)

“International Policy Summer Institute,” Bridging the Gap, organized with various colleagues (2025,
2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)

“Foundations in International Relations Studies and Training,” Bridging the Gap and Translating
Research into Action Center, organized with James Goldgeier, Clarence Lusane, and Guan Wang
(2025)

“Strengthening the Role of Congress in Foreign Policy,” Bridging the Gap and the John W. Kluge
Center at the Library of Congress, organized with Kevin Butterfield, James Goldgeier, and Travis
Hensley (2024)

“Strengthening UK Sanctions Implementation and Enforcement,” Wilton Park, organized with Bryan
Early and the United Kingdom’s Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (2024)

“Atrocities Prevention: Tools and Strategies,” Bridging the Gap and the United States Holocaust
Memorial Museum, organized with Bruce Jentleson, Daniel Solomon, and Lawrence Woochner
(2023)

“Trust Issues: Examining Declining Confidence in Political Institutions,” Bipartisan Policy Center and
National Capital Area Political Science Association, organized with Michael Thorning (2023)

“Scholar-Practitioner Partnerships for the Co-Creation of Knowledge,” International Studies Association
Career Course, organized with Naazneen Barma and Susanna Campbell (2023)

“The Defense Department’s Role in Energy Security and Transition to Clean Energy,” Bridging the Gap and U.S. Defense Department, organized with Joshua Busby (2023)

“Sanctions and the War in Ukraine: Lessons Learned,” Bridging the Gap and Duke in DC Center, organized with Bryan Early and Bruce Jentleson (2022)

“The Defense Department’s Role on Climate Change,” Bridging the Gap and U.S. Defense Department, organized with Joshua Busby (2022)

“Foundations of a Doctrine for Using Economic Sanctions,” Bridging the Gap and U.S. Treasury Department, organized with Elizabeth Rosenberg (2021)

“Domestic Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy: Ideas, Institutions, and Policy Implications,” Heidelberg University, organized with Gordon Friedrichs (2020)

“The Deterrent and Signaling Effects of Sanctions,” Bridging the Gap and Center for a New American Security, organized with Elizabeth Rosenberg (2019)

“Insurgency in the Middle East and Its Threat to the United States,” National Capital Area Political Science Association and Institute for Security and Conflict Studies at George Washington University, organized with John Sides (2015)

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- American Committees on Foreign Relations (2026)
- George Mason University (2026, 2011)
- University of Tennessee (2026)
- University of Kentucky (2026)
- Université du Québec à Montréal (2026, 2024, 2020)
- Delphi Economic Forum (2026)
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County (2025)
- Spanish Public Policy Network (2025)
- New York Center for Foreign Policy Affairs (2025)
- World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads (2025)
- Korea Inter-Parliamentary Exchange Center (2025, 2024)
- American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016)
- Freie Universität Berlin (2024)
- German Institute for Global and Area Studies (2024, 2023)
- Oxford University (2024)
- City, University of London (2024)
- Chatham House (2024)
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2024)
- Université Libre de Bruxelles (2024)
- Institut de Recherche Stratégique De L’Ecole Militaire (2024)
- Ludovika University of Public Service (2024)
- U.S. Naval War College (2024)
- Clemson University (2024)
- Europa-Union (2024)

- Sheridan School (2024)
- European International Studies Association (2024)
- Accelerating Research Translation Professional Development Network (2024)
- Stimson Center (2024)
- National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology (2024)
- Partnership for a Secure America (2024, 2021)
- Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)
- Woodrow Wilson Center (2024, 2014, 2011)
- American Political Science Association-National Capital Area Political Science Association Joint Workshop (2024)
- Institute for Engaged Leadership (2024)
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (2024)
- United States Capitol Historical Society (2023)
- Korean International Trade Association (2023)
- University of Hanover (2023)
- International Labour Organization (2022)
- Cornell University (2021)
- University of Maryland (2021)
- Southern Methodist University (2021)
- Marine Corps University (2021)
- Center for Global Development and Schmidt Futures (2021)
- Balsillie School of International Affairs (2020)
- U.S. Intelligence Community (2020)
- Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Financial Services, U.S. House of Representatives (2020)
- Johns Hopkins University (2019)
- Center for a New American Security (2019)
- Heidelberg University (2019)
- Kaiserslautern University (2019)
- Members of Parliament, Government of Finland (2019)
- U.S. Institute of Peace (2018)
- United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office (2018)
- U.S. State Department International Visitors Leadership Program (2019)
- U.S. Cyberspace Solarium Commission (2019)
- U.S. National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (2019)
- U.S. Department of State Media Co-Op Program (2018)
- University of Copenhagen (2017)
- U.S. Department of Defense (2017)
- Social Science Research Council (2017)
- Foreign Service Institute (2017)
- Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs (2017)
- Georgetown University (2016)
- National Press Club (2016)
- National Capital Area Political Science Association American Politics Workshop (2016)
- Government Performance Coalition (2016)
- Atlantic Council (2015)
- RAND (2015)
- Embassy of Switzerland in the United States (2015)

- DC IR Workshop (2015)
- U.S. Air Force Senior Leaders Capitol Hill Seminar (2014)
- Finnish Institute of International Affairs (2013)
- Boston University Semester in Washington Program (2013, 2012)
- Study of the United States Institute on U.S. Foreign Policy, University of Florida (2012)
- U.S. Senate staff (2011)
- Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan (2011)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Chair: International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2025, 2024, 2022, 2019, 2017); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2024, 2022, 2015); ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference (2017)

Discussant: International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2026, 2025, 2022, 2021, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2024, 2016); ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference (2017, 2013); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012); Junior Americanist Workshop Series (2025)

Paper Presenter: International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2026, 2025, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2024, 2020, 2019, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010); ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference (2015, 2013); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012)

Roundtable Participant: International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2026, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2017); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2023, 2019, 2017); International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference (2020); ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference (2017)

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

ABC, AFP, Al Jazeera, Associated Press, The Atlantic, BBC, Bloomberg, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, CBS, Christian Science Monitor, CNN, Congressional Quarterly, C-SPAN, Education Week, Euronews, Federal News Radio, Foreign Policy, Fox News, France Culture, The Globe and Mail, Government Executive, Handelsblatt, Hearst, The Hill, International Business Times, Maclean's, McClatchy, Mother Jones, National Journal, National Public Radio, NBC News 4, New Republic, New York Times, Newsday, Newsweek, Newsy, O Globo, Politifact, Politico, PRI, Reuters, Roll Call, Scientific American, Time, Univision, USA Today, U.S. News and World Report, Voice of America, Vox, Washington Examiner, Washington Post, Wisconsin Public Radio

SELECTED PODCAST INTERVIEWS

“What Americans Really Think about Foreign Policy,” Global Dispatches (February 4, 2026)

The Debrief, Season 2, Episode 1 (September 12, 2024)

“Why Foreign Policy Is Still Bipartisan,” The Science of Politics (May 15, 2024)

“Bipartisanship and US Foreign Policy with Dr Jordan Tama,” LSE Ballpark (February 19, 2024)

“How Partisan Is US Foreign Policy?” Deep Dish on Global Affairs (November 2, 2023)

“How Is Congress Involved in Foreign Policy? (with Jordan Tama),” Understanding Congress: Episode 39 (October 2, 2023)

“American Public Opinion and Foreign Policy,” with Bruce Jentleson, Conversation Six (December 9, 2020)

“What’s a Normal Presidency?” Big World (January 31, 2020)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Principal, Bridging the Gap (2025-present); Senior Director, Bridging the Gap (2023-25); Director, Bridging the Gap (2014-23)

- Serve on leadership team for multi-university initiative that promotes policy-relevant research, trains scholars in the dissemination of research findings to practitioners and the public, brings scholars and practitioners together to exchange knowledge and ideas on international issues, and fosters the inclusion of new scholarly voices in policy debates

Member, Editorial Board, *Orbis* (2026-present)

Member, Editorial Board, *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2025-present)

Member, Advisory Committee, *Politique Américaine* (2024-present)

Member, Advisory Board, Chicago Council Survey (2023-present)

Member, Editorial Board, *International Studies Perspectives* (2023-present)

Member, Advisory Board, Teaching, Research, and International Policy (TRIP) Snap Poll (2015-present)

President, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association (2026-27)

Vice President and Program Chair, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association (2025-26)

Eminent Scholar Mentor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (2024-26)

Member, Graduate Student Travel Grant Award Committee, Foreign Policy Section, American Political Science Association (2024-25)

At-Large Officer, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association (2023-25)

Chair, Alexander George Award Committee, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association (2024)

Chair, Outstanding Book in Foreign Policy Award Committee, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association (2023)

Member, Alexander George Award Committee, Foreign Policy Analysis Section, International Studies Association (2023)

President, National Capital Area Political Science Association (2022-23)

Member, American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Review Panel (2015-16)

Member, Woodrow Wilson Center Press Publishing Committee (2014-16)

Council Member, National Capital Area Political Science Association (2013-15)

Manuscript reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*; *l'Annuaire Français de Relations Internationales*; *Armed Forces and Society*; Brookings Institution Press; *Business and Politics*; *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Congress and the Presidency*; *Contemporary Politics*; Cornell University Press; *Defence Studies*; *Democracy and Security*; *East Asia Forum*; *Evidence and Policy*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*; Georgetown University Press; *Global Public Policy and Governance*; *Global Studies Quarterly*; *International Affairs*; *International Journal*; *International Relations*; International Studies Compendium Project; *International Organization*; *International Security*; *International Studies Perspectives*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; Johns Hopkins University Press; *Journal of Cold War Studies*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; *Journal of European Integration*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of Politics*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly*; *Millennium*; *New England Journal of Political Science*; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; PLOS ONE; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Political Studies*; *Politische Vierteljahresschrift*; *Politics & Policy*; *Polity*; *Presidential Studies Quarterly*; Presses de l'Université de Montréal; *Public Humanities*; Routledge; Rowman and Littlefield; *Security Studies*; Stanford University Press; *Terrorism and Political Violence*; *Texas National Security Review*; *Third World Quarterly*; University of Toronto Press; University Press of Kansas; *War on the Rocks*; *World Affairs*; Yale University Press

Grant proposal reviewer for Carnegie Corporation of New York, Israel Science Foundation, National Science Foundation, Schmidt Futures

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Senior Nonresident Fellow, Chicago Council on Global Affairs (2021-present)

Faculty Fellow, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University (2009-present)

Fellow, Truman National Security Project (2006-present)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Democratic Aide/Congressional Fellow, Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, U.S. House of Representatives (2012)

- Advanced human rights legislation, organized hearings, and directed other human rights initiatives on behalf of U.S. Representative and Commission Co-Chairman James McGovern

Member, Counterterrorism Expert Advisory Group and Intelligence Expert Advisory Group, Obama for America Presidential Campaign (2007-08)

- Contributed to campaign memos and talking points on counterterrorism and intelligence policy

Research Assistant, Princeton Project on National Security (2005-06)

- Contributed to major study of U.S. grand strategy

Public Affairs Intern, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Embassy in Paris (2003)

- Drafted speeches and talking points for U.S. Ambassador to France Howard Leach

Special Assistant to the Director, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (1999-2002)

- Drafted speeches and articles on foreign policy for former U.S. Representative Lee Hamilton

TEACHING AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Analysis of U.S. Foreign Policy (undergraduate)

Introduction to U.S. National Security (undergraduate)

The Making of U.S. Foreign Policy: Institutions, Processes, and Politics (graduate online)

The President, Congress, and U.S. Foreign Policy (undergraduate and graduate)

U.S. Foreign Policy: Institutions and Processes (graduate)

U.S. Grand Strategy (undergraduate)

U.S. National Security Strategy (undergraduate and graduate)

STUDENT ADVISING

Ph.D. dissertation committee chair: Ian Campbell, Matthew Timmerman

Ph.D. dissertation committee member or external reviewer: Robert O'Keefe, Manuel Reinert, Adam Yang, Vincent Boucher (Université du Québec à Montréal), Jakob Wiedekind (Leibniz Universität Hannover), Ashley Wright (University of Oxford)

M.A. Substantial Research Paper advisor: Michael Adrian, Lucia Antoine, Zak Binshaieg, Jeremy Braveboy-Wagner, Drew Brooks, Anne Brumbaugh, Christopher Calvin, Fareed Collins, Kevin DeAnna, Ruxandra Gecui, Austin Guffy, Ryan Haber, Lynn Hendricks, Jason Hibler, Kaitlyn Johnson, Ben Jones, Sean Kennedy, Joseph Lacinak, Brian Langdon, Sarah Marshall, Kristen Mason, Alex Mikulsky, Charlie Piggott, Brian Rich, Zachary Snyder, Joseph Soley, Spencer Sutherland, Kaleigh Thomas, Alex Ward, Nicholas Winstead

B.A. Honors thesis advisor: Melina Reilly

SERVICE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Chair, Three-Person Committee for Promotion to Professor, School of International Service (2026)

Faculty Advisor, Association for Wargaming at American University (2025-present)

Member, Leadership Team, Translating Research into Action Center (2024-present)

Course Coordinator, MAIR Program Course on the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy (2021-present)

Member, Search Committee for Faculty Position in Economic Security, School of International Service (2025)

Chair, Three-Person Committee for Pre-Tenure Reappointment, School of International Service (2025, 2019)

Member, Three-Person Committee for Pre-Tenure Reappointment, School of International Service (2025)

Member, Office of Merit Awards Interview Panels for External Scholarships and Fellowships, American University (2009-11, 2015-16, 2018-19, 2024-25)

Member, Search Committee for Postdoctoral Research Impact Fellowship, Translating Research into Action Center and Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (2024)

Chair, Search Committee for Faculty Position in U.S. Foreign Policy and Global Security, School of International Service (2023-24)

Chair, U.S. Foreign Policy Concentration, Ph.D. Program, School of International Service (2014-23)

Member, Ph.D. Program Committee, School of International Service (2014-23)

Member, Phase 3 Committee of NEXT Task Force, School of International Service (2023)

Member, Faculty Actions Committee, School of International Service (2014-15, 2021-23)

Chair, Three-Person Committee for Promotion to Associate Professor, School of International Service (2022)

Member, SIS Norms Working Group, School of International Service (2022)

Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, American University (2019-20)

Member, Faculty Senate, American University (2018-20)

Member, Faculty Hearing Committee, American University (2017-20)

Member, Three-Person Committee for Tenure and Promotion, School of International Service (2020)

Co-Coordinator, America and the World Research Cluster, School of International Service (2017-19)

Member, Search Committee for Director of U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security Program, School of International Service (2017)

Member, Search Committee for Senior Faculty Position in Transnational/International Security, School of International Service (2016-17)

Member, Search Committee for Senior Faculty Position in U.S. Foreign Policy, School of International Service (2015-16)

Member, Task Force on Family Work Life Balance, American University (2012-13)

Member, Task Force on the Ph.D. Program, School of International Service (2012-13)

Coordinator, School of International Service Colloquium (2012-13)

Member, Task Force on Professionalizing the Master's Program, School of International Service
(2011-12)

Coordinator, Presidential Management Fellowship, School of International Service (2010-12)

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