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## Education

- Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University, Department of Political Science. Atlanta, Georgia. Expected Completion of Ph.D. May 2009.

*Dissertation:* “**Who Ups the Ante in International Relations? Personality Traits and Risky Foreign Policy**”

*Committee:* Dan Reiter (Chair), Kyle Beardsley, David Davis, Marshall Duke (Department of Psychology, Emory University).

*Abstract:* Scholars have long recognized that risk-taking plays a key role in international conflict, yet few studies focus on causal factors that are leader-specific. This dissertation builds upon extant research and asks: Why do some leaders take risks, while others do not? Drawing on the latest research in trait psychology, this dissertation employs an objective measure of risk propensity based on individual leaders’ personality traits. This personality-based theory of risking is empirically assessed quantitatively through analyses of U.S Presidents’ decisions to initiate and escalate international conflict, and qualitatively through three case studies of U.S. Presidents’ decision-making during foreign policy crises: Truman and the Berlin Blockade; Kennedy and the building of the Berlin Wall; Carter and the Iran Hostage Crisis.

*Comprehensive Exams:* International Conflict; International Political Economy; The United States Congress and the Presidency.

- M.A. Political Science. Emory University. Atlanta, GA. August 2007.
- B.A. Political Science, Magna Cum Laude. Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. May 2001.

## Teaching and Research Interests

- International Relations - Conflict and Security
- U.S. Foreign Policy
- U.S Institutions - The Presidency
- Political Psychology
- Globalization and Human Rights

## Teaching Experience and Training

- Instructor, Foreign Policy of the United States. Emory University. Fall 2008.
- Instructor, Foreign Policy of the United States. Emory University. Fall 2007.
- Co-instructor with David R. Davis, Globalization and Human Rights. Emory University. Spring 2007.

- Teaching Assistant for J. Larry Taulbee, Introduction to International Relations. Emory University. Fall 2006.
- Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity (TATTO) Program, Emory University, 2005-2006. An intense one-week course on college teaching strategies and techniques followed by semi-weekly seminar sessions focusing on issues of special relevance to teaching political science.
- Teacher, Holy Cross School, Maspeth, NY. September 2001- June 2003.

### **Conference Presentations**

- “First to Put it All on the Line: Leaders Who Escalate International Crises.” Poster Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA. August 2008.
- “A Quantitative Analysis of Personality Traits and the Initiation of Force.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. September 2007.
- “Congress and Conflict: Abdication, Responsibility, and Blame.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2007.
- “High Rolling Leaders: The ‘Big Five’ Model of Personality and Risky Foreign Policy.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Conference. San Diego, CA. March 2006.
- “High Rolling Leaders: The ‘Big Five’ Model of Personality and Risk Taking During War.” Revised version presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA. January 2006.

### **Awards and Grants**

- Emory Department of Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Award. August 2008. Awarded to the graduate student with the best overall teaching portfolio.
- Woodruff Library Graduate Fellowship. Emory University. 2008-2009. (Declined)
- Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Emory University. 2007-2008. Competitive fellowship awarded to graduate students “whose records demonstrate excellence in teaching.”
- Marjorie Kovler Research Fellowship for dissertation research at the Kennedy Presidential Library, July 2007.
- Truman Library Research Grant for dissertation research at the Truman Presidential Library, June 2007.
- Emory University Department of Political Science dissertation research grant, summer 2007.

### **Working Papers**

- “Risky Business: Personality Traits and the Use of Force.” *Under Review at International Studies Quarterly.*
- “Congress and Conflict: Abdication, Responsibility, and Blame.” *In Progress.* Proposes that members of Congress prefer to defer to the President on matters of foreign policy because of the space this gives them to remain flexible to their constituents’ preferences. Empirically assesses whether members’ position taking, behavior beyond roll call voting, is a function of their constituents’ desires or their party affiliation.

- “Without a Stage, Without an Audience: The Failure of Elite Manipulation.” *In Progress*. An extension of Snyder and Ballentine’s (1996) “Nationalism and the Marketplace of Ideas” to test when the attempt by nationalist leaders to incite ethnic conflict fails.
- “Alternatives to Prospect Theory: Risk-taking and Psychopathic Personality Traits.” coauthored with Scott Lilienfeld. *Experiment in 2008-2009 academic year*. Replication and expansion of Kowert and Hermann’s (1997) experiment examining the correlations between risk taking, prospect theory and personality traits.
- “The Psychopathic Dispositions of Presidents” coauthored with Scott Lilienfeld, Kristin Landfield, Josh Miller. *In Progress*.

### **Research Skills and Relevant Training**

- Institute on Qualitative Research Methods (IQRM), Arizona State University. January 2-12, 2007. Directed by Andrew Bennett, David Collier and Colin Elman.
- The Winter Institute in Operational Code Analysis, Texas A&M University. January 11-15, 2006. Directed by Stephen G. Walker.
- The Summer Institute in Political Psychology (SIPP), Stanford University. July 10-29, 2005. Directed by Jon Krosnick, Deborah Gruenfeld.

### **Professional Service**

- Referee for Peer-Review Journals: *Foreign Policy Analysis; Democracy and Security Review*
- Vice President, Graduate Political Science Organization, Emory University. 2007-2008.

### **References**

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