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## **EDUCATION**

### **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Ph.D. in Political Science expected 2009

Concentration: International Relations/Security Studies

Dissertation: Danger and Deception: Explaining American Assessments of Enemy Capabilities.  
Committee: Barry Posen (Chair), Harvey Sapolsky, Stephen Van Evera

### **Dartmouth College**

B.A. Magna Cum Laude with High Honors in Government, 2000

Study Abroad: London School of Economics, Fall 1998

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2008- Research Fellow in Defense and Homeland Security Studies, Cato Institute  
2008- Contractor, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments  
• Office of the Secretary of Defense, Net Assessment Solarium Project  
2008 Manuscript Reviewer, *International Security*

## **PRIOR EXPERIENCE**

Spring 2008 Research Assistant, Professor Barry Posen, Director of the Security Studies Program  
Fall 2007 Teaching Assistant, Professor Stephen Van Evera, American Foreign Policy  
2005-2007 Editor, *précis* (Newsletter/Journal of MIT's Center for International Studies)  
2003-2007 Research Assistant for Harvey Sapolsky, Director of the Security Studies Program  
2005-2006 Writing Coach, Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, National Security Program  
2003-2004 Associate, Bipartisan Security Group  
Summer 2004 Research Assistant for Professor Chappell Lawson, MIT Political Science Department  
Summer 2003 Research Assistant for Professor Barry Carter of Georgetown Law Center  
2002 Research Assistant, Center for Defense Information  
2000-2001 Business Analyst, Deloitte Consulting

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2007 Selected by German Marshall Fund as participant in Manfred Woerner Seminar, Germany, May 18-28  
2006 Nominated by MIT Political Science Department for Morris Abrams Scholarship in International Relations  
2005 Energy, Technology, and International Affairs Summer Travel Research Grant for Research in Israel, MIT's Center for International Studies, July 4-August 2.  
2003-2008 MIT Graduate Fellowships  
2002 Post Graduate Grant, Dartmouth College's John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding

## **RESEARCH TRAINING**

June 2007 George Washington Summer Institute on Archival Research  
January 2005 Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University.

## LANGUAGES

Proficient in French

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Creation without Destruction: The Revolution in Military Affairs and the US Military during the Second Interwar Period.* Editor with Harvey Sapolsky and Brendan Green. Routledge, Forthcoming.

Author or co-author of four chapters.

### Policy Essays

“Leap Before You Look: The Failure of Homeland Security,” *Breakthroughs*, Vol. XIII, No. 1 (Spring 2004), pp. 29-40.

Translated into French as “La Sécurité Intérieure aux États-Unis,” *Futuribles*, No. 309 (June 2005), pp. 29-48.

“A Primer on Torture,” *précis*, Vol. XIII, No. 2 (Spring 2004).

“Think Again: Homeland Security,” *Foreign Policy* (July/August 2005), pp. 22-28.

Excerpted as “So What are You Afraid Of?,” *Dallas Morning News*, August 13, 2005.

“The Hidden Cost of Homeland Defense,” *Audit of Conventional Wisdom*, MIT Center for International Studies (November 2005).

Republished as “The Real Cost of Homeland Security,” *Alternet.org*, February 9, 2006.

Excerpted as “The War on Hype: Risk to U.S. of Withering Terrorist Hit is Overblown,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, Insight Section, February 19, 2006.

“You Never Know(ism),” *Breakthroughs*, Vol. XV, No. 1 (Spring 2006), pp. 3-11. With Harvey Sapolsky.

“Fewer Missions: Not More Troops,” *Audit of Conventional Wisdom*, MIT Center for International Studies (July 2007).

Republished by *Alternet.org*, July 25, 2007.

“The Terrible ‘Ifs’,” *Regulation*, Vol. 30, No. 4 (Winter 2007-2008), pp. 32-40.

Excerpted as “The Danger of Making Policy Based on the Word If,” *Australian Financial Review*, April 19, 2008.

“Learning the Right Lessons from Iraq,” Cato Institute Policy Analysis, No. 610 (February 2008). With Harvey Sapolsky and Christopher Preble.

Excerpted in the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, March 2, 2008. With Christopher Preble.

Shorter version published by the American National Project for its “Iraq: Lessons Learned” project as “Debunking the Conventional Wisdom on Iraq” (April 2008). With Christopher Preble.

### Book Reviews

Review of Gabriel Weimann: *Terror on the Internet: The New Arena, The New Challenges*, in *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 122, No. 2 (Spring 2007), pp. 164-165.

### Op-eds

“Department of Terrifying the Homeland?,” *Tech Central Station*, February 1, 2005.

Reprinted as “Twin Threats: Terror, Fear,” *Orange County Register*, February 6, 2005.

“Law of the Sea Opponents Hurt U.S. Security,” *International Herald Tribune*, April 24, 2005. With

Ambassador Thomas Graham.

“To Cover Costs, Play Defense,” *Boston Herald*, October 1, 2005.

“Pentagon Should Put Money Where Its Mouth Is,” *Baltimore Sun*, February 10, 2006. With Caitlin Talmadge.

“War on Terror Bloats Defense Budget,” *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, October 4, 2006. With Caitlin Talmadge.

“No to Africa Command,” *Defense News*, April 2, 2007. With Harvey Sapolsky.

“More Troops for What?” *ForeignPolicy.com* (July 2007).

The Politics of Chicken Littleism,” *Washingtonpost.com*, Think Tank Town, December 5, 2007

“Don’t ‘Pull an Iraq’ in Afghanistan,” *Christian Science Monitor*, April 3, 2008.

Reprinted as “Forget about Afghanistan Surge,” *Washington Examiner*, April 9, 2008.

### **Articles for Think Tanks**

#### Center for Defense Information

“When is a Nuke Not a Nuke? A Primer on Nuclear Reductions,” *Defense Monitor*, Vol. 31, No. 2 (March 2002).

“The Bush-Putin Nuclear Agreement: Rhetoric vs. Reality,” *Weekly Defense Monitor*, Vol. 6, No. 9 (April 2002).

“Mini-nukes, Bunker-Busters, and Deterrence: Framing the Debate,” *Defense Monitor*, Vol. 31, No. 5 (May 2002).

“The Nuclear Arms Pact: Storing the Legacy of the Cold War,” *Weekly Defense Monitor*, Vol. 6, No. 12 (May 2002).

“Cuba: Bioweapons Threat or Political Punching Bag?,” *Weekly Defense Monitor*, Vol. 6, No. 12 (May 2002).

“India and Pakistan: War in the Nuclear Shadow?,” *Weekly Defense Monitor*, Vol. 6, No. 19 (June 2002).  
Reprinted in: *India-Pakistan Relations with Special Reference to Kashmir*, K.R. Gupta, ed., (New Delhi: Atlantic, 2003).

“International Cooperation on Nuclear Security Still Lacks Urgency,” [www.cdi.org](http://www.cdi.org) (January 2003).

“Fact Sheet: North Korea’s Nuclear Weapons Program,” [www.cdi.org](http://www.cdi.org) (January 2003).

#### Bipartisan Security Group

“The Proliferation Security Initiative: The Legal Challenge,” Bipartisan Security Group Policy Brief (September 2003).

“Legitimacy in International Affairs: A Response to John Bolton,” Bipartisan Security Group Policy Brief (March 2004).

“How the Law of the Sea Convention Benefits the United States,” Bipartisan Security Group Policy Brief, (November 2004). With Daniel Friedman.

**Letters**

*Atlantic Monthly, Washington Post, Washington Times*

**Presentations**

“Why We Fear Terrorists Too Much,” U.S. Foreign Policy Seminar at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, November 16, 2005.

“Why We Overreact to Terrorism,” Conference on the Politics of Fear, Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University, February 23, 2006.

“Why We Overreact to Terrorism,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3, 2006.

“Why We Overreact to Terrorism,” MIT Security Studies Program Summer Course on Combating Bioterrorism, July 25, 2007.

“Does Torture Work?,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 31-September 3, 2007.

“Don’t Expand the Ground Forces,” The Cato Institute, Washington DC, October 12, 2007.

“Learning the Right Lesson from Iraq,” Capital Hill Briefing, Washington, DC, May 16, 2008.

**Works in Progress**

“Why We Overreact to Terrorism.”

“Does Torture Work?”

“The Politics of Homeland Security.”

“Counter-terrorism Is Not Global Counter-Insurgency (with Josh Rovner).”