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## EDUCATION

**University of Virginia:** Charlottesville, VA

Ph.D., Foreign Affairs

*Expected:* May 2018

*Dissertation:* “The Language of Signaling: Government Rhetoric in International Bargaining”

*Committee:* John M. Owen (co-chair), Todd S. Sechser (co-chair), Nicholas J. G. Winter

*Fields:* International Relations (Major), Political Methodology (Minor)

**University of Virginia:** Charlottesville, VA

May 2014

M.A., Foreign Affairs

*Thesis:* “Strength in Signals: Tying Hands and Sunk Costs in Military Coercion”

*Readers:* Todd S. Sechser, Dale C. Copeland

**The College at Brockport, SUNY:** Brockport, NY

May 2011

B.A., International Studies (Major), Political Science (Major), Business Administration (Minor)

*Summa Cum Laude*

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“Flying to Fail: Costly Signals and Air Power in Crisis Bargaining.” Revised and Resubmitted at *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

“Norms, Public Opinion, and the Use of Nuclear Weapons” (with Todd Sechser). Revise and Resubmit at *International Studies Quarterly*.

“Why Can’t a Woman be More Like a Man? Female Leaders in Crisis Bargaining” (with Paromita Sen).

– American Political Science Association (APSA) Women and Politics Research Best Paper Award Honorable Mention, 2016.

“Rhetoric and Compromise in International Bargaining: The Case of the Falklands/Malvinas.”

“Preventing the Flood: Statecraft, Policy Tools, and Border Control” (with Bill Bernhard and David Leblang).

## WORKING PAPERS

“It’s the Principle at Stake: The Domestic Foundations of Hypocrisy Costs.”

“Because I Said So: The Role of Parties in Parliamentary and Presidential Crisis Bargaining.”

“Hand-Tying versus Muscle-Flexing in Crisis Bargaining” (with Todd Sechser).

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Class of 1985 Fellowship for Creative Teaching, University of Virginia (\$5,000), 2016  
American Political Science Association (APSA) Women and Politics Research Best Paper Award  
Honorable Mention, 2016, with Paromita Sen  
Alison J. Meloy Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics, University of  
Virginia, 2016  
Zora Neale Hurston Graduate Essay Prize, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Univer-  
sity of Virginia, 2016 (\$300), with Paromita Sen  
Quantitative Collaborative Bynum Research Award, University of Virginia (\$2,000), 2015  
Triple Hoo Research Grant (with Todd Sechser), University of Virginia (\$10,000), 2015

## WORKSHOPS AND INVITED TALKS

*Selected Participant.* Harvard International Security Conference. Harvard, MA, October 2017.  
*Invited Participant.* Peace Science Society Workshop: “Survey Experiments in International Rela-  
tions,” South Bend, IN, 2016.  
*Invited Participant.* Peace Science Society Workshop: “A Mixed-Method Approach to the Study  
of Nuclear Weapons,” South Bend, IN, 2016.  
*Invited Talk.* University of Buffalo. Buffalo, NY, October 2016.  
*Selected Participant.* Nuclear Studies Research Initiative Annual Workshop, Airlie, VA, 2015.  
*Invited Talk.* University of Virginia Quantitative Collaborative, Charlottesville, VA, 2015.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“It’s the Principle at Stake: The Domestic Foundations of Hypocrisy Costs.”  
– *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2017.  
“Preventing the Flood: Statecraft, Policy Tools, and Border Control” (with William Bernhard and  
David Leblang).  
– *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2017.  
“Hidden Norms in International Relations: Elites, Public Opinion, and Nuclear Weapons” (with  
Todd Sechser).  
– *Peace Science Society* Annual Meeting, South Bend, IN, 2016.  
– *International Studies Association* Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, 2017.  
“Hypocrisy Costs in Crisis Bargaining: An Experimental Approach.”  
– *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.  
“Hand-Tying versus Muscle-Flexing in Crisis Bargaining” (with Todd Sechser).  
– *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2015.  
– *Peace Science Society* Annual Meeting, Oxford, MS, 2015.  
“Strength in Signals: Tying Hands and Sunk Costs in Military Coercion.”  
– *International Studies Association ISSS-ISAC* Annual Conference, Austin, TX, 2014.  
– *International Studies Association* Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2015.  
“If You Want Something Done, Ask a Woman: A Gendered Understanding of Crisis Bargaining”  
(with Paromita Sen). Formerly: “Taking Women Seriously.”  
– *International Studies Association* Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 2015.  
– *American Political Science Association* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2015.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor, University of Virginia*

Speech and Diplomacy in World Politics, Summer 2017

*Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia*

International Relations, Fall 2012 (Prof. Peter Furia), Spring 2013/Spring 2014/Fall 2015 (Prof. Todd S. Sechser)

Military Force in International Relations, Fall 2013 (Prof. Dale C. Copeland)

Foreign Policy of the United States, Fall 2014 (Prof. John M. Owen)

Theories of International Relations, Spring 2015 (Prof. Jeffrey W. Legro)

Ethics and Human Rights in World Politics, Spring 2016 (Prof. Michael J. Smith)

*Guest Lecturer, University of Virginia*

“The Democratic Peace and America’s Middle East Policy,” Foreign Policy of the United States, Fall 2014

“Critical Theory: Hegemonic Country, Hegemonic Discipline,” Theories of International Relations, Spring 2015

“International Diplomacy: The Role of Face-to-Face Negotiations,” International Relations, Fall 2015

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Lab and Project Manager, “Violence, Cognition and the Media,” Professor Todd Sechser, University of Virginia, Spring 2014-Spring 2017*

– Developed and conducted a series of laboratory and survey experiments on the effects of violent media on individual cognition and behavior. Supervised eight graduate research assistants and thirty undergraduate research assistants.

*Research Assistant, “Militarized Compellent Threats,” Professor Todd Sechser, University of Virginia, Spring 2014-Fall 2016*

– Conducted research on ongoing data project of compellent threats. Supervised three undergraduate research assistants.

*Research Assistant, “Public Opinion and the Use of Military Force,” Professor Todd Sechser, University of Virginia, Spring 2014-Present*

– Designed and conducted three survey experiments on the determinants of public support for military action. Supervised two undergraduate research assistants.

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Arnold A. Saltzman Institute for War and Peace Studies, Columbia University, July 10-24, 2016

Mellon Graduate Teaching Seminar on “Pluralism in Society and the Academy,” University of Virginia, 2015-16

Tomorrow’s Professor Today, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Virginia, 2015-16

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, July-August 2015

*Advanced Game Theory and Advanced Maximum Likelihood*

Nuffield CESS/Munk School Experimental Methods Summer School, May 20-30, 2014

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Research Assistant Professor, University of Buffalo, 2017-present

QC Graduate Fellow, Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia, 2014-2015

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Student Coordinator of the Lansing B. Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics at the University of Virginia, 2013-2015

Lab Manager for Politics Department, University of Virginia, 2015-2016

Reviewer: *International Interactions*, *World Politics*, *International Organization*

## COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, z-Tree, Millisecond Inquisit, Qualtrics, Limesurvey, Python (text analysis), Yoshikoder

## REFERENCES

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