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**Faculty Positions**

Assistant Professor, School of International Relations, University of Southern California 2015-Present

Co-Founder and Co-PI, [Security and Political Economy (SPEC) Lab](https://www.uscspec.org/) 2015-Present

Co-PI East Asia [Grand Strategy Program](https://dornsife.usc.edu/ksi/us-asia-grand-strategy-fellowship/) 2019-Present

**Education**

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2014.

M.A. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2010.

B.A. Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2008.

**Fellowships**

Postdoctoral Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, 2014-15.

Geopolitics of Energy Fellowship at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 2012-14.

UC Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellow (Non-Conventional Threats: Climate Change), 2012-13.

National Science Foundation Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) on “Global Change, Marine Ecosystems and Society,” 2010-12.

**Peer-reviewed Book**

*Perils of Plenty: Arctic Resource Competition and the Return of the Great Game?* Oxford University Press, New York, 2020.

**Peer-reviewed Articles**[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. Andrew Coeand Jonathan N. Markowitz “[Crude Calculations: Productivity and the Profitability of Conques](https://eafdab1c-1639-49a6-b387-40b17853bd79.filesusr.com/ugd/c8f493_743d727771014b399524ecd32984c8fb.pdf)t” *(*Forthcoming at *International Organization).*
2. Jonathan N. Markowitz, Suzie Mulesky, Benjamin A. T. Graham, Christopher J. Fariss, 2020. “[Productive Pacifists: The Rise of Production-Oriented States and Decline of Profit-Motivated Conquest](https://academic.oup.com/isq/article-abstract/64/3/558/5868498?redirectedFrom=fulltext)” International Studies Quarterly 64(3):558–572
3. Therese Anders, Christopher J. Fariss, Jonathan N. Markowitz, 2020. [“Bread Before Guns or Butter: Introducing Surplus Domestic Product (SDP)”,](https://academic.oup.com/isq/article-abstract/64/2/392/5824855?redirectedFrom=fulltext)International Studies Quarterly 64(2): 392–405
4. Jonathan N. Markowitz, Christopher J. Fariss and Blake R. McMahon, 2018. “[Producing Goods and Projecting Power: How What You Make Influences What You Take](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0022002718789735)” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(6): 1368-1402.
5. Jonathan N. Markowitz and Christopher J. Fariss, 2018. “[Power, Proximity, and Democracy: Geopolitical Competition in the International System](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0022343317727328)” *Journal of Peace Research* 55(1): 78-93.
6. Paul C. Avey, Jonathan N. Markowitz, and Robert J. Reardon, 2018. “[Do US Troop Withdrawals Cause Instability? Evidence from Two Exogenous Shocks on the Korean Peninsula](https://academic.oup.com/jogss/article-abstract/3/1/72/4798867?redirectedFrom=fulltext)” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 3(1): 72–92.
7. Paul C. Avey, Jonathan N. Markowitz and Robert J. Reardon, 2018. “[Disentangling Grand Strategy: International Relations Theory and U.S. Grand Strategy](https://tnsr.org/2018/11/disentangling-grand-strategy-international-relations-theory-and-u-s-grand-strategy/)” *Texas National Security Review* 2(1).
8. Jonathan N. Markowitz and Christopher J. Fariss, 2013. "[Going the Distance: The Price of Projecting Power](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0022002718789735)" *International Interactions* 39(2): 119-43.

**Peer-reviewed Book Chapters**

1. Jonathan N. Markowitz “Prices or Power Politics: When and Why States Coercively Compete Over Resources” in *Coercion: The Power to Hurt in International Politics*. Greenhill, Kelly and Peter Krause eds. *Oxford University Press 2018.*

**Papers under Review with Revise and Resubmit Status**

1. Therese Anders, Christopher J. Fariss, and Jonathan N. Markowitz. “[Exploring New Data and Estimates for Over 500 Years of Latent GDP and Population Estimates](http://cfariss.com/documents/FarissAndersMarkowitz2021.pdf)” (R&R at *Journal of Conflict Resolution)*
2. Jonathan N. Markowitz. “Arctic Shock: Utilizing the Exogenous Shock of Climate Change to Test Competing Theories of Resource Competition” (R&R at *Journal of Conflict Resolution)*

**Papers Under First-Round Review**

1. Jonathan N. Markowitz, Megan Becker, Sarah Orsborn#, Srividya Dasaraju#, Lindsay Lauder#, Isabelle Nazha# "[Is Research on the Resource Curse Robust? Evidence from a Qualitative Replication of Ross 2004.](https://osf.io/preprints/metaarxiv/bd6yk/)" *Recipient of the Kendra Koivu Award for Best Paper in Qualitative Methods Presented at APSA 2019.*

**Books In-Progress**

1. Jonathan N. Markowitz and Benjamin A.T. Graham. *Gunboat Capitalism: Military Coercion for Economic Gain.*

**Articles In-Progress**

1. Jonathan N. Markowitz, Megan Becker, and Sarah Orsborn#. “Causal Mechanisms and the Resource-Conflict Connection: A Re-evaluation.”
2. Jonathan N. Markowitz and Benjamin A.T. Graham “The Spoils of Coercion: Military Coercion and Economic Gain in the 21st Century”

**Non-refereed Publications**

1. “Climate Change Multiplying Threats to National Security.” A report written for and published by Scripps Institution of Oceanography. With Alyson Fleming, Emily Kelly, Summer Martin, and Lauren Franck. Fall 2011.

**Grants and Funding**

Charles Koch Foundation, “American Grand Strategy and East Asian Security” ($1.2 million, Co-PI with David Kang).

Charles Koch Foundation, “American Grand Strategy and East Asian Security” ($150,000, Co-PI with David Kang).

USC Zumberge Faculty Research and Innovation Fund Individual Research Grant, 2018 ($35,000).

Fulbright Arctic Initiative2015 (Alternate). This was a nationwide competition for Arctic researchers across all disciplines and academic ranks for four positions on the U.S. team. I earned a slot as an alternate and would have been the only assistant professor and social scientist had one of the team members been unable to complete the role.

National Science Foundation IGERT Travel Grant—Visiting Researcher Peace Research Institute Oslo. (Summer 2011).

National Science Foundation IGERT Mini-Grant—Funding for Arctic fieldwork in Oslo, Norway, and Svalbard. (Summer 2012).

UC Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation Travel Grant—Funding for travel to China and Singapore for fieldwork on the South China Sea.

UCSD Academic Senate Research Award, “War, Peace, and Nuclear Weapons,” With Erik Gartzke, Jeffrey Kaplow and Rupal Mehta, 2012.

**Invited Talks/Book Conferences**

Fall 2020: Notre Dame, Johns Hopkins (SAIS)

Spring 2020: University of Chicago

Spring 2019: Dartmouth College

Fall 2018:Vanderbilt University,Arctic Circle Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland

Fall 2017: Air War College; Book Conferences at USC, UCSD, Dartmouth College.

Spring 2017: Briefed State Department and National Intelligence Council on Arctic Power Projection; Dartmouth College

Fall 2016: Northwestern University, Texas A&M (LBJ School), George Washington University, “Future Security in the Arctic Region” Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Fall 2015: Yale NUS (Singapore)

Spring 2015: Dartmouth College, Harvard Kennedy School of Government (Belfer)

Fall 2013: “New Faces Conference” at UNC Chapel Hill, Harvard Kennedy School of Government (Belfer)

Fall 2012: “Rich Region, Strong State Conference,” UCSD

Summer 2011: Peace Research Institute of Oslo

**Conference Presentations**

Author Meets Critics Roundtable: Jonathan Markowitz’s Perils of Plenty. (APSA 2020)

“The Spoils of Coercion: Military Coercion and Economic Gain in the 21st Century” with Benjamin A.T. Graham. (APSA 2020)

"Causal Mechanisms and the Resource-Conflict Connection: A Re-evaluation” with Megan Becker and Sarah Osborn. (Peace Science 2020, ISA S2020 [Canceled due to COVID-19], APSA 2020)

“Replicating the Resource Curse: Ross (2004) and Prospects for Qualitative Replication” with Megan Becker, Srividya Dasaraju, Lindsay Lauder, Isabelle Nazha. (APSA 2019)

“Conquering Alone: Rent Addiction and Territorial Conquest with Benjamin A.T. Graham, Suzie Caldwell Mulesky and Christopher J. Fariss. (APSA 2018, ISA 2020 [Canceled due to COVID-19])

“Powerful, Proximate and Potentially Threatening: Explaining Why States Arm and Project Power” with Therese Anders and Christopher J. Fariss. (Peace Science2017, ISA 2018, and APSA 2018)

“Crude Calculations: When Does Conquest Pay” with Andrew Coe. (APSA 2017, Peace Science 2019)

“Arctic Power Projection: Using the Exogenous Shock of Climate Change to Test Theories of Resource Competition” (APSA 2014, ISSS-ISAC 2015, International Studies Association 2015 & 2017, ISA 2020 [Canceled due to COVID-19])

“Producing Goods and Projecting Power: How What You Make Influences What You Take” with R. Blake McMahon and Christopher J. Fariss. (APSA 2016)

“Measuring Power Projection” with Megan Becker, Therese Anders, Jacob Tucker, and Lauren Cholakian. (ISA West 2016)

“Disentangling Grand Strategy: The Promise and Perils of Grand Theory for Grand Strategy” with Paul Avey and Robert Reardon. (APSA 2015 & 2016, and ISAC-ISSS 2015)

“American Troop Presence and International Stability” with Paul Avey and Robert Reardon. (ISA 2014, APSA 2014)

**Service/Leadership (Discipline)**

“Is East Asia Ripe for Rivalry or Increasingly Stable? American Grand Strategy and East Asia in the 21st Century.” January 31, 2020. Conference co-organized with Dave Kang at USC. Conference aimed at providing feedback to and mentorship for younger scholars to recruit a more diverse pool of talent for research on grand strategy in East Asia.

"Bridging Asia: Double Down or Come Home? American Grand Strategy and East Asia in the 21st century." March 19, 2018. Conference co-organized with Dave Kang at USC.

“The Political Economy of Power Projection.” November 11-13, 2016. Conference organized at USC.

Book Conference Organized at The Dartmouth Dickey Center: Day 1: Bill Wohlforth and Steve Brooks; Day 2: Post-Doc Book Précis Presentations.

Panels Organized: Grand Strategy APSA 2015; Grand Strategy ISA 2015; Naval Power ISA 2016.

Organized Grand Strategy and Great Powers Junior Scholars Reading Group Fall 2013 to Spring 2015. Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Reviewer for: *International Security, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Interactions, Conflict Management, and Peace Science.*

**Service/Leadership/Community Building (USC)**

Co-PI (with David Kang), U.S. Grand Strategy East Asia Pre-Doctoral Fellow Program and Residential Fellowship, 2019-Present. Our program currently serves 3 external pre-doctoral fellows and 5 residential fellows, along with a half dozen Ph.D. students who attend our working paper series.

Co-PI (with Benjamin A.T. Graham and Megan Becker), Security and Political Economy (SPEC) Lab, Fall 2014-Present. Graduate and undergraduate research lab at USC. We have 30 undergraduates and 3 Ph.D. students currently working with us, but, in total, our lab has trained over 100 undergraduates and nearly a dozen Ph.D. students on how to conduct research.

Political Science and International Relations PhD Program Committee, Fall 2016.

Organized Junior Faculty Working Paper Group for Political Science and International Relations Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

Organized Inter-Disciplinary Junior Faculty Happy Hour Fall 2015-Present (Meets monthly to allow junior faculty from across the University to meet one another).

Center for International Studies Invited Speaker Series—Plan, organize and manage campus visits and dinners for visiting faculty.

**Additional Training**

Summer 2013: SITC Summer Training Workshop on the Relationship Between National Security and Technology in China, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, UCSD.

Summer 2012: Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University.

Summer 2012: Hertog Summer Study, U.S.-China Relations, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

Summer 2011: Visiting Researcher at Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), affiliated with the CSCW Environmental Factors and Civil War program.

Summer 2010: Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation, 10- Week Interdisciplinary Course on Climate Change, Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Summer 2009: Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Program, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, UCSD.

Summer 2009: DACOR (Development and Conflict Research) Conference on the Political Economy of Terrorism and Insurgency, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, UCSD.

Summer 2009: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University.

**Mentoring**

**GRADUATE STUDENT CO-AUTHORS:** I have mentored all of the students on the following list, providing multiple rounds of detailed feedback on their research and professional guidance (students listed chronologically).

**Graduate Co-Authors**

Therese Anders

Suzy Caldwell Mulesky

**SPEC Lab Graduate Research Directors**

Alex Ziff

Kelebogile Zvobgo

**Graduate Research Assistants**

Miriam Barnum

Therese Anders

Stephanie Kang

Evgeniia Iakhnis

Rod Albuyeh

**Comprehensive Exam Committee Member**

Kyle Rapp

Anne Van Wijk

Na Young Lee

Jenn Rogla

Stephanie Kang

Suzie Caldwell Mulesky

Brian Knafou

**East Asia Grand Strategy Pre-Doctoral Fellows/ Residential Fellows Mentored**

I met with these graduate student fellows every two weeks during our working paper series to provide feedback on working papers, job talks, and policy briefings, as well as to provide professional guidance. I also met with each of the graduate students regularly one-on-one to provide more individually-tailored guidance and feedback.

Bridget Martin -UC Berkeley

Na Young Lee - USC

Justin Key Canfil - Columbia University

Adam Frost - Harvard University

Stuart Pike - UCLA

Jonathan Baron -Yale University

Edward Goldring - University of Missouri

Carl Huang - University of Virginia

Stephanie Kang- USC

Ellen Kim - USC

Paul Orner - USC

Kyuri Park - USC

**UNDERGRAUDATE MENTEES AND RESEARCH COLLOBROATORS**

I have trained, offered professional guidance, and written letters of recommendation for over 30 students who have worked with me as research assistants in the Security and Political Economy Lab. Below I have listed a subset of these students that I’ve had the opportunity to work with, mentor, and train for multiple years. Students are listed in chronological order. I have added # for students I have co-authored with and/or who I have taken to conferences to present our research.

Carlotta Dalal Alaai

Clio Klapsis

Akhil Thadani

Hunter Hinson

Elizabeth Squires

Ryan Barr

Alexander Bosch

Douglass Luo

Phuong Nguyen

Sarah Orsborn #

Srividya Dasaraju #

Tyler Gallagher

Madison Seeley

Mia Rudd

Isabelle Nahza #

Lindsay Lauder#

Grace Bandeen

Nicholas Tinoco

Jocelyn Zhao

Anbar Aizenman

Lauren Cholakian #

Jacob Tucker #

**Courses Taught at USC**

Undergraduate:

Ecological Security and Global Politics (IR 422): Spring 2016, Maymester 2018, Maymester 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

U.S. Foreign Economic Policy (IR 326): Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Guns, Oil, and Money (IR 322): Spring 2020, Spring 2021

Managing Conflict Over Natural Resources (IR 380): Maymester 2020 [Postponed to Maymester 2021 due to COVID-19]

Graduate:

Ph.D. Seminar on Qualitative Research Design (POIR 612): Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020

**Courses Taught at UC San Diego**

Post-Cold War International Relations Theory

**References**

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Erik Gartzke, Committee Member (egartzke@ucsd.edu)

Miles Kahler, Committee Member (kahler@american.edu)

1. All co-authors contributed equally on publications in which author order is alphabetical, otherwise order is listed by author who made the greatest intellectual contribution. A \* is used for graduate student co-authors and # is used for undergraduate student co-authors. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)