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ACADEMIC POSITION	Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University	2019-2020
CURRENT POSITION	Economist, Office of Legislative Oversight, Montgomery County Council, Maryland	2020-present
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Government, Cornell University <i>Committee:</i> Matthew Evangelista (co-chair), Sarah Kreps (co-chair), Joseph Margulies, Sarah Maxey (Loyola University Chicago)	2021 expected
	M.A. Government, Cornell University Fields: International Relations (major), Comparative Politics (minor)	2018
	M.P.P., University of Maryland, School of Public Policy Specialization: International Development	2009
	B.A. with honors, Morgan State University, Literature and Language (major), Spanish (minor), <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	2006
	A.A., Community College of Baltimore County	2003
RESEARCH	<i>The Moral Public: Intent, Civilian Immunity, and American Public Support for War</i>	
	Does the U.S. military's killing of foreign civilians affect American public support for war? The question remains a source of debate between two camps in IR. The "strategic public" camp points to the public's indifference to civilian harm and preoccupation with winning wars, whereas the "moral public" camp sees a public moved by legal norms that prohibit wartime civilian harm. Despite the centrality of <i>intent</i> in just war theory and international humanitarian law, neither camp has considered the de-	

gree to which the intent behind civilian harm conditions public support for war. Drawing on research in moral psychology, I argue that public support for war decreases as the intent behind civilian harm shifts from (i) deliberate to (ii) foreseeable but not deliberate to (iii) accidental—a core distinction of just war theory which is codified in international law as the noncombatant immunity norm. I argue that public concern for intent is driven by moral intuition, not the internalization of legal norms as emphasized in the “moral public” camp. Using survey experiments and content analysis, I examine the effect of the intent behind the U.S. military’s killing of civilians on public support for war. The project contributes a novel account of moral concern for wartime civilian harm and demonstrates the benefits of linking research in cognitive science to the study of public opinion and international law.

PUBLICATIONS

- PEER-REVIEWED “Treatment Format and External Validity in International Relations Experiments” with Sarah Kreps. 2019. *International Interactions* 45(3): 1-19.
- “Tellez v. Dole: Nicaraguan Banana Workers Confront the U.S. Judicial System” with Armin Rosencranz. 2014. *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal* 7(2): 113-142.
- “Doling Out Environmental Justice to Nicaraguan Banana Workers: The Jose Adolfo Tellez v. Dole Food Company Litigation in the U.S. Courts” with Armin Rosencranz and Nicole Balloffet. 2009. *Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal* 3(1): 161-180.
- IN PROGRESS “War of Words: How Presidential Rhetoric and Anti-War Messages Compete for Public Opinion” with Sarah Maxey (Loyola University Chicago)
- “The Moral vs. Strategic Publics: Explaining American Public Concern for the Intent Behind Wartime Civilian Harm”
- “Race and Moral Concern for Wartime Civilian Harm: Explaining the ‘Race Gap’ in Public Support for War”
- OTHER (SELECTED) “Survey Format and the Trade-Off Between Internal and External Validity” with Sarah Kreps. 14 February 2019. *Political Violence at a Glance*.
- “Another Look at the New ICRC Survey: Glimmers of Hope?” with Sarah Kreps. 13 December 2016. *Just Security*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL	Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, George Washington University	2019-20
	Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship	2019-20
	Centennial Research Grant, American Political Science Association	2019
	Tobin Graduate Student Fellowship	2017
CORNELL UNIVERSITY	American Studies Research Grant, with Sarah Maxey	2018
	American Studies Research Grant	2017
	Research Assistant to Ambassador Luigi Einaudi, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict	2016-17
	Graduate Fellow, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict	2015-17
	Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship, Department of Government, with Sarah Kreps	2015
	Sage Fellowship, Department of Government	2014-15
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	William Donald Schaefer Internship Fund, School of Public Policy	2008
	Graduate Assistantship	2007-09
	Maryland State Senatorial Scholarship	2007-09
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY	Diversity Scholarship	2003-06
	Community College Student Scholarship	2003-06
	Dr. Frederick H. Dedmond Award for Excellence in Spanish Service Award	2006
	Dr. Michael D. Bayton Literary Scholarship Award	2006
	Senior Award for Scholarship	2005- 06
	Michael D. Bayton Award for Service	2005-06
	English and Language Arts Scholarship	2005

PRESENTATIONS

INTERVIEW	What Moves People Against War. Interview by David Swanson. Talk Nation Radio.	2019
CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	“War of Words: How Presidential Rhetoric and Anti-War Messages Compete” with Sarah Maxey, American Political Science Association annual meeting	2019
	“Moral Codes and Wartime Calculus: Assessing Public Attitudes about Civilian Casualties” with Sarah Kreps	

- American Political Science Association annual meeting 2017
2016
- American Political Science Association annual meeting 2016
- Center for the Study of Democratic Politics and the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, April 28-29, 2016

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR	Oral Communication, Department of Communication Public Opinion, Mass Media and Post-9/11 U.S. Foreign Policy, First-Year Writing Seminar	Spring 2018 Fall 2016
HEAD TEACHING ASSISTANT	Introduction to American Government and Politics (Prof. Suzanne Mettler)	Fall 2015
TEACHING ASSISTANT	Inquiry in Politics and Policy (Prof. David Silbey) How Do You Know That? (Prof. Christopher Way) Human Rights at War (Prof. Matthew Evangelista) Prisons (Prof. Joseph Margulies) Introduction to American Government and Politics (Prof. Robert Spitzer)	2018-19 Fall 2017 Spring 2017 Spring 2016 Summer 2013
TRAINING	Teaching Writing Seminar, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University	2016
OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCES	Workshop Instructor and Facilitator, Word on the Street Writing Workshop, Baltimore, MD Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy, Course: Comparative Political Analysis (Prof. Allen Schick) Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, School of Public Policy, Course: Globalization, Trade, and Labor (Prof. Armin Rosencranz) Tutor, University of Maryland, Writing Center Long-term Substitute Teacher, Spanish language special- ty, Baltimore County Public Schools English Teacher, Iyoba Girls College, Benin City, Nigeria Spanish Tutor, Morgan State University, Foreign Lan- guage Department	2012-13 2008-09 2007-08 2007-08 2007 Summer 2006 2006

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT	Survey Researcher, Office of Human Resources, Montgomery County Government	Nov 2019- Feb 2020
	Data Analyst Consultant, Suzanne Mettler and Robert Lieberman's book project, <i>Four Threats: The Recurring Crises of American Democracy</i>	Oct 2019- Jan 2020
	Management Analyst, Baltimore County Department of Health, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)	2010-12
	H1N1 Communications Specialist, Baltimore County Department of Health	2009-10
	Research Associate, Partners for Development, Washington, DC	2009
	Research Associate, Global Integrity, Washington, DC	2008
	Long-term Substitute Teacher, Baltimore County Public Schools	2007
 OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES		
SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY	Organizer, Graduate Conference, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University	2016-17
	Morgan State University	
	• President, 1st Annual Sigma Tau Delta Scholarly Paper Conference	2006
	• President, Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society	2005-06
	• President, Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society	2005-06
	• President, Spanish Club	2005-06
	• Organizer, International Education Week	2004
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	Sarah Kreps, Ph.D	2016
	Armin Rosencranz, Ph.D	2007-08
AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS	International Political Science Association	2019
	National Capital Area Political Science Association	2019
	Peace and Justice Studies Association	2019
	American Political Science Association	2017-19
	Golden Key International Honor Society	2005-06
	Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society	2005-06
	Alpha Mu Gamma National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society	2005-06
	Spanish Club, Morgan State University	2005-06

COMMUNITY WORK	Videographer, Historians Against The War National Conference, Baltimore Maryland	2013
	Editor, Independent Reader, Baltimore Maryland	2010-13
	Project Designer, HIV/AIDS Youth Outreach Program, Women's Health and Action Research Center (WHARC), Benin City, Nigeria	2007

SKILLS & TRAINING

DATA ANALYSIS	Statistics (frequentist) Advanced regression analysis—discontinuity, matching and time-series Structural equation modeling—path, factor, and mediation analysis Multilevel modeling Causal inference Survey experimental methods Content analysis Comparative case study analysis Data cleaning, transforming, and visualization
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PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE	R, Stata, Qualtrics, Power BI, ATLAS.ti, Excel, Word, Powerpoint
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COMMUNICATION	Oral communication and public speaking Writing: research articles, policy analysis, grants, press releases, op-eds Public relations
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TRAINING	Structural Equation Modeling Short Course, Cornell Statistical Consulting Unit, Cornell University, June 2019 Introduction to Python for Data Science, The Data Incubator, March 2019 Teaching Writing Seminar, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University Categorical and Count Data, Cornell University, Spring 2017 Comparative Methods, Cornell University, Spring 2015 Advanced Regression Analysis, Cornell University, Spring 2015 Introduction to Probability and Applied Statistics, Cornell University, Fall 2014
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REFERENCES	Matthew Evangelista (co-chair) President White Professor Dept. of Government Cornell University mae10@cornell.edu	Sarah Kreps (co-chair) John L. Wetherill Professor Dept. of Government Cornell University sarah.kreps@cornell.edu
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