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CURRENT POSITIONS

Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments

Director of Research & Studies

Senior Fellow

Georgetown University

Adjunct Associate Professor of Security Studies

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments

Research Fellow

Analyst

Department of Defense

Special Advisor to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Ph.D. Foreign Affairs

M.A., Foreign Affairs

Villanova University

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science and Sociology

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Department of Defense Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award

Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship

Smith Richardson Foundation Strategy and Policy Fellowship

University of Virginia Graduate Studies Office Award for Excellence in Humanities & Social Sciences

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship.

Villanova University Department of Sociology John Hughes Medallion for Excellence

Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2016 *In the Hegemon's Shadow: Leading States and the Rise of Regional Powers* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press). Part of the Cornell Studies in Security Affairs series.

Monographs

2019 *Assessing the Arsenals: Past, Present, and Future Capabilities* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments). With Jacob Cohn and Adam Lemon.

2017 *Reinforcing the Front Line: U.S. Defense Strategy and the Rise of China* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments).

2016 *Extended Deterrence in the Second Nuclear Age: Geopolitics, Proliferation, and the Future of U.S. Security Commitments* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments).

2015 *The Cost of U.S. Nuclear Forces: From BCA to Bow Wave and Beyond* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments). With Todd Harrison.

2013 *The Future of America's Strategic Nuclear Deterrent* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments).

2010 *Defense Planning for the Long Haul: Scenarios, Operational Concepts, and the Future Security Environment* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments).

2010 *Reshaping America's Alliances for the Long Haul* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments).

2010 *Nuclear Terrorism: Assessing the Threat, Developing a Response* (Washington, DC: Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2020 "Primacy and Punishment: U.S. Grand Strategy, Maritime Power, and Military Options to Manage Decline," *Security Studies* 29/4.
- 2020 "Signals of Strength: Capability Demonstrations and Perceptions of Military Power," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 43/2.
- 2018 "Sources of Instability in the Second Nuclear Age: An American Perspective," in Lawrence Rubin and Adam Stulberg, eds., *The End of Strategic Stability? Nuclear Weapons and the Challenge of Regional Rivalries* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press).
- 2015 "Rethinking Stability in South Asia: India, Pakistan, and the Competition for Escalation Dominance," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 38/1-2. With Eric S. Edelman.
- 2014 "Contested Primacy in the Western Pacific: China's Rise and the Future of U.S. Power Projection," *International Security* 38/4.
- 2013 "Reconsidering a Naval Blockade of China: A Response to Mirski," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 36/4.
- 2013 "Competitive Strategies against Continental Powers: The Geopolitics of Sino-Indian-American Relations," *Journal of Strategic Studies* 36/1.
- 2013 "Counterfeit Diplomacy and Mobilization in Democracies," *Security Studies* 22/1.
- 2012 "Developing a Strategy for a Long-Term Sino-American Competition," in Thomas G. Mahnken, ed., *Competitive Strategies for the 21st Century: Theory, History, and Practice* (Stanford: Stanford University Press). With James P. Thomas.
- 2010 "Democratization, Instability, and War: Israel's 2006 Conflicts with Hamas and Hezbollah," *Security Studies* 19/3. With Stacie L. Pettyjohn.
- 2006 "Breaking Out of the Security Dilemma: Realism, Reassurance and the Problem of Uncertainty," *International Security* 31/2. [Reprinted in Colin Elman and Michael Jensen, eds., *The Realism Reader* (New York: Routledge, 2014).]

Editor-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2020 "Opportunistic Aggression in the Twenty-first Century," *Survival: Global Politics and Strategy* 62/4. With Hal Brands.
- 2020 "One War is Not Enough: Strategy and Force Planning for Great Power Competition," *Texas National Security Review* 3/2. With Hal Brands.

- 2019 “Assessing the Changing Nuclear Balance,” *The SAIS Review* 39/2. With Thomas G. Mahnken and Jacob Cohn.
- 2018 “Avoiding Fair Fights: Military Superiority and U.S. National Security,” *Texas National Security Review* (27 June).
- 2017 “Correspondence: How Good Are China’s Antiaccess/Area-Denial Capabilities?” *International Security* 41/4.
- 2011 “Response: The War over Containing Iran,” *Foreign Affairs* 90/2. With Eric S. Edelman and Andrew F. Krepinevich.
- 2011 “The Dangers of a Nuclear Iran: The Limits of Containment,” *Foreign Affairs* 90/1. With Eric S. Edelman and Andrew F. Krepinevich.
- 2007 “Correspondence: Uncertainty and Reassurance in International Politics,” *International Security* 32/1.
- 2006 “Ideology, Propaganda, and Revolution,” in James V. DeFronzo, ed., *Revolutionary Movements in World History: From 1750 to the Present* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO). With Stacie L. Pettyjohn.

Public Commentary and Policy Briefs

- 2020 “Kill ‘Em All? Denial Strategies, Defense Planning, and Deterrence Failure,” *War on the Rocks* (24 September).
- 2018 “Unpacking Overmatch: Three Crucial Questions about U.S. Military Superiority,” *War on the Rocks* (6 July).
- 2017 “U.S.–China Competition in Technological and Defense Industrial Development: Implications for the Balance of Power over the Long Term,” Research Brief, *UCSD Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation* (13 January).
- 2016 “America’s Nuclear-Deterrence Challenge in Asia,” *Wall Street Journal* (7 June).
- 2015 “Changing Tides in the South China Sea,” *Wall Street Journal* (25 August). With Elbridge Colby.
- 2015 “Rethinking Taiwan’s Submarine Dream,” *Real Clear Defense* (28 October).
- 2014 “Time for American Land-Based Missiles to Counter China?” *The National Interest* (13 October).
- 2014 “How Should America Respond to China’s Deadly Missile Arsenal?” *The National Interest* (19 September).

- 2014 “China’s Missile Forces are Growing: Is it Time to Modify the INF Treaty?” *The National Interest* (2 July).
- 2014 “Time to Worry about China’s Military Rise,” *Belfer Center Policy Brief* (June).
- 2014 “China’s Rising Military Might: A Grand Strategy Surprise?” *The National Interest* (11 June).
- 2013 “The Future of America’s Nuclear Deterrent,” *The National Interest* (6 December).
- 2013 “By Land and By Sea: Balanced Forces for a Complex Region,” *Foreign Affairs* (19 July). With Stacie L. Pettyjohn.
- 2012 “Telling Hard Truths,” *Defense News* (24 June). With Mark Gunzinger.
- 2013 “Rethinking the Road to Zero,” *CSBA Backgrounder* (June).
- 2012 “India’s Anti-Access Trump Card,” *The Diplomat* (6 June).
- 2012 “Returning to the Land or Turning Toward the Sea? India’s Role in America’s Pivot,” *The Diplomat* (28 April).
- 2011 “Changing the Business of Defense,” *CSBA Backgrounder* (18 October). With Todd Harrison.
- 2010 “The Logic and Limitations of the Nuclear Posture Review,” *CSBA Backgrounder* (23 April)
- 2009 “Life after FCS,” *CSBA Backgrounder* (26 August).
- 2009 “Correcting Course: The Cancellation of the Future Combat Systems Program,” *CSBA Backgrounder* (July). With Andrew F. Krepinevich.

Book Reviews

- 2019 “Review of Joshua R. Itzkowitz Shiffrinson, *Rising Titans, Falling Giants: How Great Powers Exploit Power Shifts* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2018),” *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable* (28 October).
- 2018 “Review of David C. Kang, *American Grand Strategy and East Asian Security in the Twenty-First Century* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017),” *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable* (29 November).

- 2018 “Review of John M. Schuessler, *Deceit on the Road to War: Presidents, Politics, and American Democracy* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2015),” *Journal of Strategic Studies* 40/3.
- 2018 “Review of Christopher Hemmer, *American Pendulum: Recurring Debates in U.S. Grand Strategy* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2015),” *Perspectives on Politics* 15/1.

Testimony

- 2015 “Managing China’s Missile Threat: Future Options to Preserve Forward Defense,” *Testimony before the U.S. China Economic and Security Review Commission* (1 April).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University

- SEST 500: Theory and Practice of Security
 SEST 516: Military Effectiveness
 SEST 661: A New Great Power Competition

University of Virginia

- PLIR 101: Introduction to International Relations
 PLIR 306: Military Force in International Relations
 PLIR 424D: American Grand Strategy and the Bush Presidency

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (PAST FIVE YEARS)

2019

- “Deterrence in the Second Theater,” *Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory* (December)
 “The Offense-Defense Balance in the Indo-Pacific,” *Stimson Center* (November)
 “Emerging Challenges to NC3,” *CISAC* (October)
 “The End of INF and the Future of Arms Control,” *National Defense University* (October)
 “U.S. Strategy and Sino-American Relations,” *Navy Federal Executive Fellows Program* (July)
 “U.S. Strategy and Sino-American Relations,” *11th U.S.-China Strategic Dialogue* (June)
 “U.S. Defense Strategy and Challenges in the Asia-Pacific,” *CSIS* (May)
 “Understanding Extended Deterrence,” *SAIS* (May)
 “Causes and Consequences of Missile Proliferation,” *NPEC* (February)

2018

- “Maritime Strategy in the Third Theater,” *Naval War College* (December)
- “Continuity and Change in U.S. Defense Planning,” *Alexander Hamilton Society* (November)
- “The NSS, NDS, and U.S.-China Relations,” *CSIS* (May)
- “The NSS, NDS, and U.S.-China Relations,” *10th U.S.-China Strategic Dialogue* (April)
- “Assessing Nuclear Modernization,” *George Mason University National Security Institute* (March)
- “U.S. Nuclear Policy in the Shadow of North Korea,” *Hertog Foundation* (February)

2016

- “Rethinking the U.S. Nuclear Triad,” *U.S. Navy Federal Executive Fellows Program* (August)
- “Extended Deterrence in the Second Nuclear Age,” *State Department* (July)
- “Extended Deterrence in the Second Nuclear Age,” *FPI Congressional Scholars Series* (July)
- “Extended Deterrence in the Second Nuclear Age,” *National Institute for Defense Studies* (June)
- “Modernizing U.S. Forces for Contested Operations,” *Japan Maritime Command and Staff College* (June)
- “Extended Deterrence in the Second Nuclear Age,” *French Institute of International Relations* (May)
- “Extended Deterrence in the Second Nuclear Age,” *Elliot School of International Affairs* (March)

2015

- “Past and Future of U.S. Nuclear Forces,” *The Heritage Foundation* (October)
- “Rethinking the U.S. Nuclear Triad,” *Air Force Association Air and Space Conference* (September)
- “Challenges to the INF Treaty and Implications for the Western Pacific,” *CSIS* (September)
- “Rethinking the U.S. Nuclear Triad,” *U.S. Navy Federal Executive Fellows Program* (August)
- “Future U.S. National Security Strategy and Military Strategy,” *CNA Future Strategy Forum* (April)
- “Past and Future of U.S. Nuclear Forces,” *Lugar Center/Arms Control Association* (February)
- “The INF Treaty and Asia,” *U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission* (January)

2014

- “Challenges to the INF Treaty,” *Non-Proliferation Policy Education Center* (November)
- “Taiwan’s Undersea Warfare Options,” *American Enterprise Institute* (October)
- “Rethinking the U.S. Nuclear Triad,” *U.S. Navy Federal Executive Fellows Program* (August)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American Political Science Association

2006, 2009, 2013-14, 2016-17

International Studies Association

2008, 2013-2019

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, Basin Harbor Face of Modern War Workshop (2016)
- Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies, Basin Harbor Teachers’ Workshop (2012)
- Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (2005)

REVIEWER

International Security, Security Studies, Journal of Strategic Studies, International Studies Quarterly, PS: Political Science & Politics, Contemporary Security Policy, Defence Studies, Chinese Journal of International Politics, Asian Security, Asian Politics and Policy, Texas National Security Review, War on the Rocks, Georgetown University Press, Center for a New American Security, CNA, Smith Richardson Foundation

MEDIA

Interviewed or quoted in This Week in Defense News, Voice of America News, Federal News Radio, Foreign Policy, Associated Press, Reuters, Bloomberg News, Defense News, Inside Defense, USNI News, Seapower Magazine, Taipei Times, Korea Times, International Business Times, National Defense Magazine, and Wired.