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Experience

- Fellow, Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology, the Brookings Institution (2024-present)
- Advisor, Irregular Warfare Initiative's resistance warfare special project (2024-present)
- Adjunct Political Scientist, RAND (2024-present)
- Member, External Advisory Group on Security Sector Reform, US Institute of Peace (2019-present)
- Political Scientist, RAND (2023-2024)
- Deputy Director, Office of the Secretary of Defense (2022-2023)
- Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary of Defense (2021-2022)
- Political Scientist, RAND (2019-2021)
- Adjunct Political Scientist, RAND (2017-2019)
- Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies (2017-2019)
- Adjunct Research Staff Member, Institute for Defense Analyses (2017-2019)
- Defense Department Liaison, White House Security Governance Initiative (2015-2017)
- Adjunct Researcher, Institute for Defense Analyses (2013-2017)
- Research Associate, Institute for Defense Analyses (2012-2013)
- Research Assistant, Africa Center for Strategic Studies (2011-2012)
- Research Associate, Council on Foreign Relations (2006-2009)

Education

- Doctorate, Politics, Oxford University (2017)
- MSc, African Studies, Oxford University (2011)
- BA, Government, Anthropology, Connecticut College (2006)

Selected Publications

BOOK PROJECTS

- War at Arm's Length: How to Build Effective US Partners Through Military Assistance, with Richard Bennet, forthcoming, Yale University Press
- Compromised Coalitions: The Paradox of Post-Conflict Power Sharing in Africa, forthcoming, University of Pennsylvania Press
- How to Fight an Invasion: Building Resilient US Partners Through Irregular Warfare Support, research and writing ongoing
- The Return of the Presidential Putsch: The Politics of Self-Coups, research and writing ongoing

CHAPTERS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Security Sector Reform in Zimbabwe," 2020, in Oxford Handbook of Zimbabwean Politics (Oxford University Press)
- "Defense Institution Building in Africa," 2020, 50 (1), Parameters, with Ashley Bybee, Paul Clarke
- "African Regional Organizations and Post-Election Governments of National Unity," 2018, in Jason Warner, Timothy Shaw (eds.), African Foreign Policies in International Institutions (Palgrave Macmillan)
- "Power Sharing and Civil-Security Relations in Kenya and Zimbabwe," 2013, 13 (4), African Studies Quarterly/
- "From Conceptual to Operational: The African Union Continental Early Warning System," International Peacekeeping, 2013, 20 (3), with Janette Yarwood

REPORTS

- Competition and Governance in African Security Sectors, January 2022, RAND, with Stephen Watts, Gabrielle Tarini
- Taking Stock of RAND's Security Cooperation Research, December 2021, RAND
- COVID-19 and Strategic Competition in Africa, July 2021, RAND, with Michael Shurkin, Mary Kate Adgie
- Globalization and the COVID-19 Pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa, June 2021, RAND, with Jacqueline Burns
- Leveraging Security Cooperation in Strategic Competition, May 2021, with Ashley L. Rhoades, Michael J. McNerney, Meagan Smith, Michael J. Mazarr, Caitlin McCulloch
- Assessing Globalization Trends in Sub-Saharan Africa, June 2020, RAND, with Mary Kate Adgie
- A New Zimbabwe? Assessing Continuity and Change After Mugabe, February 2020, RAND
- African Militaries' Sustainment and Logistics Shortfalls, September 2018, RAND, with James Schear, Kimberly Jackson, Ryan Schwankhart, Sarah Heintz
- Water Diplomacy as a Potential Driver for Stability in Africa and the Middle East, June 2019, Institute for Defense Analyses
- The Risk of Violent Extremism in Tanzania and Zanzibar, September 2017, Institute for Defense Analyses
- Civil-Military Relations in Madagascar during the Transition, November 2012, Institute for Defense Analyses
- Political Shift in Zimbabwe Increases Risk of Electoral Violence, September 2012, Institute for Defense Analyses
- States at Risk: Lessons for Preventive Action, June 2008, Council on Foreign Relations
- The Future of Conflict Prevention: A Symposium, December 2007, Council on Foreign Relations

OP-EDS

- "Railroading Russia," Newsweek, November 2024, with Doug Livermore
- "Africa's Leaders for Life, Journal of Democracy, October 2024, with John Reece
- "Why do US Presidents Like Military Assistance?," Brookings, July 2024, with Richard Bennet
- "How to Get Away with a Coup, Newsweek, July 2024, with Norma Kriger
- "How to Stop an Invasion," Newsweek, May 2024, with Elina Bekeova
- "The Return of the Presidential Putsch," Newsweek, January 2024
- "Winning the Irregular World War," Newsweek, November 2023, with Daniel Egel
- "Making Military Aid Work," Lawfare, July 2023, with Richard Bennet
- "The Case for Governance First US Security Policy," Hoover Institution, June 2023
- "Ecuador Has 99 Problems But a Coup Isn't One," Political Violence at a Glance, May 2023
- "Security Forces Make the Difference," Washington Post, September 2019, with Nate Allen
- "A Tale of Two Transitions" Foreign Policy, September 2019 with Hilary Matfess
- "Zimbabwe is Burning. It's Time to Act," Washington Post, January 2019, with Michelle Gavin
- "What's Next for Zimbabwe?" Center for Strategic and International Studies, August 2018
- "Could a Power-Sharing End Protests in Togo?" Washington Post, February 2018
- "In Africa, Presidential Term Limits are Working," Washington Post, April 2018
- "What Sparked Zimbabwe's Coup de Grace?" War on the Rocks, November 2017
- "Will Protests Change Togo?" Washington Post, September 2017, with Joel Amegboh
- "To Beat Mugabe, Zimbabwe Needs United Opposition," New York Times, November 2015
- "Writing Constitutions in Africa," Washington Post, October 2015, with Nic Cheeseman
- "Some Lessons for Togo's Opposition," Washington Post, July 2015, with Jules Ahlin
- "Did Burundi Just Have a 'Good Coup'?" Washington Post, May 2015
- "Cleaning House in Kenya's Police Force," Foreign Policy, December 2013
- "Zimbabwe's Unsavory Path to Peace," New York Times, January 2012
- "Usher Mugabe's Men to the Exits," International Herald Tribune, January 2012
- "Think Twice on Bashir," Newsweek (international edition), March 2009, with Paul B. Stares
- "Finally, an Urgency to Aid Zimbabwe," Boston Globe, January 2009