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### EDUCATION:

1985	Ph.D	Economics	University of California, Berkeley, CA
1982	M.Phil	International Relations	University of Cambridge, UK
1977	B.S.	Mathematics	Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Formal Methods, International Relations, Strategic Studies

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2009-10	Visiting Scholar, Department of Government, Harvard
1999-	Robson Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
1993-	Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
1990-93	Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley
1989-90	Hazel Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University
1989-90	Assistant Director, John M. Olin Institute of Strategic Studies
1987-90	Research Associate, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
1987-89	Assistant Professor of Government, Harvard University
1986-87	Visiting Scholar, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
1985-87	Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan
1985-87	Assistant Research Scientist, Institute of Public Policy Studies, University of Michigan

### HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2018	Berkeley Faculty Service Award.
2015-	NSF research grant (SES-1456515) to study the dynamics of coalitions.
2012	National Academy of Sciences Award for Behavioral Research Relevant to the Prevention of Nuclear War.
2009-12	NSF/Minerva (BCS-0904333) research grant to study fighting and bargaining over political power in weak states and in weakly institutionalized environments.
2005-	Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
2003-06	NSF research grant to study costly conflict with complete information.
2000	Best book in political economy published in 1999 (awarded by the Political Economy Section of the American Political Science Association)

- 2000 Best book in conflict processes published in 1998-98 (awarded by the Conflict Processes Section of the American Political Science Association)
- 2000 One of *Choice's* Outstanding Academic Titles for *In the Shadow of Power*
- 2000-02 NSF research grant to study continuing conflict
- 1997-98 NSF research grant to study state's alignment decisions
- 1996 Karl Deutsch Award, International Studies Association
- 1995-97 NSF research grant to study the effects of power on bargaining
- 1994-95 National Fellow, the Hoover Institution, Stanford University
- 1992-94 NSF research grant to develop formal approaches to international relations theory
- 1988-89 NSF research grant to study deterrence
- 1986-89 Social Science Research Council - MacArthur Post-Doctoral Fellowship in International Security
- 1981-82 Fulbright Scholar to the United Kingdom
- 1977 Graduation with honors and distinction in mathematics and the humanities and social sciences

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS:

- 2018-19 Member, Social Science Dean Search Committee
- 2018- Member, Panel of Counselors
- 2016-17 Chair, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate
- 2015-16 Vice-Chair, Berkeley Division of the Academic Senate
- 2014-15 Chair, Academic Senate Committee on Research, U.C. Berkeley
- 2012-14 Chair, Academic Senate Committee on Privilege and Tenure, U.C. Berkeley
- 2010-14 Member, Academic Senate Committee on Privilege and Tenure, U.C. Berkeley
- 2010-12 Member, Steering Committee, Institute on Global Cooperation and Conflict (IGCC)
- 2008-09 Member, Academic Senate Committee on Privilege and Tenure, U.C. Berkeley
- 2008-10 Member, *International Organization* editorial board
- 2006-07 Member, membership panel, American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- 2005-09 Member, *American Journal of Political Science* editorial board.
- 2005-06 Member, search committee for the editor of the *American Political Science Review*
- 2003-09 Director, Center on Institutions and Governance
- 2003-07 Member, UC Academic Council Special Committee on the National Laboratories (ACSCONL)
- 2003-08 Co-PI and organizer of the summer seminar of "Public Policy and Nuclear Threats: Training the Next Generation," an NSF Interdisciplinary Graduate Education, Research, and Training (IGERT) grant.
- 2003-04 Chair, Institute of Governmental Studies faculty advisory board
- 2002-04 Member, National Science Foundation Political Science Panel
- 2001-07 Institute of Governmental Studies faculty advisory board
- 2001- Member, *World Politics* editorial board
- 2001-06 Member, *International Organization* editorial board
- 2001-03 Member, University Committee on Research (UCORP) subcommittee on UC's relationship with the national laboratories
- 2001-03 Member, Karl Deutch Award Selection Committee, International Studies Association

- 2000-02 Chair, Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, U.C. Berkeley  
2000 Member, Chancellor's search committee for the Vice Chancellor of Research  
2000 Chair, Internal Review Committee for the Department of Demography, U.C. Berkeley  
1998-99 Member, Internal Review Committee for the Department of Linguistics, U.C. Berkeley  
1997-02 Member, *American Journal of Political Science* editorial board.  
1997-02 Member, Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, U.C. Berkeley  
1997-98 Member, Heinz Eulau Prize Committee, American Political Science Association  
1996-97 Chair, International Security Section, 1996 American Political Science Association.  
1995 Member, search committee for the editor of *International Organization*.  
1994-99 Member, *International Organization* editorial board.  
1992-98 Member, *Security Studies* editorial board  
1990- Member, Econometric Society  
1985- Member, American Political Science Association

Served as a referee for the *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Political Science Review*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Security*, *Berkeley Electronic Press Economics Journals*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, *Econometrica*, *Economic Journal*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Governance*, *International Economic Review*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Economic Development*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Governance*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Foundation, *Operations Research*, Princeton University Press, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Reliability Engineering and System Safety*, *Risk Analysis Journal*, *Security Studies*, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

#### PUBLICATIONS:

##### Books:

- In the Shadow of Power: States and Strategies in International Politics* (Princeton University, 1999).  
*Nuclear Deterrence Theory: The Search for Credibility* (Cambridge University Press, 1990).

##### Edited Books:

- Strategic Choice and International Relations* (with David Lake). (Princeton University Press, 1999).

##### Articles:

- "Why Some Persistent Problems Persist," *American Political Science Review* (Nov 2019).  
"Taking Sides in Wars of Attrition," *American Political Science Review* (May 2017).  
"Research Bets and Behavioral IR," *International Organization* (Spring 2017)  
"Nuclear Brinkmanship, Limited War, and Military Power," *International Organization* (Summer 2015).

- “Monopolizing Violence and Consolidating Power,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (May 2013)
- “Persistent Fighting and Shifting Power,” *American Journal of Political Science* (July 2012)
- “Sequential, Nonzero-Sum ‘Blotto:’ Allocating Defensive Resources Prior to Attack,” *Games and Economic Behavior* (April 2009).
- “A Model of Spoils Politics,” (joint with Ernesto Dal Bó), *American Journal of Political Science* (January 2009)
- “Allocating Defensive Resources with Private Information about Vulnerability,” *American Political Science Review* (November 2007).
- “Defending Against Terrorist Attacks with Limited Resources,” *American Political Science Review* (August 2007).
- “War as a Commitment Problem,” *International Organization* (Winter 2006).
- “The Inefficient Use of Power: Costly Conflict with Complete Information,” *American Political Science Review* (June 2004).
- “Bargaining and Learning While Fighting,” *American Journal of Political Science* (April 2004).
- “Nuclear Deterrence Theory, Nuclear Proliferation, and National Missile Defense,” *International Security* (Spring 2003).
- “Game Theory, International Relations Theory, and the Hobbesian Stylization.” In Ira Katznelson and Helen Milner, eds., *The State of the Discipline* (New York: Norton, 2002).
- “Uncertainty, Shifting Power, and Appeasement,” *American Political Science Review* (December 1996).
- “Bargaining in the Shadow of Power,” *Games and Economic Behavior* (August 1996).
- “Stability and the Distribution of Power,” *World Politics* (January 1996).
- “Research Controversy: The Relative Gains Problem for International Cooperation.” *American Political Science Review* (September 1993).
- “Guns, Butter, and Anarchy,” *American Political Science Review* (March 1993).
- “The Problem of Absolute and Relative Gains in International Relations Theory,” *American Political Science Review* (December 1991). Reprinted in David Baldwin, ed., *Neorealism and Neoliberalism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993) and Michael Intriligator and Urs Luterbacher, eds., *Cooperative Models in International Relations Research* (Boston: Kluwer Academic Publications, 1994).
- “Nuclear Deterrence Theory and the Strategy of Limited Retaliation,” *American Political Science Review* (June 1989).
- “Crisis Stability in the Nuclear Age,” *American Political Science Review* (March 1989).
- “Nuclear Brinkmanship with Two-Sided Incomplete Information,” *American Political Science Review* (March 1988).
- “Crisis Bargaining, Escalation, and MAD,” *American Political Science Review* (September 1987).
- “The Theoretical Foundations of Strategic Nuclear Deterrence,” *Political Science Quarterly* (Spring 1985).
- “What in the Name of God Is Strategic Nuclear Superiority,” (with Barry Blechman) *Political Science Quarterly* (Winter 1982-83).

Reviews:

- “Commitment Problems and Shifting Power as a Cause of Conflict.” In Stergios Skaperdis and Michele Garfinkel (eds.), *Oxford Handbook on Defense Economics* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012).
- “Bargaining Theory and International Conflict,” *Annual Review of Political Science* (June 2002).
- “The Modeling Enterprise and Security Studies,” *International Security* (Fall 1999). Reprinted in Michael E. Brown, Owen R. Coté, Sean Lynn-Jones, and Steven E. Miller, eds., *Rational Choice and Security Studies*. Cambridge: MIT Press.
- “Anarchy in International Relations Theory,” *International Organization* (Spring 1994).

Other:

- “When is Nuclear Proliferation Dangerous? Brinkmanship, Bright Lines, Uncertainty, and the Risk of Escalation,” *Harvard International Review*, February 11, 2007 (<http://hir.harvard.edu/articles/1474/> ).
- “Security Studies: Ideas, Policy, and Politics – Commentary.” In Edward Mansfield and Richard Sisson, eds., *The Evolution of Political Knowledge* (Columbus, Ohio: Ohio State University Press, 2004).
- “Neorealism and Game Theory.” In Andy Hanami, ed., *Perspectives on Structural Realism* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003).