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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Forced displacement, borders, counterinsurgency, terrorism, civil wars, gender, experimental methods	
EDUCATION	University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA. Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science Exam Fields: International Relations (<i>with Distinction</i>), Comparative Politics	2016-Present
	University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA. B.A. <i>with Highest Distinction</i> , Foreign Affairs and History	2012-2016
PUBLICATIONS	<p>(6.) “Liberal Displacement Policies Attract Forced Migrants in the Global South.” Forthcoming. <i>American Political Science Review</i>. (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein).</p> <p>(5.) “Forced Displacement and Asylum Policy in the Developing World.” Forthcoming. <i>International Organization</i>. (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein).</p> <p>(4.) “Leadership Targeting and Militant Alliance Breakdown.” Forthcoming. <i>Journal of Politics</i>. (with Michael C. Horowitz and Philip B.K. Potter).</p> <p>(3.) “Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Migration.” Forthcoming. <i>Journal of Politics</i>. (with Sabrina B. Arias).</p> <p>(2.) “Honor Among Thieves: Understanding Rhetorical and Material Cooperation Among Violent Non-State Actors.” Forthcoming. <i>International Organization</i>. (with Erica Chenoweth, Michael C. Horowitz, Evan Perkoski, and Philip B.K. Potter).</p> <p>(1.) “Do Women Make More Credible Threats? Gender Stereotypes, Audience Costs, and Crisis Bargaining.” 2020. <i>International Organization</i> 74(4): 872-95. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner of the 2019 Young Investigators Competition from Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) 	
UNDER REVIEW	<p>(3.) ‘Refugee Return and Conflict: Evidence from a Natural Experiment.’ (with Austin L. Wright).</p> <p>(2.) ‘Restitution or Retribution? Detainee Release and Insurgent Violence in Iraq.’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited to revise and resubmit at the <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 	

- (1.) ‘The Two Faces of Opposition to Chemical Weapons: Sincere Versus Insincere Norm-Holders.’ (with Jonathan A. Chu and Joshua A. Schwartz).
- Invited to revise and resubmit at the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- WORKING PAPERS
- (3.) ‘Border Control and Insurgent Tactics.’
- (2.) ‘Border Control and Public Attitudes: Survey Evidence From Afghanistan.’
- (1.) ‘Combat Experience and Foreign Policy Attitudes: Evidence from World War II.’ (with Michael C. Horowitz).
- IN PREPARATION
- (7.) ‘Buying Border Control: How Aid and Training Programs Promote Border Hardening.’
- (6.) ‘Border Security Assistance, Insurgency, and Interstate Conflict: Evidence from Pakistan.’
- (5.) ‘Troops, Statebuilding, and Freedmen’s Education in Reconstruction Texas.’ (with Breanna C. Gray).
- (4.) ‘Could a Woman Have Gone to China? Evidence of a Gendered Peace Premium.’ (with Joshua A. Schwartz).
- (3.) ‘Legacies of Wartime Disaster: Evidence from the 1938 Yellow River Flood.’
- (2.) ‘Terrorism and the Politics of Blame.’ (with Richard J. McAlexander).
- (1.) ‘The Strategic Logic of Large Alliance Networks.’ (with Philip B.K. Potter).
- POLICY COMMENTARY
- (7.) “The Biden administration is planning for climate migration. Do Americans support helping climate migrants?” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage. March 5, 2021. (with Sabrina B. Arias).
- (6.) “Tonight Kamala Harris may need to prove she’s tough, to beat gender stereotypes. That affects foreign policy.” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage. October 7, 2020. (with Joshua A. Schwartz.)
- (5.) “The Death and Life of Terrorist Networks: How Alliances Help Militants Survive.” *Foreign Affairs*. October 5, 2020. (with Erica Chenoweth, Michael C. Horowitz, Evan Perkoski, and Philip B.K. Potter).
- (4.) “The US Doesn’t Need a New New START.” *Defense One*. February 14, 2020. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).
- (3.) “Changing Tides: Public Attitudes on Climate Change and Climate Migration.” *Kleinman Center Policy Digest*. December 18, 2019. (with Sabrina B. Arias).
- (2.) “Trump issued an executive order to prepare for an EMP attack. What is it, and should you worry?” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage. March 29, 2019. (with Casey Mahoney, Shira E. Pindyck, and Joshua A. Schwartz).

- (1.) “What the impending death of the INF teaches about future arms control agreements.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. December 6, 2018. (with Joshua A. Schwartz).

GRANTS

2021: Christopher H. Browne Center, \$2000 (with Richard J. McAlexander); **GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation, \$3000** (with Breanna C. Gray)

2020: SASGov Research Student Grant, \$2000 (with Breanna C. Gray); **Christopher H. Browne Center, \$4800**

2019: GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation, \$3,000 (with Breanna C. Gray)

2018: GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation, \$6,000 (with Breanna C. Gray); **Kleinman Center for Energy Policy, \$11,400** (with Sabrina B. Arias); **Christopher H. Browne Center, \$1000**; **SAS Dean’s Travel Subvention, \$500**; **SASGov Travel Grant, \$400**

2017: Fels Policy Research Initiative, \$9,957 (with Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein)

HONORS,
AWARDS, AND
FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Affiliate, Penn Identity & Conflict Lab (ICL) 2018-2022

UECS-CIDE Experimental Omnibus Study Participant 2020

- Competitively Selected for Participation

Steven B. Feirson Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania 2019-2020

Young Investigators Competition Winner, TESS 2019

CTL Teaching Certificate, University of Pennsylvania 2019

E.W. Mumford Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania 2018-2019

Fels Policy Institute Graduate Student Seminar Series 2018

- Competitively Selected for Participation

Geo L. Harrison Fellow, University of Pennsylvania 2017-2018

Perry World House Graduate Associate 2017-2018

Leo E. Rowe Memorial Fellow, University of Pennsylvania 2016-2017

Politics Distinguished Major, University of Virginia 2015-2016

McCrickard Family Scholar, Jefferson Scholars Foundation 2012-2016

- Worth \$82,000 over 4 years

Echols Scholar, University of Virginia 2012-2016

TALKS,
CONFERENCES,
AND WORKSHOPS

2021: American Political Science Association Conference; Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting; Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Annual Meeting; Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World; International Studies Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania Internal IR Workshop

2020: American Political Science Association Conference; Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting; Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Annual Meeting; ISA-Midwest Conference; UNHCR-World Bank Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement; Kleinman Center for Energy Policy; International Studies Association Conference (Cancelled); NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference; Online Peace Science Colloquium; Southern Political Science Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania Internal IR Workshop

2019: American Political Science Association Conference; Harvard Experimental Political Science Conference; Penn Identity and Conflict Lab; Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World; Immigration: Research Frontiers & Policy Challenges; Norms and Behavioral Change Conference; University of Pennsylvania Internal IR Workshop

2018: American Political Science Association Conference; Conference on International Borders in a Globalizing World; Perry World House Borders and Boundaries Workshop; Midwest Political Science Association Conference; University of Pennsylvania Internal IR Workshop

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, *American Foreign Policy*, Dominic Tierney Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, *Intro to International Relations*, Edward Mansfield Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, *International Security*, Avery Goldstein Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, *Intro to International Relations*, Alex Weisiger Fall 2017

DATASETS

Developing World Refugee and Asylum Policy (DWRAP)

- Data on all laws related to forced migration for 92 developing world countries from 1951 to 2017
- With Guy Grossman and Jeremy M. Weinstein

Militant Group Alliances and Relationships (MGAR)

- Data on material and rhetorical relationships between militant groups from 1950 to 2016
- With Erica Chenoweth, Michael C. Horowitz, Evan Perkoski, and Philip B.K. Potter

Freedmen's Education During Reconstruction, 1865-1870 [In development]

- County-month dataset of Freedmen's Bureau schools in the Reconstruction South
- Includes microdata coded from 5000+ archived teacher reports on educational attainment disaggregated by subject and gender at the school-month level
- With Breanna C. Gray

U.S. Coast Guard Migrant and Drug Interdictions, 1995-2017

- Georeferenced data, obtained through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, for all U.S. Coast Guard stops resulting in migrant or drug seizures from FY 1995 through FY 2017

FIELD EXPERIENCE *Exploratory Cross-Border Migration Study*, Research Assistant June-July 2017

- Principal Investigators: Guy Grossman and Jeremy Weinstein
- Six week field study in Uganda, including in-depth interviews and focus group discussions with key stakeholders on forced displacement

SKILLS *Language:* Russian (limited working proficiency), Spanish (limited working proficiency)

Technology: Stata, R, L^AT_EX, QGIS, Qualtrics, mTurk, Lucid

SERVICE University:

- **Coordinator**, Penn Internal IR Workshop 2020-2021
- **Organizer**, Penn Graduate Political Science Conference (postponed) 2019-2020
- **Graduate Affiliate**, Penn Identity and Conflict Lab 2018-2021
- **Member**, Perry World House Faculty Working Group on Refugees 2017-2018

Professional:

- **Reviewer:** *International Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, Political Geography, PLOS ONE*