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## Current appointment

2019– *Assistant Professor of Political Science*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## Previous appointments

2015–2019 *Assistant Professor of Political Science*, Florida State University  
2014–2015 *Visiting Fellow*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

## Education

2015 PhD in Political Science, University of Rochester  
2014 MA in Political Science, University of Rochester  
2009 MA in Political Science, Michigan State University  
2007 BA in Government, University of Louisiana at Monroe

## Publications

2024 Peter Bils, Robert J. Carroll, & Lawrence S. Rothenberg. “Strategic Avoidance & Rulemaking Procedures.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 36(2): 156–185.  
2021 Robert J. Carroll & Amy Pond. “Costly Signaling in Autocracy.” *International Interactions* 47(4): 612–632.  
2019 Robert J. Carroll & Brenton Kenkel. “Prediction, Proxies, & Power.” *American Journal of Political Science* 63(3): 577–593.  
2016 Robert J. Carroll, David M. Primo, & Brian Kelleher Richter. “Using Item Response Theory to Improve Measurement in Strategic Management Research: An Application to Corporate Social Responsibility.” *Strategic Management Journal* 37(1): 66–85.

## **Work under Review**

Policy Devolution & Cooperation Dilemmas (with David Konisky & Chris Reenock)

## **Working Papers**

The Shape of Possible States  
A Theory of Force

## **Grants, honors, & awards**

2023–2024	James H. Kuklinski Award for Excellence in Graduate Mentoring, Department of Political Science, UIUC
2021–2022	Clarence A. Berdahl Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, ΠΣΑ, UIUC
2020–2021	Peter Nardulli Award for Research, UIUC
2020–2025	List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, UIUC
2020–2021	Dina Zinnes Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, UIUC
2020–2021	Impact Award, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, UIUC
2015	First Year Assistant Professor Award, FSU
2014	Top 5 Paper, Annual Meeting of the Strategic Management Society
2013–2014	Honors Program Teaching Fellow, University of Rochester
2013–2014	The Star Lab Fellowship, University of Rochester
2012–2013	Departmental Teaching Award, University of Rochester
2012–2013	W. Allen Wallis Fellowship in Political Economy, University of Rochester
2007–2008	Departmental Teaching Award, Michigan State University

## **Conference participation & talks**

APSA: 2014, 2018, 2019  
MPSA: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019  
SPSA: 2017  
ISA: 2016, 2017  
PEACE SCIENCE: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016  
POLMETH: 2013, 2015  
SBE: 2014  
INVITED TALKS: 2013 (SUNY-Buffalo), 2019 (South Carolina), Princeton (2023)

## **Courses taught**

### **University of Illinois**

Strategic International Relations  
State Formation  
Strategic Models  
International Relations Seminar (G)

International Political Economy (G)  
Game Theory I (G)  
Game Theory II (G)  
Mechanism Design (G)  
Readings in the Political Economy of Authoritarian Regimes (G)  
Readings in the Political Economy of International Environmental Institutions (G)

## **Florida State University**

Civil Wars and Political Violence  
Special Topics in War and Peace  
Understanding Political Science Research  
Politics and the Theory of Games  
Theories of Conflict (G)  
Probability and Statistics (G)  
Game Theory (G)  
Readings in the Political Economy of Human Capital (G)

## **Advising**

### **Graduate Students**

Xiaoli Guo (FSU, defended April 2018)  
Matt Hauenstein (FSU, defended July 2018)  
Phil Henrickson (FSU, defended November 2018)  
Jordan Holsinger (FSU, defended June 2021)  
Hyun Joo Cho (UIUC, defended May 2022)  
Miles Williams (UIUC, defended June 2022)  
Tolgahan Dilgin (UIUC, defended July 2023)  
Jinwon Lee (UIUC, defended May 2025)  
Do Young Gong (UIUC, defended March 2026)  
Sydney Gann (FSU)  
Faon Crystal (UIUC)  
Seungmi Kim (UIUC)  
Ji Soo Yoo (UIUC)  
Paul Un (UIUC)

### **Undergraduate Theses Supervised**

2025–2026	Sam Crutcher
2025–2026	Savannah Smith
2023–2024	Ethan Cooper
2023–2024	Chenyu Jiang
2022–2023	Sotis Gouriotis
2020–2021	Chris Buckley
2017–2018	Zachary Shuman

## Service

### Departmental Committee Work

2023–2024	Graduate Affairs Committee, UIUC Department of Political Science
2022–2023	Advisory Committee, UIUC Department of Political Science
2020–2021	IR Search Committee, UIUC Department of Political Science
2016–2017	Executive Committee, FSU Department of Political Science
2016–2017	IR Search Committee, FSU Department of Political Science

### Refereeing

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, and Political Analysis*

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