

# Alex Weisiger

## Personal Information

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## Education

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*Columbia University*, New York, NY  
Ph.D. in Political Science (2008)

*Stanford University*, Stanford, CA  
B.A. in International Relations (Minor in German), June 2000

## Professional Appointments

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2008-present	Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania
2007-2008	Post-doctoral fellow, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University
2006-2007	Pre-doctoral fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University

## Book

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Logics of War: Explanations for Limited and Unlimited Conflicts (Cornell University Press, 2013)

## Published Articles

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Learning from the Battlefield: Information, Domestic Politics, and Interstate War Duration (forthcoming, *International Organization*)

Revisiting Reputation: How Past Actions Matters in International Politics (with Keren Yarhi-Milo) (forthcoming, *International Organization*)

Victory without Peace: Conquest, Insurgency, and War Termination, *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31:4 (2014), 357-382.

Under Construction: Development, Difference, and Democratic Duplicity as Determinants of the Systemic Liberal Peace (with Erik Gartzke), *International Studies Quarterly* 58:1 (2014), 130-145.

Fading Friendships: Alliances, Affinities, and the Activation of International Identities (with Erik Gartzke) *British Journal of Political Science* 43:1 (2013), 25-52.

Permanent Friends? Dynamic Difference and the Democratic Peace (with Erik Gartzke) *International Studies Quarterly* 57:1 (2013), 171-185.

## **Working Papers**

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Exiting the Coalition: When Do Countries Abandon Coalition Partners during War? (R&R, *International Studies Quarterly*)

Identifying and Testing Logics of Regional War Diffusion

Does Reputation Adhere to Leaders or to States? (with Keren Yarhi-Milo)

Ideology, Ideologues, and War

Do They Stand Up As We Stand Down? Threats to Withdraw and Local Government Free Riding in Counterinsurgencies (with Barbara Elias)

War Initiation and Termination (WIT) Coding Instrument and Data Set (with Tanisha Fazal, Page Fortna, and Jessica Stanton)

## **Comments and Non-Peer Reviewed Material**

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The Limits to Partition (with Michael C. Horowitz), *International Security* 33:4 (Spring 2009), 203-206.

An Annotated Bibliography for the Correlates of War Interstate War Database (with Zachary C. Shirkey), available on the Correlates of War website

## **Book Reviews**

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Jack S. Levy and William Thompson, *The Arc of War: Origins, Escalation, and Transformation*, *Comparative Political Studies* 45:8 (August 2012).

Feargal Cochrane, *Ending Wars*, *Political Science Quarterly* 124:2 (Summer 2009).

## **Honors and Awards**

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Best Paper in International Relations at the 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Conference (with Erik Gartzke)

Dissertation defense passed with distinction, Fall 2007.

Passed Comprehensive Exams with Distinction in Major and Minor, August 2003

## **Graduate Advisees (completed dissertations only)**

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Rosella Cappella, *The Political Economy of War Finance*, graduated 2012, now at Boston University

Barbara Elias, *The Critical Ally: Coercion and Defiance in Counterinsurgency Partnerships*, graduated 2013, now at Bowdoin College

Tim Junio, *The Politics and Strategy of Cyber Conflict*, graduated 2013, postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Security and Cooperation at Stanford University

Ke Wang, *Rethinking Chinese Territorial Disputes: How the Value of Contested Lands Shapes Territorial Policies*

Andrew Levin, *Explaining Sub-National Peacekeeping Outcomes in Civil War*

### **Courses Taught**

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Introduction to International Relations (graduate-level field survey)

The Causes of War and Peace (undergraduate lecture)

Game Theory and Political Science (graduate-undergraduate lecture)

Topics and Debates in International Relations (graduate seminar)

### **Additional Training**

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Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, January 2004

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Berkeley, CA, Summer 2005

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Summer 2007