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**EDUCATION:**

Rice University, Houston, Texas. Ph.D. in Political Science, May 2006.

University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom. M.A. in International Relations with Distinction, December 2001.

University of Pittsburgh. Graduate Exchange Student, 1999-2000.

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn, Germany. Finished undergraduate studies in Political Science (Major), Medieval and Modern History (Minor), American Language and Literature (Minor), Summer 1999.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, August 2006- present.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

“Information, Agreement Design, and the Durability of Civil War Settlements.” (with Burcu Savun). Forthcoming at *American Journal of Political Science*.

“Fostering Peace after Civil War: Commitment Problems and Agreement Design.” (with Burcu Savun). *International Studies Quarterly* 53(3): 737-759 (September 2009).

“Interests, Institutions, and the Reliability of International Commitments.” (with Brett Ashley Leeds and Jeremy S. Vogel). *American Journal of Political Science* 53(2):461-476 (April 2009).

“The Effect of Changing Conditions and Agreement Provisions on Conflict and Renegotiation between States with Competing Claims.” *International Studies Quarterly* 52(2): 315-334 (June 2008).

“Alliance Politics During the Cold War: Aberration, New World Order, or Continuation of History?”(with Brett Ashley Leeds) *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 24(3): 183-199 (Fall 2007).

When Do They Stop? Modeling the Termination of War.” (with T. Clifton Morgan) *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 21(3): 179-193 (Fall 2004).

## **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:**

### ***Manuscripts under Review***

“Contracting for Peace: Do Nonaggression Pacts Prevent Conflict?” (with Greg Vonnahme). Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Politics*.

### ***Working Papers***

“Democracy, Leadership Change, and the Precommitment of Successor Governments.”

### ***Papers Presented***

“Democracy, Leadership Change, and the Precommitment of Successor Governments.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 15-18, 2009, and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.

“Nonaggression Pacts are Different: Disaggregating the Alliance-Conflict Relationship” (with Greg Vonnahme). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.

“Information, Agreements Design, and the Durability of Civil War Settlements” (with Burcu Savun). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 26-29, 2008.

“The Optimal Design of Civil War Settlements: Insights from Bargaining Theory” (with Burcu Savun). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30 - September 2, 2007, and the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbia, South Carolina, November 2-4, 2007.

“Institutions, Leadership Change, and Foreign Policy Consistency: The Reliability of Democratic Commitments” (with Brett Ashley Leeds and Jeremy S. Vogel). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 28-March 3, 2007.

“Falling to ‘Peaces’: Conciliatory Agreements and the Durability of Peace”. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, California, March 22-25, 2006, and the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbus, Ohio, November 10-12, 2006.

“Institutions, Leadership Change, and Foreign Policy Consistency” (with Brett Ashley Leeds and Jeremy Vogel). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 1-4, 2005, and the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Iowa City, Iowa, November 3-6, 2005.

“Alliance Politics During the Cold War: Aberration, New World Order or Continuation of History” (with Brett Ashley Leeds). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2005, and the Jan Tinbergen Peace Science Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 27-29, 2005.

“Leadership Change, Credible Commitments, and the Formality of International Agreements.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 17-20, 2004.

“When Do They Stop? Modeling the Termination of War” (with T. Clifton Morgan). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Tucson, Arizona, November 1-3, 2002, and at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 16-19, 2003.

“Economic Sanctions and Foreign Policy Substitutability: An Application of the Two Good Theory” (with Anne Miers, T. Clifton Morgan and Glenn Palmer). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, August 29-September 1, 2002.

### ***Other Conference Participation***

Discussant, “Creating Durable Alliances”, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 3-6, 2009.

Panel Chair and Discussant, “Conflict and Domestic Institutions”. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31- September 3 2006.

### **INVITED TALKS:**

Shambaugh Conference: Building Synergies: Institutions and Cooperation in World Politics, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, October 12-14, 2006.

The U.S. and the Laws of War, Columbia University, New York, New York, June 1-2, 2006.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS:**

National Science Foundation, 2009-2011. Interests, Institutions, and Foreign Policy Change. Collaborative Research with Brett Ashley Leeds. SES-0921781 (\$389,081 total; \$154,565 Vanderbilt portion)

Dinna Zinnes Graduate Student Paper Award. Awarded by the International Studies Association, March 2005.

Exchange Scholarship. Awarded by the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn, Germany, 1999-2000.

Graduate Fellowship, Rice University, Fall 2001- 2006.

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:**

International Relations Theory  
International Conflict  
International Institutions and Organization  
Conflict Resolution  
Domestic Politics and International Relations  
Institutional Design

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### *Courses Taught*

#### Undergraduate:

Introduction to International Politics (Vanderbilt University)  
International Organization (Rice University)  
International Law and Organization (Vanderbilt University)  
Causes of War (Vanderbilt University)  
Conflict Management (Vanderbilt University)

#### Graduate:

International Cooperation (Vanderbilt University)

### *Thesis Committee Member*

Corey Bike  
Mingyan Li  
Ying Zhang

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Political Science Association  
Midwestern Political Science Association  
Peace Science Society International  
International Studies Association

## **PEER REVIEWER:**

American Journal of Political Science  
Journal of Politics  
International Studies Quarterly  
Journal of Peace Research  
International Interaction  
Conflict Management and Peace Science  
Political Research Quarterly  
Journal of Institutional Economics

## **VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

Political Science Graduate Committee, Fall 2006-2008.  
Political Science Planning Committee, Fall 2008-2009.  
European Politics Search Committee, Fall 2008.  
Vanderbilt College of Arts & Sciences Committee on Educational Programs, Fall 2008-present.  
Pre-major Adviser at Vanderbilt University, Fall 2008-2009.  
Political Science Graduate Committee, Fall 2009.

## **LANGUAGES:**

German (native speaker)  
French (reading ability)

## **REFERENCES:**

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