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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of New Hampshire, Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, August 2020 – present

Chair, International Affairs Program Committee, August 2023 – present

University of Oklahoma, Department of International and Area Studies

Assistant Professor, August 2018 – June 2020

VISITING POSITIONS

United States Air Force Academy, Institute for Future Conflict

Non-resident Fellow, 2024-2025

Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding

International Security Fellow, 2019-2020

George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies

Pre-Doctoral Fellow, 2017-2018

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, Political Science Department

Ph.D., May 2018

Dissertation: *Beyond Military Power: The Symbolic Politics of Conventional Weapons Transfers*

*Winner, 2019 Kenneth Waltz Best Dissertation Award, American Political Science Association

M.A., February 2015

Colgate University, B.A., Peace and Conflict Studies, 2011

Thesis: *Torture, Truth and Intelligence: The United Kingdom's War on Terror*

*Awarded Best Paper, Colgate Academic Conference, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

“Boom, Bling, Backbone or Blip?: The Signaling Inherent in Arms Sales,” *International Security* 43, no. 3 (Winter 2024/2025): 164-204. https://doi.org/10.1162/isec_a_00505

“Adapting to the AI Era: ChatGPT in the Classroom,” *Journal of Political Science Education*, with James Ackerman (UNH student), online first, October 2024:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15512169.2024.2414017>

- “Defense Offsets and Political Leverage,” *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 19, no. 1 (2024): <https://www.epsjournal.org.uk/index.php/EPSJ/article/view/396>.
- “Arms for Influence? The Limits of Great Power Leverage,” *European Journal of International Security* 8, no. 3(2023): 395-412. <https://doi.org/10.1017/eis.2023.3>
- Raymond Kuo and **Jennifer Spindel**, “The Unintended Consequences of Arms Embargoes,” *Foreign Policy Analysis*, online first, 2022, <https://academic.oup.com/fpa/article-abstract/19/1/orac030/6887208>
- Robert Ralston and **Jennifer Spindel**, “Public Attitudes toward Diversity, Promotion, and Leadership in the US Military,” *Armed Forces & Society*, online first, 2022, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0095327X221117609>.
- Jeffrey Spindel, **Jennifer Spindel**, Kaitlyn Gordon, and Jennifer Koch, “The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Primary Prevention,” *American Journal of Medical Sciences*, 8 December 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amjms.2021.12.003>
- Robert Ralston, Matthew Motta, and **Jennifer Spindel**, “When OK is NOT OK: Public Concern About White Nationalism in the U.S. Military (Research Note),” *Armed Forces & Society*, 48, no. 1 (2022): 228-239. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X20918394>
- Matthew Motta, Robert Ralston, and **Jennifer Spindel**, “A Call to Arms for Climate Change? How military service member concern about climate change can inform effective climate communication,” *Environmental Communication* 15, no. 1 (2021): 85-98. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17524032.2020.1799836>
- Jennifer Spindel** and Robert Ralston, “Taking Social Cohesion to Task: Perceptions of Transgender Military Inclusion and Concepts of Cohesion,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 5, no. 1 (2020): 80-96. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogz045>
- Ronald R. Krebs and **Jennifer Spindel**, “Divided Priorities: Why and When Allies Differ over Military Intervention.” *Security Studies* 27, no. 4 (2018): 575-606. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2018.1483609>. (Authors in alphabetical order)

Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

- “Military Power,” in *Oxford Handbook of International Political Sociology*, eds. Stacie Goddard, Ole Jacob Sending, and George Lawson, Oxford University Press, April 2025.
- “Qualitative Social Network Analysis,” in *Doing Good Qualitative Research*, eds. Jen St. Cyr and Sara Wallace Goodman, Oxford University Press, April 2024.
- “Trump’s Transactional Follies: Why the Arms Trade is Not a Business,” in *Chaos Reconsidered: The Liberal Order and the Future of International Politics*, Jervis, Labrosse, Goddard, Rovner, eds. Columbia University Press, June 2023.

Policy Commentary and Engagement

- Paul Lushenko and **Jennifer Spindel**, “Defending America’s Skies: Public Support for Homeland Counter-Drone Operations,” Cornell Tech Policy Institute Brief, 12 March 2025, <https://publicpolicy.cornell.edu/news/defending-americas-skies-public-support-for-homeland-counter-drone-operations/>

Keith L. Carter, **Jennifer Spindel**, and Matthew McCrary, “How Ukraine Can Do More With Less,” *Foreign Affairs*, 29 May 2024. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/ukraine/how-ukraine-can-do-more-less>

Dylan Cordle* and **Jennifer Spindel**, “Grappling with End-Use Monitoring,” *Forum on the Arms Trade*, 8 January 2024. <https://www.forumarmstrade.org/blog/grappling-with-end-use-monitoring> *UNH graduate student

“Biden’s CAT Policy,” *H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum*, Policy Roundtable II-2, 26 June 2023, https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/12884191/h-diplorjissf-policy-roundtable-ii-2-bidens-convetional-arms#_Toc138404127

Tom McDonough* and **Jennifer Spindel** “Will the weapons of tomorrow be nuclear or digital?” *Australian Outlook*, 12 October 2022, <https://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/weapons-tomorrow-nuclear-or-digital/> *UNH graduate student

Bryan Nakayama and **Jennifer Spindel**, “NATO’s help to Ukraine could deter Russia from territorial expansion,” *Defense Post*, 8 March 2022, <https://www.thedefensepost.com/2022/03/08/nato-ukraine-russia-expansionism/>

Jennifer Spindel and Robert Ralston, “Congress might require women to register for the draft. Where do Republicans and Democrats stand?” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 15 November 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/11/15/congress-might-require-women-register-draft-where-do-republicans-democrats-stand/>

Ronald R. Krebs and **Jennifer Spindel**, “Did the Afghanistan exit diminish U.S. credibility among its allies. Probably not.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 1 September 2021, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/09/01/did-afghanistan-exit-diminish-us-credibility-among-its-allies-probably-not/>

“Trump’s Transactional Follies: The Consequences of Treating the Arms Trade Like a Business,” *H-Diplo International Security Studies Forum*, Policy Series 2021-32, 10 June 2021, <https://issforum.org/roundtables/policy/ps2021-38>

Jennifer Spindel, Robert Ralston, and Matthew Motta, “Americans aren’t worried about white nationalism in the military – because they don’t know it’s there.” *The Conversation*, 8 October 2020, <https://theconversation.com/americans-arent-worried-about-white-nationalism-in-the-military-because-they-dont-know-its-there-147341>

Reprinted in [Salon](#), [The National Interest](#), and [Business Insider](#); [translated](#) to French

“Artificial Intelligence, Nuclear Weapons, and Strategic Stability.” Introduction to papers commissioned by the Stanley Center, the Stimson Center, and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. June 2020, <https://stanleycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/TheMilitaryization-ArtificialIntelligence.pdf>

“How Not to Ensure Credibility with Allies,” *Modern War Institute*, 21 February 2020, with Ronald R. Krebs, <http://mwi.usma.edu/not-ensure-credibility-allies>

“Trump’s mismanagement of the withdrawal from Syria hurt alliances — not the withdrawal itself,”

The Washington Post Monkey Cage, 30 October 2019, with Ronald R. Krebs,
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/10/30/trumps-mismanagement-withdrawal-syria-hurt-alliances-not-withdrawal-itself/>

“What Turkey’s purchase of a Russian air defense system means for the U.S. and NATO.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 23 July 2019,

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/07/23/what-turkeys-s-purchase-means-us-nato/?utm_term=.88c8c73a9e2e

“Yes, Trump can override Congress and sell weapons to Saudi Arabia – even over Republican objections.” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*, 30 May 2019,

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/05/30/yes-trump-can-override-congress-sell-weapons-saudi-arabia-even-over-republican-objections/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.0d1de22aa646

“The Case For Suspending Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia.” *War on the Rocks*, 14 May 2019.

<https://warontherocks.com/2019/05/the-case-for-suspending-american-arms-sales-to-saudi-arabia/>

“Veterans are Concerned about Climate Change. Here’s why.” *The Conversation*, 8 March 2018. with Matt Motta and Robert Ralston,

<https://theconversation.com/veterans-are-concerned-about-climate-change-and-that-matters-110685>

“With Arms Sales, ‘It’s Not Just the Economy, Stupid.’” *The Duck of Minerva*, 12 October 2018.

<http://duckofminerva.com/2018/10/with-arms-sales-its-not-just-the-economy-stupid.html>

“The Transgender Ban and the Politics of Exclusion.” *The Duck of Minerva*, 28 July 2017, with

Robert Ralston, <http://duckofminerva.com/2017/07/the-transgender-ban-and-politics-of-exclusion.html>.

Book and Article Reviews

H-Diplo/RJISSF roundtable review 14-12 of Danielle Lupton *Reputation for Resolve*, 10

February 2023, <https://issforum.org/roundtables/h-diplorjissf-roundtable-review-on-lupton-reputation-for-resolve>.

H-Diplo/ISSF roundtable XII-14 of Audrey Kurth Cronin *Power to the People: How open technological innovation is arming tomorrow’s terrorists*. 26 July 2021,

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/7959284/h-diploissf-roundtable-xii-14-power-people-how-open-technological>

H-Diplo Article Review Forum 855: “Gender and the Canadian Military.” 3 May 2019,

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/4065916/h-diplo-article-review-forum-855-%E2%80%9Cgender-and-canadian-military%E2%80%9D>

Other Publications

“It’s a Trap! Teaching Bureaucratic Politics with a Star Wars Simulation,” *Political Science*

Educator 28, no. 1 (7 June 2024). <https://educate.apsanet.org/its-a-trap-teaching-bureaucratic-politics-with-a-star-wars-simulation>

H-Diplo Teaching Roundtable XXI-35 on Teaching Grand Strategy. 2 April 2020.

https://networks.h-net.org/node/28443/discussions/6072458/h-diplo-teaching-roundtable-xxi-35-teaching-grand-strategy#_Toc36387716

WORK IN PROGRESS

H-Diplo ISSF Roundtable Review, *Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy*, (with editor)

“The Defense Industrial Base and the Future of Conflict” with Keith L. Carter (under review)

“In the Shadow of Sex: Gender Signaling and the Conventional Weapons Trade”

“The Modern System of War and Contemporary Conflict” with Keith L. Carter

“Known Unknowns in Security Cooperation Data”

“Counter-Drone operations and the US homeland” with Paul Lushenko

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Sidore Master Class Grant, for workshop on wargaming in the classroom (\$5,000), Spring 2025

Global Racial and Social Inequality Lab (GRISL), Small Research Grant (\$5,000), January 2022.

[Link](#) to UNH write up about the grant.

Stanton Foundation Course Development Grant, Summer 2021 (\$50,000), with Madhavi Devasher

Kenneth Waltz Award, Best Dissertation in International Security, American Political Science Association, 2019

Invited Member, Accelerator Initiative, Stanley Center, June - December 2019

[Link](#) to program writeup

Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, Summer 2019 (\$7,000)

Faculty Support Grant, University of Oklahoma, Spring 2019 (\$1,800)

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, 2018-2019 (declined)

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Sie Center, University of Denver, 2018-2019 (declined)

Moody Research Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library, 2017 (\$3,000)

Robert T. Holt Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, 2016-2017 (competitive, university-wide)

Larson Graduate Research Fellowship in Political Economy, Summer 2016 & Summer 2017

Thesis Research Travel Grant, University of Minnesota, June 2016 (\$3,500)

Dissertation Proposal Fellowship, Mixed Methods Interdisciplinary Graduate Group, University of Minnesota, 2015 (\$1,000)

Summer Fellowship, Department of Political Science, 2012-2015

Political Networks Conference Travel Grant, Political Networks Section, APSA, Summer 2015

Graduate Research Partnership Program, University of Minnesota, Summer 2015

N. Marbury Efimenco First Year Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2012-2013

Projects for Peace Fellowship, Kathryn W. Davis Foundation, Summer 2011 (\$10,000)

Sterling Prize for Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University, 2011

Peace and Human Security Fellowship, Colgate University, Summer 2010

CONFERENCE & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Research Talks

“Does FMS really result in US influence?,” Department of Defense, Defense and Security Cooperation University speaker series (virtual, November 2024)

West Point, Defense & Strategic Studies War Council Guest Speaker (West Point, NY, October 2022)

Notre Dame International Security Colloquium (NDISC), Notre Dame (South Bend, IN, September 2022)

Eastern Sociological Society, Mini Conference on Military Sociology (Boston, March 2022)

Washington International Security Colloquium (WISC), University of Washington (virtual, May 2021)

Center for International and Security Studies, University of Maryland (virtual, March 2021)

Security Policy Workshop, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University (Washington, DC, April 2016)

Harvard International Security Conference (Cambridge, MA, October 2017)

Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium (Minneapolis, MN, February 2016)

Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Colgate University (Hamilton, NY, February 2016)

Invited Conferences & Workshops

Presentation to Forum on the Arms Trade Emerging Experts Group, “Research and Publishing,” (February 2025)

West Point Social Sciences Seminar, Invited Workshop Participant (West Point, NY, February 2025)

Security Cooperation Conference: Building Lasting Partnerships, Invited Panelist, Defense and Security Cooperation University (Washington, DC, October 2024)

Symposium on Military Transparency in Times of Conflict, Invited Participant, UN Office of Disarmament Affairs and Stimson Center (July 2023)

Early Career Nuclear Strategists Workshop, NATO Defense College (Rome, Italy, June 2023)

Order, Counter-Order, Disorder? Workshop at West Point for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff’s Chairman’s Action Group (West Point, NY, February 2023)

Dickey Center for International Understanding, Post-doc Alumni Conference invited presenter (Hanover, NH, January 2023)

Empirical Approaches to Historical IR Workshop, University of Chicago (Chicago, May 2019)

Lone Star National Security Workshop, invited discussant (Dallas, Texas, April 2019)

Journeys in World Politics Workshop (Iowa City, IA, May 2017)

New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap Project (Washington, DC, March 2018)

Summer Workshop for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS),
Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, (Ithaca, NY, July 2015)

Association Meeting Participation

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015

International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2025, 2023, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017

Political Networks Conference (POLNET): 2015

TEACHING

University of New Hampshire

US in World Affairs; National Security Policy & Strategy; International Security; Global Challenges in International Affairs; Technology & War; Research Pro-Seminar; Hamel Center Undergraduate Research Course

University of Oklahoma

Global Security; Technology & War; US Foreign Policy (MA level); National Security Policy

University of Minnesota

Instructor: Theories of International Relations

Teaching Assistant: International Conflict & Security; Theories of International Relations; Technology & War; Global Politics

SERVICE

To the Profession

International Studies Association,

Foreign Policy Analysis Section, Executive Council Member, 2024-2026

International Security Studies Section (ISSS) Governing Council Member, 2018-2021

Occasional reviewer of manuscripts for: *International Organization, International Security, Foreign Policy Analysis, American Political Science Review, Conflict Management & Peace Science, Political Research Quarterly, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Security Studies, International Studies Review, Journal of Politics, International Politics, Journal of Global Security Studies, International Theory, European Union Politics, Armed Forces & Society*

Panel Organizer:

“Emerging Technologies and Great Powers,” ISA 2022.

“Taking Alliances Seriously,” ISA 2019.

“Beyond Audience Costs: Signaling in International Security,” APSA 2018.

“Gender and the Arms Trade,” ISA 2018.

“Beyond Military Power: Reconsidering the Global Arms Trade,” ISA 2017.

New England Region

Patient Research Advocate, Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard Cancer Center, November 2022 - present

Keynote Speaker, NH 4-H Teen Conference, Summer 2024

Understanding the War in Ukraine, public talk at Riverwoods Durham, Spring 2023

The War in Ukraine and Conflict in Israel, public talk at Riverwoods Durham, Fall 2023

University of New Hampshire – University-wide

Faculty Ambassador, College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office, 2024 – present

Center for Humanities, Advisory Board Member, Fall 2023 – present

Russo-Ukrainian War, panelist for RGSCP Citizenship Summit, October 2024

Women In International Security, Faculty founder and organizer, Spring 2023 – present

Hamel Center Traveling Fellowship Review Committee, Spring 2023

Gaither Fellowship Review Panel, 2020

Closing Ceremonies Guest Speaker, UNH Model UN, April 2021

University of New Hampshire – Department

Co-Coordinator, International Security Minor, 2023 – present

Scheduling Committee, Member, 2021-present

Panelist, "What Can We Learn from Claudine Gay," February 2024

Faculty Senate Representative, Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Co-Organizer, "Russia's invasion of Ukraine" panel, March 2022.

Organizer, "Conspiracy Theories, Myth-Making, and the Rise of Extremism," panel, April 2021

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Member, 2020-2022

University of Minnesota

Founder, Steering Committee, Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium, 2016-2017

Steering Committee, Minnesota International Relations Colloquium, 2013-2015

International Relations Search Committee, 2014

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Quoted in, "After Gaza Ceasefire: Does Donald Trump Deserve the Nobel Peace Prize," *Knack* (Belgian news magazine), 22 January 2025, ([link](#))

Quoted in "How far will Ukraine advance in Russia's Kursk region?" *DW*, 13 August 2024, ([link](#))

Live TV Interview, Euractiv Slovakia & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, "Who Counts Weapons in Ukraine?," 6 November 2023, ([link](#))

Quoted in, “Can the West keep supplying Ukraine with enough artillery?,” *Vox*, 6 June 2023, ([link](#))

Interview with “National Security This Week,” KYMN Radio, on arms embargoes and foreign policy, February 2023. With Raymond Kuo. ([link](#))

TV Interview, “Women and the Draft,” Scripps Media. Broadcast on 47 stations across the United States, November 2021.

Live TV Interview, France24, on AUKUS alliance, 16 September 2021 ([link](#))

Live TV interview, Fox 5 DC on white nationalism and the US military, 11 February 2021 ([link](#))

Interview on *The Attitude* with Arnie Arnesen, 19 January 2021 ([link](#))

Interview on *The Attitude* with Arnie Arnesen, *White Nationalism in the US Military*, 14 October 2020. ([link](#))

Interview on NPR Morning Edition segment, “Trump says he won’t scrap arms deal over missing Saudi journalist,” 16 October 2018. National broadcast ([link](#)).

Quoted in “Trump administration caps turbulent year with government shutdown,” *Globe and Mail*, 21 December 2018. ([link](#)).

Quoted in “US weapons sales a flashpoint as President Trump presses Saudi Arabia over missing journalist,” in *USA Today*, 16 October 2018. ([link](#))

FIELDWORK

Defence & Security Equipment International, London, UK, September 2015, September 2019, September 2023

Eurosatory Air and Land Exhibition, Paris, France, June 2016

Duluth Air Show, Duluth, MN, June 2017