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## ACADEMIC

**Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH

## APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Government. 2024 –  
Coordinator, War and Peace Fellowship, Dickey Center for International Understanding. 2024 –  
Affiliate, Program in Quantitative Social Science. 2021 – present.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government. 2017 – 2024.

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government. January – June 2023.

**University of Georgia**, Athens, GA

Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs. 2016 – 2017.

**Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH

Postdoctoral Fellow, Dickey Center for International Understanding, 2015-2016.

## EDUCATION

**The Ohio State University**, Columbus, OH

Ph.D., Political Science. 2015.

M.A., Political Science. 2011.

**Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ

B.S., Psychology & B.S., Political Science. 2008. Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

- Kathleen E. Powers. 2022. *Nationalisms in International Politics*. Princeton University Press.
- Winner of the David O. Sears award for the best book in the field of the political psychology of mass politics published in the previous calendar year, International Society of Political Psychology. 2023.
  - Published in the “Princeton Studies in Political Behavior” series.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Kathleen E. Powers** and Jiyoung Ko. 2024. “Nationalism and International Conflict.” *The State of Nationalism: An International Review* and forthcoming in *Studies on National Movements*.
- Kathleen E. Powers** and Brian C. Rathbun. 2023. “When the Rich get Richer: Class, Globalization and the Sociotropic Determinants of Populism.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 60(4).
- Kathleen E. Powers** and Dan Altman. 2023. “The Psychology of Coercion Failure: How Reactance Explains Resistance to Threats.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 67(1), 221-238.
- Winner of the award for “Best Paper on Foreign Policy” presented at the 2021 American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting.
- Kathleen E. Powers**, Joshua D. Kertzer, Deborah J. Brooks, and Stephen Brooks. 2022. “What’s Fair in International Politics?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 66(2), 217-245.

**Kathleen E. Powers**, Jason Reifler, and Thomas C. Scotto. 2021. “Going Nativist: How Nativism and Economic Ideology Interact to Shape Beliefs about Global Trade.” *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 17(3), 1-23.

Brian C. Rathbun, **Kathleen E. Powers**, and Therese Anders. 2019. “Moral Hazard: German Public Opinion on the Greek Debt Crisis.” *Political Psychology*, 40(3), 523-541.

Joshua D. Kertzer, **Kathleen E. Powers**, Brian C. Rathbun, and Ravi Iyer. 2014. “Moral Support: How Moral Values Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes.” *The Journal of Politics*, 7(3), 825-840.

## Chapter

Joshua D. Kertzer and **Kathleen E. Powers**. 2020. “Foreign Policy Attitudes as Networks.” In the *Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Political Science*, edited by Alex Mintz and Lesley Terris. New York: Oxford University Press.

## Working Papers and Projects

“Moral Conviction and Foreign Policy Attitudes.” With Sarah Maxey.

- Revise & resubmit.

“Democratic Backsliding and Foreign Public Opinion.” With Ben Goldsmith, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Kelly Matush.

- Working paper.

“Why States Value Disputed Territory.” With Dan Altman.

- Draft paper and pre-analysis plan presented at 2023 APSA; research design in progress.

“When Identities Clash: Why Taiwan Opposes Cooperation with Mainland China.” With Dalton Lin.

- Manuscript in preparation. Experiment pre-analysis plan: <https://osf.io/chxfm>.

“The Content of National Mythology: How Past Victory and Defeat Shape Contemporary Attitudes.” With Joslyn Barnhart and Jiyoung Ko.

- Draft and pre-registered pilot presented in 2022; research design in progress.

“When do Social Cues Shift Policy Attitudes?” with Madeleine Sach and Sarah Solomon (former Dartmouth undergraduates).

- Manuscript in preparation. Pre-analysis plan: <https://osf.io/wxvbe>.

## Other Writing

Kathleen E. Powers. 2023. Invited review of Danielle Lupton’s *Reputation for Resolve: How Leaders Signal Determination in International Politics* (Cornell University Press, 2020) for *H-Diplo-ISSF Roundtable Reviews*.

Kathleen E. Powers. 2022. “How European identities shape support for security cooperation.” *EU-ROPP (European Politics and Policy)* blog at the London School of Economics, 5 May.

Dan Altman and **Kathleen E. Powers**. 2022. “When Redlines Fail: The Promise and Peril of Public Threats.” *Foreign Affairs*, 2 February.

Kathleen E. Powers. 2022. Invited review of Joslyn Barnhart’s *The Consequences of Humiliation: Anger and Status in World Politics* (Cornell University Press, 2021) for *H-Diplo-ISSF Roundtable Reviews*.

Kathleen E. Powers. 2021. “Do the Olympics promote nationalism — and international conflict? Here’s the research.” *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*, 26 July.

- Kathleen E. Powers. 2019. "Surprised by those Fourth of July tanks? Here's what political science can tell us about nationalism, patriotism and public opinion." *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*, 4 July.
- Kathleen E. Powers. 2019. Invited review of Jonathan Renshon's *Fighting for Status: Hierarchy and Conflict in World Politics* (Princeton University Press, 2017) for *H-Diplo-ISSF Roundtable Reviews*.
- Brian Rathbun, Evgeniia Iakhnis, and **Kathleen E. Powers**. 2017. "This new poll shows that populism doesn't stem from people's economic distress." *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*, 17 October.

FELLOWSHIPS &  
AWARDS

- Elizabeth R. and Robert A. Jeffe 1972 Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2024-25.
- Manley Huntington Award for Newly Tenured Faculty with an "outstanding record of teaching and research", Dartmouth College. 2024.
- Ralph J. and Sheila Q. Maffei Faculty Fellowship, Dartmouth College. 2024.
- David O. Sears award for the best book in the field of the political psychology of mass politics published in the previous calendar year, International Society for Political Psychology. 2023.
- Faculty Research Grant, Dartmouth Initiative for Global Security, Dartmouth College, for "Does Democratic Backsliding Erode Soft Power? A Multinational Experiment." With Ben Goldsmith, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Kelly Matush. 2022.
- Sayles Faculty Research Grant, Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College, for "Moralization and Foreign Policy Public Opinion." With Sarah Maxey. 2021.
- Best Paper Award, American Political Science Association's Foreign Policy Section, with Dan Altman. 2021.
- Walter and Constance Burke Research Initiation Grant, Dartmouth College. 2017.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship in US Foreign Policy and International Security, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College. 2015-2016.
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Washington, D.C. 2014.
- Distinguished University Fellowship, The Ohio State University. 2014-2015.
- OSU Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative Research Grant, The Ohio State University. 2014.
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies Graduate Student Research Grant, The Ohio State University. 2014.
- OSU Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative Research Grant, The Ohio State University. With Joshua D. Kertzer. 2012.
- Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, The Ohio State University. 2011.
- Distinguished University Fellowship, The Ohio State University. 2009-2010.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Arizona State University, 2008.
- Junior Fellow, Department of Political Science, Arizona State University, 2008.
- National Merit Scholarship, Arizona State University, 2004-2008.

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS  
& WORKSHOPS

*Lectures and Seminars*

- University of Notre Dame, International Security Center Speaker Series. April 2025.
- Northwestern University, International Relations seminar. April 2024.
- University of New Hampshire, New Hampshire International Seminar Series. October 2023.
- Princeton University International Relations Colloquium. April 2023.
- University of Wisconsin International Relations Colloquium. March 2023.
- Korea University. November 2022.
- Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs Security Studies seminar. October 2022.
- University of Wisconsin. September 2022. Book discussion.
- University of Queensland. August 2022.
- Queen’s University Belfast, Staff Seminar Series. June 2022.
- Amherst College. September 2020. Book discussion.
- George Washington University, Security Policy Workshop at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies. September 2020.
- Colgate University. April 2020. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- Columbia University International Politics Workshop. October 2019.
- State University of New York – Albany, Department of Political Science. May 2019.
- Harvard University, Government Department International Relations Seminar. March 2019.
- Christopher Newport University, Reiff Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution. February 2019.
- Yale University, MacMillan International Relations Seminar Series. January 2018.

*Workshops*

- “Workshop on Political Psychology in East Asia.” Chinese University of Hong Kong. June 2024.
- “Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Security Conference.” Harvard University. September 2022.
- “The Future of U.S. Grand Strategy.” Ohio State University Mershon Center for International Security Studies. October 2020.
- “Embattled Inference: Confronting New Conflicts in the Design and Use of Experiments in International Studies.” Pre-conference workshop, International Studies Association Annual Meeting. March 2020. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- “Experiments in Political Violence.” University of Virginia. September 2018.
- “State Preferences and International Conflict.” University of California, Los Angeles. January 2015.

CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION

**Panels  
Organized**

- “The Many Faces of Nationalism: Conceptualization, Measurement, and Political Implications.” ISPP 2024.
- “Territorial Conflict: Motivations and the Value of Disputed Territory.” APSA 2023.
- “Understanding Public Opinion Towards Trade and Globalization.” EPSA 2019.
- “New Survey and Experimental Research in International Relations.” ISA 2017.
- “All is Fair in Love, but War? Morals and Values in Foreign Policy Public Opinion.” ISA 2016.
- “Civilian Casualties and Support for the Use of Force.” APSA 2015.

## Presentations

- “Why States Value Disputed Territory.” With Dan Altman.  
– ISPP (2024); East Asia Political Psychology Workshop (2024); APSA (2023).
- “Foreign Policy Attitudes and Engagement in a Diverse Society.” Roundtable participant.  
– APSA (2023).
- “The Content of National Mythology: How Past Victory and Defeat Shape Contemporary Attitudes.”  
With Joslyn Barnhart and Jiyoung Ko.  
– APSA (2022).
- “Does Democratic Backsliding Erode Soft Power? A Multinational Experiment.” With Ben Goldsmith,  
Yusaku Horiuchi, and Kelly Matush.  
– Pre-conference workshop on Challenges of Electoral Integrity in America at APSA (2022).
- “Moral Conviction and Foreign Policy Attitudes.” With Sarah Maxey.  
– MPSA (2024, scheduled); ISPP (2023, 2022); ISA (2023); APSA (2022).
- “When Identities Clash: Why Taiwan Opposes Cooperation with Mainland China.” With Dalton Lin.  
– ISA (2022, 2020); APSA (2019).
- “The Psychology of Coercion Failure.” With Dan Altman.  
– ISA (2022, 2020); Peace Science Society (2020); APSA (2020, 2019).
- “Going Nativist: How Nativism Affects Attitudes about Globalization and Trade.” With Jason Reifler  
and Tom Scotto.  
– EPSA (2019).
- “European Identity Content and Attitudes Toward International Cooperation.”  
– ISPP (2019), MPSA (2019), APSA (2018, 2017).
- “What’s Fair in International Politics?” With Deborah Jordan Brooks, Stephen Brooks, and Joshua D.  
Kertzer.  
– ISA (2017).
- “Nationalisms in International Politics.”  
– Dartmouth Dickey Center Alumni Conference (2016).
- “Moral Hazard: German Public Opinion on the Greek Debt Crisis.” With Brian Rathbun and Therese  
Anders.  
– ISA (2018, 2016).
- “Nationalism and Foreign Policy: Does Internal Equality Reduce External Conflict?”  
– ISA (2018, 2016, 2015); ECPR Joint Sessions workshop (2017); APSA (2015); MPSA (2015); NYU-  
CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (poster; 2015).
- “Killing at a Distance: A Construal Level Approach to the Psychology of Drone Warfare.”  
– ISA (2017, 2014); APSA (2015, 2014).
- “Foreign Policy Attitudes as Networks.” With Joshua D. Kertzer.  
– Ohio State Behavioral Decision-Making Forum (2014); APSA (2013, 2012); MPSA (2013); NYU-CESS  
Experimental Political Science Conference (2013).
- “Moral Support: How Moral Values Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes.” With Joshua D. Kertzer & Brian  
Rathbun.  
– APSA (2013); MPSA (2013); ISA (2013).

**Panel Chair/  
Discussant**

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2023 (D), 2022 (C, D), 2019 (D), 2018 (D), 2015 (C), 2014 (D)

International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2023 (C, D), 2022 (C, D), 2021 (D, book roundtable participant), 2018 (C, D), 2017 (C, D), 2016 (C), 2015 (D)

International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting: 2024 (C, D), 2022 (C, D), 2019 (D)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2024 (C, D), 2019 (D), 2015 (C, D)

Visions in Methodology Conference: 2019 (D)

European Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019 (D)

European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions Workshop: 2017 (D)

**TEACHING**

*Introduction to International Politics*. Lecture course, Dartmouth College. F 2017 (x2), W 2019 (x2), F 2019(x2), W 2022 (x2), F 2022, W 2024 (x2).

*Psychology and International Politics*. Mid-level course, Dartmouth College. S 2018, S2019, S 2020, W 2021, S 2024, F 2024.  
Received a student-nominated “Canvy Award” from Dartmouth’s Learning Design and Technology Team. Spring 2019.

*Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy*. Seminar, Dartmouth College. S 2020, W 2021, F 2021, S 2024, F 2024.

*Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy*. Seminar, Harvard University. S 2023.

*Political Psychology and International Relations*. Graduate seminar, Harvard University. S 2023.

*Introduction to International Relations*. Lecture course, University of Georgia. F 2016 (x2).

*American Foreign Policy*. Graduate seminar, University of Georgia. S 2017.

*Introduction to Global Politics*. Lecture course, The Ohio State University.  
Sole instructor of record 6 times.

*American Foreign Policy*. Lecture course, The Ohio State University.  
Sole instructor of record 2 times.

**Related  
Experience**

Guest Lecture, “Nationalism and Supranationalism in International Politics.” Prepared for *Psychology of International Relations*, Harvard University. 2023.

Course Design Institute (participant), Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning. 2017.

Guest Instructor, “Social Identity Theory and International Relations.” Taught 3 sessions of *Violence and Security*, Dartmouth College. 2016.

Facilitator, “GTA Orientation: Facilitating Class Discussions.” University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, The Ohio State University. 2014.

Facilitator, “GTA Orientation: Teaching in an Online Context.” University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, The Ohio State University. 2014.

**Teaching Assistant**

*Causes of War*, Randy Schweller. Spring 2011, Fall 2012.  
*Introduction to Peace Studies*, Ted Hopf. Winter 2012.  
*Causes of War*, Bear Braumoeller. Taught 3 recitation sections. Fall 2011.  
*Theories of International Relations*, Randy Schweller. Winter 2011.  
*Strategies of War and Peace*, Rick Herrmann. Fall 2010.

**MENTORING & ADVISING**

Invited speaker, OSU pre-dissertation workshop. October 2022.  
Mentor, International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting Mentoring Luncheon. 2022.

**Theses Advised**

Madeleine Sach, *The Effect of Cues from Groups with Issue Relevance on American Public Opinion*. Dartmouth College Quantitative Social Science Honors Thesis. 2021.  
Theodore Gehring, *When China Cracks Down: Legitimacy Considerations in the Decision to Suppress Protesters*. Dartmouth College Government Honors Thesis. 2020.  
◦ Winner, Rockefeller Prize in Comparative Politics.  
Filip Viskupic, *Status and Foreign Policy Decision-Making*. University of Georgia PhD dissertation. 2019. Committee member.  
Jase Davis, *Looking Up to Crowded Skies: Measuring American Opinions on International Military Drone Use*. Dartmouth Government Honors Thesis. 2018.  
Alisa Rogers, *The Human Identity: Overcoming Religious Divisions?* University of Georgia MA thesis. 2017.

**SERVICE**

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Oxford Encyclopedia*, Oxford University Press, *Politics and Religion*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Research and Politics*, *Security Studies*, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, University of Chicago Press, *World Politics*

**Discipline**

National Science Foundation panelist. 2024, 2023.  
Section Chair, International Relations, Globalization, and Macropolitical Issues section, International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting. 2023.

<b>University</b>	<p>Member, Dartmouth Initiative for Global Security Distinguished Scholar search committee, Dartmouth College. October 2021 – March 2022; Sept 2023 – Jan 2024.</p> <p>“How to build an anti-racist foreign policy.” A conversation with Travis Adkins, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College. 2020.</p> <p>Member, Post-doctoral fellowship search committee, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College. 2018, 2019, 2023.</p> <p>Member, War &amp; Peace fellows selection committee, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College. 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023.</p>
<b>Department</b>	<p>Member, Annual review committee, Government Department “Vow to Act” for racial justice, Dartmouth College. September 2021 – January 2022.</p> <p>Co-organizer, Government Department Seminar Series, Dartmouth College. 2020–21.</p> <p>ABD Representative for Political Science Graduate Council, The Ohio State University. 2012–2014.</p> <p>Co-coordinator, Research in International Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University. 2011–2012.</p>
<b>OTHER SKILLS</b>	
<b>Technical</b>	R, Stata, Qualtrics, $\LaTeX$
<b>Other Professional Training</b>	<p>Bridging the Gap International Policy Summer Institute, American University: June 2022.</p> <p>Academic Exchange Alumni Conference: 2019.</p> <p>Academic Exchange, Israel: 2018.</p>
<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	Political psychology, foreign policy, international security, nationalism, public opinion, values, surveys, experiments

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