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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Columbia University
Associate of International and Public Affairs, 2023—

EDUCATION

New York University
Ph.D., Political Science, 2023

M.Phil., Political Science, 2020

Boston College
B.A., *cum laude*, Economics and French Language and Literature, 2012

RESEARCH FOCUSES

International relations, political violence, formal and statistical models

PUBLICATIONS

Becker, Michael. (In press) "Cyclicality in Non-State Violence: Theory and Evidence." *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression*.

Becker, Michael. (2023) "Futile or farsighted? Domestic politics, leader replacement, and the nature of lopsided conflicts." *Defence and Peace Economics*, 34(2), pp. 183-198.

Becker, Michael. (2017) "Why Violence Abates: Imposed and Elective Declines in Terrorist Attacks." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 29(2), pp. 215-235.

Becker, Michael. (2016) "A Response to "Key Issues and Research Agendas in Lone Wolf Terrorism." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 39(5), pp. 472–476.

Becker, Michael, Matthew S. Cohen, Sidita Kushi, and Ian McManus. (2016) "Reviving the Russian Empire: The Crimean Intervention through a Neoclassical Realist Lens." *European Security*, 25(1), pp. 112-133.

Becker, Michael. (2015) "When Terrorists and Target Governments Cooperate: the Case of Syria." *Perspectives on Terrorism*, 9(1), pp. 95-103.

Becker, Michael. (2014) "Explaining Lone Wolf Target Selection in the United States." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 37(11), pp. 959-978.

WORKING PAPERS

"Do strategic communications predict rebel behavior in civil wars? Evidence from militant group manifestos." (Job market paper—*under review*).

"War on two fronts: How rebels choose between foreign and domestic audiences." (*Under review*).

"Fraternity or fratricide? Rebel cooperation, conflict, and relative effort levels in civil war."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Co-Instructor for "Inside the Situation Room," Columbia University. (Fall 2023)
	Teaching Assistant for "Politics of Climate Change," Professor Eric Dickson, NYU. (Spring 2023)
	Teaching Assistant for "International Politics," Professor Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, NYU. (Spring 2022)
	Teaching Assistant for "Political Theory," Professor Dimitri Landa, NYU. (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)
	Teaching Assistant for "Power and Politics in America," Professor Christopher Dawes, NYU. (Spring 2020)
	Teaching Assistant for "Power and Politics in America," Professor Julia Payson, NYU. (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
	Teaching Assistant for "Power and Politics in America," Professor Sanford Gordon, NYU. (Spring 2019, Spring 2021)
	Teaching Assistant for "American Constitutional Law," Professor Peter Rajsingh, NYU. (Spring 2018)
HONORS AND AWARDS	MacCracken Fellow, New York University (2016-2023)
	Undergraduate Research Fellow, Boston College (2009-2011)
ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND SKILLS	Languages: English (native); French (fluent); Spanish (basic)
	Technical: R, Python, Mathematica, Excel, LaTeX
MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH	Huffington Post, Lawfare, Mother Jones, Medium, TomDispatch
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Anonymous referee for *British Journal of Political Science, Defence and Peace Economics, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Politics, Justice Quarterly, Terrorism and Political Violence*.

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