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RESEARCH INTERESTS Digital globalization, data flows, interdependence, digital state capacity, policy diffusion, data governance, cybersecurity, bureaucratic networking, digital administrative data

## APPOINTMENTS **Georgia Institute of Technology**

- Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy (August 2024-)
- Assistant Professor (by courtesy), School of Cybersecurity and Privacy (August 2024-)

## **University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation**

- Postdoctoral Fellowship in Technology and International Security sponsored by the Center for Global Security Research at the Livermore National Laboratory and the National Security and International Studies Office at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (September 2023-August 2024)

## EDUCATION

### **Harvard University**

*Ph.D.* in Government 2023 (Expected)  
Committee: Iain Johnston (Chair), Dustin Tingley, Christina Davis, Joshua Kertzer, and Bruce Schneier (HKS)  
*A.M.* in Government 2018

### **New York University**

*B.A.* (Summa Cum Laude) with High Honors in International Relations 2014

PEER REVIEW PUBLICATIONS Shandler, Ryan, Nadiya Kostyuk, and Harry Oppenheimer. "Public Opinion and Cyberterrorism." *Public Opinion Quarterly*, April 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfad006>.

An, Zhihua, Soolim Lee, Harry Oppenheimer, Jeffrey A. Wesson, and Michael D. Ward. "Attachment of Calcium Oxalate Monohydrate Crystals on Patterned Surfaces of Proteins and Lipid Bilayers." *Journal of the American Chemical Society* 132, no. 38 (September 29, 2010): 13188–90. <https://doi.org/10.1021/ja106202y>.

UNDER REVIEW *How the Process of Discovering Cyberattacks Biases Our Understanding of Cybersecurity* (R&R at *Journal of Peace Research*)

*Do Cyberattacks Corrode?: Cyberattacks and Domestic Politics* (with Thomas Zeitzoff and Joshua Kertzer)

*Developing Digital Capacity: How Development Assistance Shapes State Institutions*

*Does Data Follow the Flag?*

## ORIGINAL DATASETS

**Technology Security Document Database.** Digitized plain text corpus of over 600 documents ( $\approx$  13k pages) relating to technology security from national governments, inter-governmental organizations, international organizations, civil-society organizations, and corporations. The documents encompass strategies and doctrines for information security, cybersecurity, cybercrime, and technology and security more broadly. These documents are complete with a metadata companion mapping bureaucratic ownership and external consultation in the drafting process.

WORKING  
PAPERS

- *Weaponizing the Internet: Digital Retrenchment and the Snowden Leaks*
- *Why Invest in Global Security Goods: Internet Centrality and Cybersecurity Risk*
- *Threat Networks and Digital Regimes: Contagion and Cooperation on the Internet*
- *Fox in the Hen House? Agenda Setting in Open International Forums*
- *Political Opportunism? How Collective Political Risk Alters Responses to Terrorist Attacks*

POLICY  
COMMENTARY

6. "Managing Digital Interdependence." *Centerpiece*. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Fall 2021. [Link](#).
5. "Look Out, Special Operators in Syria, the Internet Has Spotted You and That's a Problem," *Defense One*. 19 February, 2016. [Link](#).
4. "Moving Beyond the Cyberwar Debate," *Net Politics* (blog). Council on Foreign Relations. 17 September, 2015. [Link](#).
3. "Taking the Fear Out of Cyberattacks." *Net Politics* (blog). Council on Foreign Relations. 11 February 2015. [Link](#).
2. "Returning ISIS Fighters: Forgiveness or Punishment." *Newsweek.com*, 26 December 2014. [Link](#).
1. "A Cold Warrior's Foreign Policy Advice for Obama." *Power, Politics, and Preventative Action* (blog). Council on Foreign Relations. 12 August 2014. [Link](#).

TEACHING

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
*GOV97: Sophomore Tutorial: Technology and Disruption in International Affairs*,  
Government Department *S2020, S2021, S2023*  
*GOV1730: War and Politics* (Rosen), Government Department *S2019, A2020*  
*GOV1734: Ethics in War* (Rosen), Government Department *A2019*  
*EC970: Sophomore Tutorial* (Statistics Support), Economics Department *S2019*  
*GOV1790: American Foreign Policy* (Kertzer), Government Department *A2018*

CONFERENCES  
AND  
WORKSHOPS

**2023**

Internet Governance Project Workshop: What is "national" security in a globally connected digital economy?

UT Austin Clements Center Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft

Georgia Institute of Technology Summer Cybersecurity Workshop

Cornell Workshop on Emerging Technologies and International Economics

Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO)

**2022**

Paris 8, *invited*

International Political Economy Society Conference

Digital Economy and Security Collaborative (DESC) Workshop (Georgetown University)

**2021**

APSA Annual Conference

- Panel Organizer: *Managing Interdependence in the Digital Age*

Digital Issues Discussion Group

Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Seminar Poster

International Studies Association Annual Conference

- Panel: *Managing An Expanding Cyberspace*

- Panel: *Technology, Security, and Perceptions*

## 2020

The 11th Workshop on Internet Economics (Center for Applied Internet Data Analysis, University of California's San Diego), *invited*

APSA Annual Conference

- Panel Organizer: *The Politics of Cyber Threat*

New Frontiers in Security Studies: Social Media and Inter-State Conflict (Weatherhead Center, Harvard)

## 2019

Bridging the Gap: Workshop on Cyber Conflict (Columbia SIPA)

International Cyberterror Symposium, University of Haifa (Haifa, ISR), *invited*

APSA Annual Conference

- Panel: *Empirical Study of Cyberspace Conflict*

International Studies Association Annual Conference

- Panel: *The Micro-Foundations of Political Violence & Conflict*
- Panel: *Public Engagement and Opinion-making*

## 2018

International Studies Association Annual Conference

- Panel: *Elections and Post-Elections Crises: Comparing Cases*

## EXPERIENCE

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

*Research Assistant for Alastair Iain Johnston*

- Provided research support for projects on US-China cybersecurity cooperation for the National Academy of Sciences
- Assisted with research on the implications of social media for international conflict for the Weatherhead Center Cluster on International Security

*Research Assistant for Stephen Ansolabehere*

- Assisted designing surveys, drafted questionnaires, and performed data analysis for the Harvard CAPS/Harris Poll
- Prepared press releases on survey results for media partners

**Council on Foreign Relations**, New York, NY

*June 2014-July 2016*

*Research Associate, National Security*

- Research assistant for Max Boot, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow for National Security Studies
- Primarily focused on the book *The Road Not Taken: Edward Lansdale and the American Tragedy in Vietnam* (W.W. Norton/Liveright 2018), finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Biography
- Assisted Max Boot's congressional testimony on ISIS for the House Armed Services Committee, op-eds and consulting work on national security issues, and public events

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Hartley R. Rogers Dissertation Fellow	2022
Google Cloud Academic Research Grant	2021
Harvard GSAS COVID-19 Emergency Support Initiative Grant	2021
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Dissertation Writing Grant	2021
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Mid-Dissertation Grant	2021

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Foundation Research Assistant Grant	2020
Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	2019
Harvard IQSS Graduate Student Research Grant	2019
Harvard Graduate Students Society Conference Travel Grant	2019
Harvard Experiments Working Group Seed Grant	2019
Harvard GSAS Summer Predissertation Fellowship	2018
NYU Department Award for Best Thesis in International Relations	2014
Phi Beta Kappa	2014
NYU Silverstein Scholar	2013
NYU Politics Department Research Grant	2013
NYU Presidential Honors Scholar	2011-14

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Reviewer for *International Interactions*, *International Security*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Information Policy*, *Security Studies*

Graduate Student Affiliate, Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

Affiliate, Research Cluster on International Security at the Harvard Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

Graduate Student Affiliate, Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS)

Member, The Emerging Tech Policy Network, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School

Concentration Advisor and Non-Resident Tutor, Kirkland House, Harvard College

Senior Thesis Advisor for Lincoln Herrington (2021), William Matheson (2021)

SKILLS

**Methods** Network analysis, time-series, Bayesian methods, causal inference

**Computer** R, Python, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, GEPHI

**Language** Advanced Italian