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- EXPERTISE** International Security, Political Violence, Russia and Eastern Europe
- EMPLOYMENT** **Texas A&M University** Aug. 2022 - Present  
Assistant Professor  
The Bush School of Government and Public Service  
Department of International Affairs  
Core Faculty, Albritton Center for Grand Strategy
- The John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College** 2021-22  
Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security
- EDUCATION** **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL 2021  
*Ph.D.*, Political Science  
*Qualifying exams*: International Relations, Formal Theory
- Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C. 2015  
*Bachelor of Science*, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service (SFS)  
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Carroll Fellow
- PUBLISHED WORK** **Peer-reviewed**
- Chinchilla, Alexandra, Kyle Atwell, Alexis Bradstreet, Catherine Crombe, and Luther Leblanc. "Irregular Warfare in Strategic Competition," *Defence Studies* (2023).
- Chinchilla, Alexandra and Jesse Driscoll, "Warlord Coordination As State-Building In Post-Maidan Ukraine." special issue in *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* (2021).
- Pape, Robert A., Alejandro Albanez Rivas, Alexandra C. Chinchilla. "Introducing the New CPOST Dataset on Suicide Attacks." *Journal of Peace Research* (2021).
- "Forum - Conflict Delegation in Civil Wars," with Niklas Karlén, Vladimir Rauta, Idean Salehyan, Andrew Mumford, Belgin San-Akca, Alexandra Stark, Michel Wyss, Assaf Moghadam, Allard Duursma, Henning Tamm, Erin K Jenne, Milos Popovic, David S Siroky, Vanessa Meier, Kit Rickard, Giuseppe Spatafora. *International Studies Review* (2021).
- Poast, Paul and Alexandra Chinchilla. "Good for Democracy? Evidence from the 2004 NATO Expansion." special issue in *International Politics* (2020).
- Editor-reviewed**
- Chinchilla, Alexandra C., and Paul Poast. "Defense Institution Building from Above? Lessons from the Baltic Experience." *Connections: The Quarterly Journal* 17, no. 3

(2018): 61-71.

### **Book chapters**

Chinchilla, Alexandra. "Formal Models of Proxy War," *Routledge Handbook of Proxy Wars*, edited by Moghadam Assaf, Vladimir Rauta, and Michel Wyss, 2023.

Chinchilla, Alexandra and Paul Poast. "Good for Democracy? Evidence from the 2004 NATO Expansion," *Evaluating NATO Enlargement: From Cold War Victory to the Russia-Ukraine War*, edited by James Goldgeier, and Joshua R. Shiffrin, 2023 (reprint of *International Politics* article).

Chinchilla, Alexandra and Stephen D. Mull. "The Development of the Modern U.S.-Polish Relationship and Its Future Prospects." *Projekt "Polska": Silne i Bezpieczne Panstwo?* ed. Anna Antczak-Barzan. Warszawa: Vizja Press, 2014: 255-267.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Solo-authored**

"Advising War: Great Power Influence Through Boots on the Ground." Book manuscript.

"I'll be Watching You: Military Advisors as Monitors During Proxy War." Research article (under review).

"Balancing Acts: Why Great Powers Underprovide Security Assistance." Research article (under review).

"The Effect of Advisor Deployments on Counterinsurgent Repression During Civil War." Research article.

### **Co-authored**

"Vladimir Putin and the Russian Military." Alexandra Chinchilla and Raymond Finch. Book chapter (forthcoming).

"U.S. Preponderance in NATO: The Role of Logistics, Intelligence & IT, Training, and Coordination." Alexandra Chinchilla, Jordan Becker, Stephen Brooks, Hugo Meijer, and William Wohlforth. Research article.

"Forward Deployed Troops and US National Security Policy: Do Elites and Public think about Tripwires in the same way?" Paul Poast, Alexandra Chinchilla, and Dani Reiter. Research article.

"Explaining Conditionality Failure in Principal-Agent Relationships," Alexandra Chinchilla, Renanah Miles Joyce. Research article.

"Escalation as a Process." Sara Plana, Alexandra Chinchilla, Kyle Atwell, and Noel Anderson. Research article.

## **OTHER WRITING**

Alexandra Chinchilla and Sam Rosenberg. "Why America Should Send Military Advisers to Ukraine." *Foreign Affairs*. September 22, 2023.

Alexandra Chinchilla. "Lessons from Ukraine for Security Force Assistance." *Lawfare*. September 10, 2023.

Alexandra Chinchilla and Jahara Matisek. “Ukraine’s Hidden Advantage: How European Trainers Have Transformed Kyiv’s Army and Changed the War.” *Foreign Affairs*. May 11, 2023.

Alexandra Chinchilla. “Security Assistance Worked in Ukraine.” *The Defense Post*. March 14, 2022.

Alexandra Chinchilla. Review of Melissa M. Lee, *Crippling Leviathan: How Foreign Subversion Weakens the State*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020. H-Diplo, Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum Roundtable Review 15-15. November 2023.

Alexandra Chinchilla. Review of Groh, Tyrone L., *Proxy War: The Least Bad Option*. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. May, 2020.

Rauta, Vladimir, Matthew Ayton, Alexandra Chinchilla, Andreas Krieg, Christopher Rickard, and Jean-Marc Rickli. “A Symposium – Debating ‘Surrogate Warfare’ and the Transformation of War.” *Defence Studies* 19, no. 4 (October 2, 2019): 410–30.

**FELLOWSHIPS** Non-Resident Fellow, Irregular Warfare Initiative 2024  
(a joint production of Princeton’s Empirical Studies of Conflict Project and the Modern War Institute at West Point)

American-German Young Leaders Conference 2024  
American Council on Germany

Young Strategists Forum 2024  
German Marshall Fund of the United States

United States Institute of Peace 2020-21  
USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar

The Notre Dame International Security Center 2020-21  
Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow

**GRANTS & AWARDS** Chicago Project on Security and Threats, *Forward Deployed Troops and US National Security Policy: Do Elites and Public think about Tripwires in the same way?* (Co-PI w/ Paul Poast and Dan Reiter). \$150,000. 2023-2025

Best Dissertation Award - Honorable Mention 2022  
APSA International Collaboration Section

Charles Koch Foundation 2021  
Summer Foreign Policy Fellowship, \$14,983

Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago 2020  
Doctoral Research Innovation Fund, \$4,040

Charles Koch Foundation 2020  
Dissertation Support Grant, \$5,000

The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts 2020  
\$10,000 research grant

	\$5,000 research grant	2019
	The Social Sciences Research Center, University of Chicago \$500 research grant	2020
	Bienen Summer Research Award, University of Chicago \$1,800 research grant	2020
	UChicago Graduate Council Travel Fund Award	2018
	ISA Travel Grant Award	2019, 2020
	APSA Travel Grant Award	2018, 2019, 2021
	Joseph S. Lepgold Medal, Georgetown University <i>Awarded to an undergraduate whose achievements in international security have been judged outstanding by the faculty.</i>	2015
<b>INVITED TALKS &amp; WORKSHOPS</b>	New Wave Realism VII, The Ohio State University	2024
	Pritzker Military Symposium - Assessing Global Security. Pritzker Military Museum and Library	2024
	Roundtable at Council on Foreign Relations with Visiting Military and Intelligence Fellows	2024
	Workshop on Ukraine and Security Force Assistance, Northwestern University	2023
	Security Cooperation Conference Defense Security Cooperation University (DSCU)	2023, 2024
	“War on Ukraine: The Counteroffensive and What’s Next,” Columbia-NYU Russia Public Policy series.	2023
	“Proxy Wars, Great Powers, and the Democratic Order” conference Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel	2023
	“US Preponderance in NATO: The Role of Logistics, Intelligence & IT, Training, and Coordination,” Swedish Defence University	2023
	“NATO and Russia’s War in Ukraine,” University of Minnesota Duluth	2023
	“The Past, Present, and Future of US Alliances” conference, William & Mary	2023
	Dartmouth Postdoctoral Alumni Conference, Dartmouth College	2023
	“Ukraine: What is to Come?”, Northwestern University	2022
	Security Cooperation Conference, Duke University	2022
51st Annual Frank Church Symposium, Idaho State University	2022	
New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS)	2021	

New Wave Realism conference, Ohio State University	2021
Junior Scholar Symposium, Formal Theory Society	2020
Formal Models of International Relations, Vanderbilt University	2020
New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap	2019
Formal Models of Diplomacy Workshop, Peace Science Society Conference	2018
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute	2018
<b>GUEST LECTURES</b>	
“Russia’s War in Ukraine.” INTS 205 <i>Current Issues in International Studies</i> Texas A&M University.	2023
“US Preponderance in NATO: The Role of Logistics, Intelligence & IT, Training, and Coordination,” University of Stockholm	2023
Research methods seminar, The University of Texas at Austin	2022
Morgenthau Grand Strategy Seminar, John Quincy Adams Society, “Going to War: Who Decides in a Democracy?”	2021
NATO Center of Excellence Defense Against Terrorism Ankara, Turkey	2020, 2021

<b>CONFERENCES</b>	
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2018 - 2022
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)	2024
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting	2017, 2019 - 2022
IS-ISSS Conference (APSA & ISA conference on International Security)	2021, 2023
ISA Midwest Annual Conference	2020
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020*
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting	2018, 2022
Texas Triangle International Relations Conference (discussant)	2023
United States Military Academy Department of Social Sciences conference	2023, 2024
<b>University of Chicago</b>	
Workshop on International Politics (WIP)	2020
Program on International Security Policy (PISP)	2018
CISSR Conference on Replication and Transparency	2018
Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES)	2017

\* canceled due to COVID-19

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Texas A&M University (Tenure Track Faculty)**

Proxy Wars (Graduate: Spring 2024)  
Russia in International Politics (Graduate: Fall 2023)  
International Relations in Theory & Practice (Graduate: Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)  
International Affairs Capstone - Security Cooperation (Graduate: Spring 2023)

### **University of Chicago (Graduate Teaching Assistant)**

Game Theory I (w/ Monika Nalepa & John Patty) (Graduate: 2016, 2017)  
Game Theory II (w/ John Patty) (Graduate: 2018)  
Mathematics for Social Sciences (w/ Mark Hansen) (Graduate: 2018)  
Practice of Social Science Research (Undergraduate: 2019)  
Strategy (w/ Robert Pape) (Undergraduate: 2018)  
Intro to International Relations (w/ Paul Poast) (Undergraduate: 2018)  
American Grand Strategy (w/ John Mearsheimer) (Undergraduate: 2019)

### **SERVICE**

Co-host, Social Science of War podcast, Department of Social Sciences and Modern War Institute at West Point.

### **Texas A&M University**

Search Committee member, International Affairs Department, Fall 2022

Awards Committee member, International Affairs Department, Fall 2023

Organizer:

- Film screening, *20 Days in Mariupol*, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, February 2024

Speaker:

- Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, "Researching Western Security Force Assistance to Ukraine." September 26, 2023.
- MSC Wiley Lecture Series, "The Rise of China." November 16, 2022.

Moderator:

- Conversation with Daniel Fata (CSIS), Alexander Hamilton Society, November 2023
- Discussion with Dr. Stephen Kotkin, Scowcroft Institute of International Affairs, March 2023.
- Book discussion of *The American Imperative: Reclaiming Global Leadership through Soft Power*, by Dan Runde (CSIS), Alexander Hamilton Society, February 2023

### **University of Chicago**

Student Coordinator, Program on International Politics,

Economics and Security (PIPES)

2017 - 2018

Board Member, Political Science Association (PSA)

2016 - 2018

Organizer, Graduate Students in International Security, Etc. (GSISE)

2020 - 2022

### **Reviewer**

*American Political Science Review, Civil Wars, European Journal of International Security, International Interactions, International Politics, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics*

- WORK EXPERIENCE** Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST) April 2019 - March 2021  
*Senior Data Research Fellow*
- Managed a 15-person data analytics team producing data-driven publications on armed conflict and terrorism.
  - Conducted numerous briefings for policymakers, professionals, and academics.
- The RAND Corporation June 2017 - Sept. 2017  
*Summer Associate*
- Developed a game theoretic model of Russian responses to potential U.S. force postures in Europe and briefed RAND experts on research findings.
- Chicago Project on Security and Threats (CPOST) Sept. 2016 - Jun. 2017  
*Graduate Research Associate*
- Worked on a government-funded, multi-year project at the University of Chicago's international relations think tank.
- INTERNATIONAL STUDY** Moscow State University (MGU) June - July 2016  
 Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) June - Aug. 2015  
 King's College London, Department of War Studies Jan. - June 2014  
 Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland July - Aug. 2013
- FIELDWORK** Germany, Poland, United Kingdom, Ukraine.
- LANGUAGES** Polish (Intermediate), Russian (Beginner).  
 Stata, R, Tableau.
- MEMBERSHIPS** American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), International Studies Association (ISA), Peace Science Society International (PSSI).

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