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EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Duke University

Douglas and Ellen Lowey Associate Professor, Department of Political Science	2025-present
Douglas and Ellen Lowey Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2022-2025
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2021-2022
Assistant Research Professor, Department of Political Science	2020-2021

Stanford University

Ph.D. in Political Science (defense: April 2021)

2015-2021

- Winner of the 2022 Merze Tate Dissertation Award (formerly Helen Dwight Reid Award) from the American Political Science Association for best dissertation in international relations, law, and politics.
- Winner of the 2022 John McCain Dissertation Award from the Munich Security Conference for best dissertation in political science, history, or public policy with an emphasis on transatlantic relations.

University of Oxford

Rhodes Scholar
M.Phil. in International Relations with Distinction

2013-2015

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Morehead-Cain Scholar
B.A. in Political Science and Global Studies with Highest Honors & Highest Distinction

2009-2013

BOOK

Myrick, Rachel. 2025. *Polarization and International Politics: How Extreme Partisanship Threatens Global Stability*. Princeton University Press. Princeton Studies in International History and Politics. ([link](#))

ACADEMIC ARTICLES

Wright, Stephanie, Ala Alrababah, and Rachel Myrick. "Permission to Secede? The Impact of Foreign Powers on Separatist Movements." Forthcoming at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Myrick, Rachel and Chen Wang. 2024. "Domestic Polarization and International Rivalry: How Adversaries Respond to America's Partisan Politics." *Journal of Politics* 86(1): 141-157. ([link](#))

Revkin, Mara, Ala Alrababah, and Rachel Myrick. 2024. "Evidence-Based Transitional Justice: Incorporating Public Opinion into the Field, with New Data from Iraq and Ukraine." *Yale Law Journal*, Volume 133(5): 1401-1801. ([link](#))

Myrick, Rachel. 2024. "Public Reactions to Secrecy in International Negotiations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 68(4): 703-729. ([link](#))

Myrick, Rachel. 2023. "Searching For Progressive Foreign Policy in Theory and in Practice." *Security Studies* 32(2): 389-395. ([link](#))

Myrick, Rachel and Jeremy Weinstein. 2022. "Making Sense of Human Rights Diplomacy: Evidence from a US Campaign to Free Political Prisoners." *International Organization* 76(2): 379-413. ([link](#))

Myrick, Rachel. 2022. "The Reputational Consequences of Polarization for American Foreign Policy." *International Politics* 59: 1004-1027. Special issue on "Polarization and US Foreign Policy." ([link](#))

- Reprinted as a book chapter in *Polarization and US Foreign Policy: When Politics Crosses the Water's Edge*. 2024. Ed. by Jordan Tama and Gordon Friedrichs. Palgrave MacMillan.

Jee, Haemin, Hans Lueders, and Rachel Myrick. 2022. "Towards a Unified Approach to Research on Democratic Backsliding." *Democratization* 29(4): 754-767. ([link](#))

Myrick, Rachel. 2021. "Do External Threats Unite or Divide? Security Crises, Rivalries, and Polarization in American Foreign Policy." *International Organization* 75(4): 921-958. ([link](#))

- Winner of the Robert O. Keohane Award from *International Organization*.
- Winner of the Stuart Bremer Award from the Peace Science Society.
- Winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the American Political Science Association, Foreign Policy Section.
- Honorable mention for the Patricia Weitsman Award from the International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section.

Myrick, Rachel. 2021. "Reflections for Using Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI) in Mixed-Methods Research." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54(3): 492-495. ([link](#))

Myrick, Rachel. 2020. "Why So Secretive? Unpacking Public Attitudes Towards Secrecy and Success in US Foreign Policy." *Journal of Politics* 82(3): 828-843. ([link](#))

- Winner of the Alexander George Award from the International Studies Association, Foreign Policy Analysis Section.
- Runner-up for the American in the World Consortium (AWC) Best Research Article Award.

Alrababah, Ala, Rachel Myrick, and Isaac Webb. 2020. "Do Donor Motives Matter? Investigating Perceptions of Foreign Aid in the Donbas." *International Studies Quarterly* 64(3): 748-757. ([link](#))

Reid, Lindsay, Rachel Myrick, Kelly Kadera, and Mark Crescenzi. 2020. "Conflict Environments and Civil War." *The Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(2). ([link](#))

WORKING PAPERS & PROJECTS

Myrick, Rachel. *The Domestic Politics of Foreign Threat* (book project). In progress.

Myrick, Rachel and Chen Wang. "Today Ukraine, Tomorrow Taiwan? Assessing Transferability of US Reputation for Resolve Across International Crises." Revise & Resubmit.

Myrick, Rachel and Will Marble. "The Reputational Impacts of Foreign Policy Failures: Evidence from the US Withdrawal from Afghanistan." Revise & Resubmit.

Myrick, Rachel. "Do Leaders, Parties, or Policies Shape Evaluations of Foreign Policy? Experimental Evidence from the 2024 US Presidential Election." Working paper.

Alrababah, Ala, Catherine De Vries, and Rachel Myrick. "Security Crises and Support for the Far-Right: Evidence from Russian Aggression in Europe." In progress.

Myrick, Rachel and Soyoung Lee. "Defining the National Interest." In progress.

SELECTED OTHER WRITINGS

Review of Jordan Tama's *Bipartisanship and US Foreign Policy: Cooperation in a Polarized Age*. *Political Science Quarterly*. ([link](#))

"An Interview with Rachel Myrick: The Impact of Partisan Politics on U.S. Foreign Policy." May 29, 2024. The Carter Center's *US-China Perception Monitor*. ([link](#))

"Countering Partisanship and Threat Inflation in US-China Policy" (with Catherine Eng and Zoe Weinberg). 2022. *On the Rise: Perspectives on Foreign Policy*. Aspen Strategy Group. ([link](#))

"America is Back—But for How Long?" June 14, 2021. *Foreign Affairs*. ([link](#))

- Featured on the *Foreign Affairs* "Best of 2021" Reading List

"Democrats and Republicans seem to agree on one foreign policy point: Getting tough on China. But research suggests that US concerns about a rising China won't bring Democrats and Republicans closer together." June 4, 2021. *Monkey Cage Blog at The Washington Post*. ([link](#))

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

Non-Resident Faculty Fellowship, Clements Center for National Security, UT Austin	2024-2025
Douglas and Ellen Lowey Assistant Professorship, Duke University	2022-2025
Aspen Strategy Group Rising Leader Program	2021-2022
George P. Shultz Graduate Student Fellow in Economic Policy, Stanford University	2019-2020
Ric Weiland Graduate Fellow in the Humanities & Sciences, Stanford University	2018-2020
Junior Scholar, Carnegie International Policy Scholar Consortium and Network	2017-2019
Graduate Fellow, Stanford Center for International Conflict & Negotiation (SCICN)	2017-2018
Sakurako & William Fisher Family Graduate Fellow, Stanford University	2015-2018
Rhodes Scholarship, University of Oxford	2013-2015
Morehead-Cain Scholarship, UNC Chapel Hill	2009-2013

RESEARCH AWARDS

Merze Tate Award, American Political Science Association	2022
Robert O. Keohane Award, International Organization	2022
John McCain Dissertation Award, Munich Security Conference	2022
Best Graduate Paper in Foreign Policy, American Political Science Association	2021
Patricia Weitsman Award (honorable mention), International Studies Association	2021
Best Research Article Award (runner-up), America in the World Consortium (AWC)	2020
Stuart Bremer Award, Peace Science Society	2019
Kenneth E. Boulding Award (runner-up), International Studies Association	2018
Alexander George Award, International Studies Association	2018
L. Richardson Preyer Award for Excellence in Political Science, UNC Chapel Hill	2013

GRANTS

<i>Social Science Research Institute Grant</i> , Duke University (\$18,000)	2023-2024
<i>Global Course Enhancement Grant</i> , Duke University (\$4,500)	2022-2023
<i>Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Endowment Fund</i> , Duke University (\$2,500)	2022
<i>America in the World Consortium Research Grant</i> , joint with Chen Wang (\$15,000)	2022
<i>Shultz Graduate Student Fellowship</i> , Stanford University (\$6,600)	2019
<i>Goldsmith Research Grant</i> , Stanford University, (\$2,500)	2019
<i>Europe Center Graduate Student Grant</i> , Stanford University (\$3,000)	2018
<i>Freeman Spogli Institute Grant</i> , Stanford University (\$500)	2018
<i>Graduate Research Opportunity Grant</i> , Stanford University (\$5,000)	2018
<i>Diversity Innovation Fund</i> , Stanford University (\$6,000)	2018-2020
<i>Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS) Grant</i> , Stanford University (\$1,000)	2018
<i>Europe Center Student Grant</i> , joint with Ala' Alrababa'h, Stanford University (\$2,890)	2017
<i>Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research Grant</i> , joint with Ala' Alrababa'h (\$15,300)	2016

RESEARCH TALKS

UNC Chapel Hill, International Relations Workshop	October 2025
Duke University, Duke Program on American Grand Strategy	September 2025
University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center for International Politics Speaker Series	April 2025
Yale University, International Relations Seminar Series	April 2025
Princeton University, International Relations Seminar	March 2025
University of Notre Dame, International Security Seminar	March 2025
University of Minnesota, International Relations Colloquium	November 2023
University of Virginia, Seminar on Global Politics	October 2023
Dartmouth College, International Relations Seminar Series	May 2023
Vanderbilt University, Conflict Workshop	April 2023
Northwestern University, Workshop on International Politics	March 2023
University of Chicago, International Relations Speaker Series	March 2023
Duke University, Security, Peace, & Conflict Workshop	March 2023
George Washington University, International Relations Workshop	November 2022
Texas A&M, Political Economy, Political Violence, and Policy Series	April 2022
UNC Chapel Hill, Triangle Institute for Security Studies Workshop	April 2022
University of Georgia, Global Decisions Speaker Series	March 2022
Cornell University, Politics Workshop	February 2022

George Washington University, Security Policy Workshop	January 2022
Georgetown University, International Relations Workshop	November 2021
Emory University, International Relations Seminar	February 2021
Yale University, MacMillan International Relations Seminar Series	February 2021
University of Wisconsin at Madison, International Relations Colloquium	October 2020

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Conference on Great Power Competition and Cooperation (Yale University)	May 2025
Reimagining World Order (RWO) Conference (Princeton University)	March 2025
Study of Global Political Violence Workshop (Washington University in St. Louis)	October 2024
American Political Science Association Annual Conference (Philadelphia, PA)	September 2024
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (St. Louis, MO)	November 2023
Workshop on Threats and Promises in International Politics (Brown University)	October 2023
America in the World Consortium Policy Conference (Middleburg, VA)	April 2023
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)	November 2022
American Political Science Association Conference (Montreal, Canada)	September 2022
International Studies Association Annual Conference (Nashville, TN)	April 2022
Aspen Security Forum (Washington, D.C.)	November 2021
Carnegie International Policy Scholars Workshop (Syracuse University)	Summer 2018, 2021-2023
Aspen Rising Leaders Program Workshop (Washington, D.C.)	August 2021
America in the World Consortium Policy Conference (Greenbriar, WV)	June 2021
Workshop on Domestic Polarization and US Foreign Policy (Heidelberg University)	November 2020 (virtual)
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (co-organizer, Duke University)	October 2020 (virtual)
American Political Science Association Conference (San Francisco, CA)	September 2020 (virtual)
America in the World Consortium Policy Conference (Greenbriar, WV)	June 2020 (virtual)
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (Manhattan, Kansas)	November 2019
American Political Science Association Conference (Washington, D.C.)	August 2019
International Studies Association Annual Conference (Toronto, CA)	March 2019
International Relations Workshop (Stanford University)	February 2019
International Policy Scholars Consortium & Network Workshop (Washington, D.C.)	December 2017, 2018
Annotation for Transparent Inquiry Challenge Workshop (New York, NY)	December 2018
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (Austin, TX)	November 2018
Journeys in World Politics (University of Iowa)	October 2018
International Studies Association Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA)	March 2018
American Political Science Association Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA)	September 2017

TEACHING

Duke University

Instructor, *POLSCI 763 / POLSCI 590S-3: Foundational Scholarship in IR* Fall 2023, Fall 2025

Instructor, *POLSCI 362 / PUBPOL 319: International Security* Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2025

Instructor, *POLSCI 668S: Theory and Practice of International Security* Fall 2021, Spring 2023

Stanford University

Teaching Assistant, *The Science of Politics* Winter 2017, 2018, 2019

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to International Relations* Fall 2016, Summer 2017, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, *International Negotiation* Summer 2017, 2018

University of Oxford

Instructor, *Politics and Economics*, Oxbridge Academic Programs Summer 2015

PEER REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, International Organization, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, National Science Foundation, Political Behavior, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Review of International Organizations, World Politics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

America in the World Consortium, American Political Science Association, Carnegie International Policy Scholar Consortium and Network, Duke Program in American Grand Strategy, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society International, Triangle Institute of Security Studies

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Committee Member, Comparative Ethnic Politics Junior Faculty Search 2023-2024

Committee Member, Behavior & Identities Junior Faculty Search 2022-2023

Organizer, Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop, Duke University 2021-2023

Organizer, Political Science General Speaker Series, Duke University 2021-2022

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee in Political Science, Duke University 2021-2022

Central Selection Committee, Morehead-Cain Scholarship, UNC Chapel Hill 2020-2021

Co-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Stanford University 2018-2019

Co-Chair, Female Academics in Foreign Policy (FAFP), Stanford University 2018-2021

Teaching Mentor, Mentors in Teaching (MiNT) Program, Stanford University 2018-2020

Selection Committee, Rhodes-Marshall Scholarship, Stanford University 2017-2019

Co-Chair, Graduate Joint Consultative Committee, University of Oxford 2014-2015