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RESEARCH	International security, civil war, political violence, counterterrorism, drone warfare, US counterterrorism policy, South Asia security, al-Qaida, civilian security in military operations, information warfare; regions: Afghanistan, India, Pakistan	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Stanford University Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, 2018 - Present Predoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, 2017 - 2018	
EDUCATION	University of Chicago Ph.D., Political Science, 2013 - 2018 Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics Dissertation: Explaining Effectiveness in Modern Counterinsurgency Stanford University M.A., International Policy, 2013 B.A., Economics, 2012	
PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH	Drones, Surveillance, and Violence: Theory and Evidence from a US Drone Program. With Dylan Moore. 2019. International Studies Quarterly 63 (4), 846-862. What Explains Counterterrorism Effectiveness? Evidence from the U.S. Drone War in Pakistan. 2018. International Security 43 (2), 45-83. Politics and Threat Perception: Explaining Pakistani Military Strategy on the North West Frontier. With Paul Staniland and Sameer Lalwani. 2018. Security Studies 27 (4), 535-574.	
POLICY COMMENTARY	Al Qaeda's Leader Is Old, Bumbling—and a Terrorist Mastermind. With Colin P Clarke. September 10, 2020. Foreign Policy . Al Qaeda's Franchise Reboot. With Colin P Clarke. September 9, 2020. Foreign Affairs . Why didn't the U.S. rebuke Russia for its Taliban bounty deal? Four things to know. July 1, 2020. Washington Post Monkey Cage. With two American soldiers dead in Iraq, how will the U.S. respond? With Ramzy Mardini. March 12, 2020. Washington Post Monkey Cage. The U.S. may be close to a peace deal in Afghanistan. Here are 3 big takeaways. February 20, 2020. Washington Post Monkey Cage. What we learned from the Afghanistan papers. December 11, 2019. Washington Post Monkey Cage. Al-Qaeda's continuing challenge to the United States. September 8, 2019. Lawfare .	

The international politics of the Kashmir crisis. September 3, 2019. **H-Diplo/ISSF**.

Here's how India's decision to cut Kashmir's autonomy will affect South Asia - and the world. August 9, 2019. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

Pakistan's leader Imran Khan meets President Trump this week. Here's what to expect. July 22, 2019. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

Why India and Pakistan are fighting again – and the risks that remain. March 7, 2019. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

The Kashmir attack could prompt a crisis in South Asia. Here's why. February 15, 2019. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

U.S. troop drawdown in Afghanistan raises big questions. December 23, 2018. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

The U.S. Drone War in Pakistan Revisited. November 11, 2018. **Lawfare**.

What just happened in Pakistan's elections? And what happens next? July 26, 2018. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

Afghanistan's road to peace won't be an easy one. March 30, 2018. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

Will U.S. threats to Pakistan help crack down on terrorism? Not really. With Paul Staniland. January 5, 2018. **Washington Post** Monkey Cage.

Drones in Counterterrorism: The Primacy of Politics Over Technology. December 14, 2017. **The Strategy Bridge**.

IN PROGRESS
RESEARCH

Book Project: Counterterrorism, Technology, and Civilians: Explaining America's Battlefield Performance Since 9/11.

NatSec Fieldwork. (Draft Available on Request)

Does Nationalist Sentiment Affect Belief in Misinformation? Experimental Evidence from Pakistan. With Niloufer Siddiqui. (In Field; Pre-Analysis Plan Available)

Social Media and the Pursuit of Power in a Hybrid Regime: Evidence from Pakistan's 2018 Election. With Tamar Mitts and Paul Staniland. (Draft Available on Request)

The Duel of Strategies: Al-Qaida's Grand Strategy and US Strategic Response Since 9/11.

When Targeteers Protect Civilians in Combat: Evidence on Targeting Preferences in Military Operations.

Explaining Indian Counterinsurgency Change and Adaptation: Evidence from Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. (Draft Available on Request)

MEDIA COVERAGE

Arab News, AlAan TV, Al-Jazeera, American Conservative, Associated Press, China Global TV Network, Dawn, Diplomat, Daily Pravda, Express Tribune, Financial Times, NBC, Nikkei Asian Review, Gandhara/Radio Free Europe, Global News, Reuters, Samaa TV, Talk Media, The News, The Hill, TRT World, Voice of America, Washington Examiner, Washington Times

PRESENTATIONS

Department of Political Science, MIT, 2019

Department of Political Science, University of Miami, 2018

Schar School of Public Policy, George Mason University, 2018

Symposium on Micro-Dynamics of Conflicts, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals, 2018
Annual Indian Security Studies Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, 2018
CISAC, Stanford University, 2018
Department of Political Science, Yale University, 2017
Harvard International Security Conference, Harvard University, 2017
ESOC Lab Meeting, Princeton University, 2017
Program on International Political Economy and Security, University of Chicago, 2017
Stimson Center, Washington DC, 2017
Program of International Security Policy, University of Chicago, 2016
6SF Forum, Agha Khan University, Karachi, 2016
Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, 2015
Program of International Security Policy, University of Chicago, 2015

CONFERENCES APISA Meeting, 2020 (Presenter, Discussant); ISA Meeting, 2020 (Presenter, Discussant); APISA Meeting, 2019 (Presenter); APISA Meeting, 2018 (Presenter, Discussant); ISA Meeting, 2018 (Presenter); APISA Meeting, 2017 (Presenter, Organizer); ISA Meeting, 2017 (Presenter); APISA Meeting, 2015 (Presenter).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND GRANTS Grant: Misinformation in South Asia, USIP, 2020. With Niloufer Siddiqui
CISAC Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, Stanford University, 2019 - 2021
CISAC Social Science Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University, 2018 - 2019
The Pearson Institute Research Grant, 2018
CISAC Social Science Predoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University, 2017 - 2018
COSAS Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2017
Orin Williams Fund, Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2017
The Pearson Institute Research Grant, 2017
Nicholson Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2016
COSAS Student Archival and Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2016
Orin Williams Fund, Dissertation Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2016
UChicago Grad Travel Grant, University of Chicago, 2016
COSAS Student Archival and Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2016
Social Science Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2013 - 2018
Ford Dorsey International Policy Studies Fellowship, Stanford University, 2012 - 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE Editorial Board: *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*
Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Asian Security*, *European Journal of International Security*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Routledge*, *Security Studies*, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*

TEACHING Teaching Assistant to CISAC Honors Program, Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
Teaching Assistant to Mark Hansen, Linear Models, Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant to Chris Blattman, Order and Violence, Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant to Paul Staniland, Terrorism, Insurgency and Civil War, Winter 2016
Teaching Assistant to Dan Slater, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Winter 2016
Teaching Assistant to Elena Bashir, Urdu Language, Winter, Spring, Fall 2015
Teaching Assistant to Condoleezza Rice, Dilemmas in American Foreign Policy, Winter 2013

SKILLS Languages: Urdu, Punjabi
Packages: R, Stata
Training: Summer Workshop in Analysis of Military Operations, Cornell University, 2017

REFERENCES

John Mearsheimer
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