

Peter Schram— Curriculum Vitae

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Employment History

2017–Present. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

2016–2017. Pre-Doctoral Researcher, Cross-Domain Deterrence Project, UCSD

- Mentor: Erik Gartzke

Degrees Earned

2017. Ph.D., Political Economics, Stanford University Graduate School of Business

- Dissertation title: “Essays on Counterinsurgency and Gray Zone Conflict”
- Advisers: James Fearon and Saumitra Jha
- Committee Members: Jonathan Bendor and Jacob Shapiro

2016. M.A., Economics, Stanford University

2009. A.B., Politics (*cum laude*), Princeton University

2009. Certificate in Political Economy, Princeton University

Articles in Refereed Journals

Peter Schram, “Conflicts that Leave Something to Chance: Establishing Brinkmanship Through Conventional Wars,” Forthcoming, *International Organization*

Andrew Coe, **Peter Schram**, Heesun Yoo, “Terrorism Works, for Its Supporters,” Pre-print, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2024).

- *Best paper award, Pittsburgh Formal Model Conference.*
- *Honorable mention for Best Paper Presented at the Conference, SPSA.*

Brenton Kenkel and **Peter Schram**, “Uncertainty in Crisis Bargaining with Multiple Policy Levers,” *American Journal of Political Science*, (published online in pre-print, 2/20/2024).

J. Andrés Gannon, Erik Gartzke, Jon R. Lindsay, and **Peter Schram**, “The Shadow of Deterrence: Why Capable Actors Engage in Conflict Short of War,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 68, no. 2-3 (2024): 230-268.

Peter Schram, “When Capabilities Backfire: How Improved Hassling Capabilities Produce Worse Outcomes,” *The Journal of Politics* 84.4 (2022): 2246-2260.

Peter Schram, “Self-Managing Terror: How Insurgents Resolve Agency Problems With Diverse Teams,” *Games and Economic Behavior*, 130 (2021): 240-257.

Peter Schram, “Hassling: How States Prevent a Preventive War,” *American Journal of Political Science*, 65, no. 2 (2021): 294-308.

Peter Schram, “Managing Insurgency,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63, no. 10 (2019): 2319-2353.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Gartzke, Erik A., Jon R. Lindsay, J. Andrés Gannon, and **Peter Schram**. “Gray Zone: Ambiguity and Escalation,” in *Elements of Deterrence: Strategy, Technology, and Complexity in Global Politics*, ed. *Erik Gartzke and Jon R Lindsay*. (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2024), 338–70.

Working Papers

Peter Schram and Brandon Yoder, “Putting Yourself Out There: Designing Credible Assurances Through Endogenous Power Shifts.”

Brenton Kenkel and **Peter Schram**, “Mechanism Design Goes to Nuclear War.”

Grants

2025. Conventional Capabilities and Brinkmanship: A Unified Theory, Stanton Nuclear Foundation Grant. \$49,179

2021. Shifting Capabilities, Deterrence, and Escalation in Cyberspace, UCSD Subaward. \$23,411.57

2020-2021. Vanderbilt Research Scholar Grant. \$35,000 to supplement sabbatical funding

2018. Deterring Complex Threats, UCSD Subaward. \$49,852.61

Invited Presentations and Small Conferences

2024. World in Flux: The Dynamics of Global Power, Princeton University

- One of three invited panelists

2024. Modern Conflict Summit, Vanderbilt University

- Talk title: “Mechanism Design Goes to Nuclear War” (with Brenton Kenkel)
2024. Wallis Institute Seminar Series, University of Rochester
- Invited to present “Conflicts that Leave Something to Chance” (unable to attend due to health issue)
 - Full travel support provided
2024. Pittsburgh Formal Model Conference, University of Pittsburgh
- Talk title: “Conflicts that Leave Something to Chance: Establishing Brinkmanship Through Conventional Wars”
2023. Pittsburgh Formal Model Conference, University of Pittsburgh
- Talk title: “Conflicts that Leave Something to Chance: Establishing Brinkmanship Through Conventional Wars”
2023. Modern Conflict Summit, Vanderbilt University
- Talk title: “Uncertainty in Crisis Bargaining with Multiple Policy Levers” (with Brenton Kenkel)
2022. Virtual Formal Theory Workshop (online, organized by the American Political Science Association Formal Theory section)
- Talk title: “For Whom Does Terrorism Work?” (with Andrew Coe and Heesun Yoo)
2022. Pittsburgh Formal Model Conference, University of Pittsburgh
- Talk title: “For Whom Does Terrorism Work?” (with Andrew Coe and Heesun Yoo)
2022. Modern Conflict Summit, Vanderbilt University
- Panel title: “Gray Zone Conflict Management”
2021. Joint Warfare Analysis Center
- Talk title: “When Capabilities Backfire?”
2021. Political Science Seminar Series, Duke University
- Talk title: “When Capabilities Backfire?”
2020. Virtual Formal Theory Workshop
- Talk title: “When Capabilities Backfire?”
2020. Virtual Formal Theory Workshop, Junior Scholar Symposium
- Discussant

2020. Virtual Formal Theory Workshop

- Talk title: “Self-Managing Terror”

2018. Formal Models of International Relations Conference, University of Southern California

- Talk title: “Hassling: How States Prevent a Preventive War” (unable to attend due to health issue)
- Partial travel support provided

Other Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2011, 2017, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Midwest Political Science Association: 2015, 2022, 2023, 2024

Southern Political Science Association: 2020, 2024

European Political Science Association: 2015, 2023

International Studies Association: 2019

Professional Service

2022-2023. Co-Organizer of the Virtual Formal Theory Workshop

Reviewer for American Political Science Review (2019x2, 2020, 2024), American Journal of Political Science (2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2024), Journal of Politics (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), Quarterly Journal of Political Science (2014, 2022, 2023), International Organization (2023), World Politics (2017, 2018x2), Journal of Conflict Resolution (2018, 2019, 2023), Political Science Research and Methods (2021), Journal of Peace Research (2022), International Security (2022), Journal of Theoretical Politics (2019), International Studies Quarterly (2021, 2022), Conflict Management and Peace Science (2023, 2024), Civil Wars (2016), Journal of Legal Studies (2022).

Teaching

Courses Taught

Vanderbilt University

- PSCI 2211: Terrorism and Intrastate Conflict (undergraduate, new course)
- PSCI 2225: International Political Economy (undergraduate, new course)
- PSCI 8357: Statistics for Political Research II (graduate)
- PSCI 8370: Civil War, Terrorism & Insurgency (graduate, new course)

Advising

2023-Present. Dissertation committee member for Nguyen Ha (graduate)

2017-2018. Thesis co-advisor for Mary Catherine Cook (undergraduate)

Department Service

2021–2024. International Relations Field Convener

2019–2020. Undergraduate Committee

2018–2019. Graduate Admissions Committee

2017–2018. Political Violence and International Relations Search Committees