

# Sarah Maxey

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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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- 2018-present            Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
- 2017-2018             Post-Doctoral Fellow, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania

## **EDUCATION**

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- 2017                    Ph.D., Government (International Relations), Cornell University
- 2009                    B.A., Government and Sociology, Georgetown University, *Summa Cum Laude*

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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- “You and Whose Army? How Civilian Leaders Leverage the Military’s Prestige to Shape Public Opinion” with Michael Kenwick. 2022. *Journal of Politics*. 84(4): 1963-1978.
- “Finding the Water’s Edge: When National Identity Trumps Partisanship in Foreign Policy Attitudes.” 2022. *International Politics*. Special Issue: Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy: Ideas, Institutions, and Implications. 59(5): 802-826.
- “Limited Spin: When the Public Punishes Leaders Who Lie About Military Action.” 2021. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 65(2-3): 283-312.
- “The Power of Humanitarian Narratives: A Domestic Coalition Theory of Justifications for Military Action.” 2020. *Political Research Quarterly*. 73(3): 680-695.
- “Mechanisms of Morality: Sources of Support for Humanitarian Intervention” with Sarah Kreps. 2018. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 62(8): 1814-1842.
- “Teaching Students to Engage with Evidence: An Evaluation of Structured Writing and Classroom Discussion Strategies” with Steffen Blings. 2017. *Journal of Political Science Education* 13(1): 15-32.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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- “Context Matters: The Transformative Nature of Drones on the Battlefield” with Sarah Kreps in *Technology and International Relations: The New Frontier in Global Power*, eds. Giampiero Giacomello, Francesco Niccolò Moro, and Marco Valigi. 2021. Edward Elgar Publishing.

## **SUBMITTED & WORKING PAPERS**

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- Book Manuscript: “Doves into Hawks: How Presidents Manage Public Opinion by Talking about Saving Strangers”
- “Morally Opposed? Sources of Public Opposition to Autonomous Weapon Systems” with Michael Horowitz.
- “Explaining Public Demand for Border Militarization” with Michael Kenwick.
- “Good Enough? Public Perceptions of Success in Military Interventions.”
- “Moralization and Foreign Policy Attitudes” with Kathleen Powers.
- “War of Words: How Presidential and Anti-War Messages Compete for Public Opinion” with Stephen Roblin.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

“Americans feel a moral obligation to help humanitarian victims (like those in Syria) with military force” with Sarah Kreps. 10 April 2018. *The Washington Post: Monkey Cage*.

“Moral Obligations and Military Intervention” with Sarah Kreps. 26 September 2017. *East West Institute and The Diplomat*.

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2021 Rule of Law Institute at Loyola University Chicago, Scholar Grant (\$6,500)  
2016 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (\$15,000)  
2016 Jesse F. and Dora H. Bluestone Peace Studies Fellowship, Cornell University  
2016 American Studies Research Grant, Cornell University (\$1,000)  
2015 PREPARE Writing Assessment Fellowship, Cornell University  
2014-15 Graduate Fellow, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies  
2014 Institute for Social Sciences Small Grant, Cornell University, with Sarah Kreps (\$3,000)  
2014 Houston I. Flournoy Grant, Cornell University (\$3,000)  
2011-12 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University  
Conference Travel Grants: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Loyola University Chicago

PLSC 102 International Relations in an Age of Globalization (Fall 2018, 2020-online, 2022, 2023, Spring 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023)  
PLSC 300D Morality and Legality in War (online J-Term 2021, 2022, 2023)  
PLSC 325 American Foreign Policy (Fall 2018, 2019, 2020-online, 2023)  
PLSC 326 American National Security (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021-online)  
PLSC 430 Theories of International Politics (graduate seminar, Fall 2022, Spring 2021-online)  
PLSC 431 The Formulation of US Foreign Policy (graduate seminar, Fall 2019, Spring 2022)

Current Advising: 6 PhD committees (5 LUC students, 1 external), Undergraduate Provost Fellow

Past Advising: Undergraduate Lieberman Fellow (2020-21), Rudis Fellow (2022-23)

Cornell University

2015 Recipient of Deanne Gebell Gitner '66 Family Annual Prize for Teaching Assistants

### Instructor

AMST 1145 U.S. Foreign Policy Today, First-Year Writing Seminar (Fall 2015)  
GOVT 1101 Humanitarian Intervention, First-Year Writing Seminar (Spring 2015)  
Math Camp Department of Government (Summer 2014)

### Teaching Assistant

GOVT 3877 Nuclear Security in a Changing World, with Sarah Kreps (Fall 2014)  
GOVT 3837 The Cold War, with Matthew Evangelista (Spring 2014)  
GOVT 3937 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, with Richard Maass (Fall 2013), Sarah Kreps (Fall 2012)  
GOVT 3867 Causes of War, with Christopher Way (Spring 2013)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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### American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

- 2023  
(scheduled) “Good Enough? Public Perceptions of Success in Military Interventions.”
- 2022 “Moralization and Foreign Policy Attitudes” with Kathleen Powers.
- 2021 “War by Any Other Name? Humanitarian Frames and Perceptions of Success in Military Interventions.”
- 2020 “Morally Opposed? Sources of Public Opposition to Autonomous Weapon Systems.” with Michael Horowitz.
- 2019 “Finding the Water’s Edge: When National Identity Trumps Partisanship in Foreign Policy Attitudes”  
“War of Words: How Presidential Rhetoric and Anti-War Messages Compete for Public Opinion” with Stephen Roblin
- 2018 “Limited Spin: When the Public Punishes Leaders Who Lie about Military Action”  
“The Civil-Military Divide in Public Perceptions of Foreign Policy Decision Making” with Michael Kenwick
- 2017 “Knowing Your Audience: How U.S. Presidents Justify Military Interventions”
- 2016 “Teaching Students to Engage with Evidence: An Evaluation of Structured Writing and Classroom Discussion Strategies”
- 2015 “Mechanisms of Morality: Sources of Support for Humanitarian Intervention” with Sarah Kreps  
“Measuring Justifications: A New Approach to Evaluating Presidents’ Attention to Foreign Crises, 1990-2013”
- 2014 “Free to Do Good?: Humanitarian Justifications for Force and Perceptions of Norm Abuse in Iraq, 2003-2008”

### International Studies Association Annual Convention

- 2023 “Moralization and Foreign Policy Attitudes” with Kathleen Powers.  
“Status Loss and Public Demand for Border Militarization” with Michael Kenwick.
- 2022 “War by Any Other Name? Humanitarian Frames and Perceptions of Success in Military Interventions.”
- 2020 “The Civil-Military Divide in Public Perceptions of Foreign Policy Decision Making” with Michael Kenwick (conference cancelled)
- 2019 “Morally Opposed? Sources of Public Opposition to Autonomous Weapon Systems.” with Michael Horowitz.

- 2019 (cont.) “War of Words: How Presidential Rhetoric and Anti-War Messages Compete for Public Opinion” with Stephen Roblin
- 2018 “Persuading Isolationists: The Mechanisms and Limits of Opposition to Military Action”  
“Finding the Water’s Edge: When National Identity Trumps Partisanship in Foreign Policy Attitudes”
- 2017 “Knowing Your Audience: How U.S. Presidents Justify Military Interventions”  
“Deception and Democratic Accountability: The Limits of Justifications for War”
- 2016 “How U.S. Presidents Use Humanitarian Justifications in Contemporary Interventions”  
“Mechanisms of Morality: Sources of Support for Humanitarian Intervention” with Sarah Kreps

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

- 2023 “Moralization and Foreign Policy Attitudes” with Kathleen Powers.
- 2022 “War by Any Other Name? Humanitarian Frames and Perceptions of Success in Military Interventions.”
- 2021 Chair, Foreign Policy Section
- 2015 “Distinctly Humanitarian?: Sources of Change and Consistency in U.S. Presidents’ Use of Humanitarian Justifications”
- 2014 “Good Intentions or Empty Rhetoric: Humanitarian Justifications and the U.S. War in Iraq”

Peace Science

- 2018 “The Civil-Military Divide in Public Perceptions of Foreign Policy Decision Making” with Michael Kenwick
- 2014 “Mechanisms of Morality: Why the U.S. Public Supports Humanitarian Interventions” with Sarah Kreps, Workshop on Survey Experiments in Peace Science

**INVITED WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI). Bridging the Gap Project, American University, Washington, DC. Invited participant following competitive application process.  
“Status Loss and Public Demand for Border Militarization” Workshop on International Politics. University of Chicago. Invited presenter.
- 2022 “War by Any Other Name? Humanitarian Frames and Perceptions of Success in Military Interventions.” Workshop on Surveys and Experiments in International Law, Yale University and University of Toronto. Invited presenter and discussant.
- 2020 “Finding the Water’s Edge: When National Identity Trumps Partisanship in Foreign Policy Attitudes,” Workshop on Domestic Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy: Ideas, Institutions, and Policy Implications, Heidelberg Center for American Studies and American University. Invited presenter and special issue contributor.

- 2019 “Just How Humanitarian are Interventions? Peacekeeping and the Prevention of Civilian Killings during and after Civil Wars,” Workshop on Political Violence, Washington University in St. Louis. Invited presenter.
- 2017 “Knowing Your Audience: Domestic Coalitions and Justifications for Military Intervention,” Harvard International Security Conference, Center for Government and International Studies, Harvard University. Invited presenter following competitive application process.
- 2016 “The Humanitarian Discourse of Force,” Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference, Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame. Invited presenter.
- 2014 “Humanitarian Discourse and the Use of Force,” October 2014, International Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Development, Cooperation, and Security, Stockholm University. Invited presenter.

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH**

- 2020 Online Teaching Course: Bootcamp, Office of Online Learning, Loyola University Chicago
- 2019 Council on Foreign Relations Educators Workshop
- 2015 International Laws of War Institute, Cornell University, The Hague
- 2015 Teaching as Research Seminar, Center for Teaching Excellence, Cornell University
- 2014 Teaching Writing Seminar, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University
- 2014 Writing in the Majors, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University
- 2014 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University
- 2013 ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan

#### **UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2020-present Member, Racial Justice Examen Committee, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago  
Coordinator, Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference, Loyola University Chicago
- 2018-present Member, Graduate Student Committee, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago  
Coordinator, Student Conference on U.S. Affairs, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
- 2022 Member, International Relations Search Committee
- 2020-21 Chair, Foreign Policy Section, Midwest Political Science Association  
Member, Research Committee, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
- 2015 Co-facilitator, Pedagogy and Professional Development Group, Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University
- 2013-15 Co-facilitator, Graduate Student Research Colloquium, Department of Government, Cornell University
- 2012-15 Graduate Advisor, Cornell International Affairs Review, Cornell University

Chair and/or Discussant: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2020); International Studies Association Annual Convention (2018, 2019)

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Genocide Research*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Research & Politics*, *Security Studies*, *World Politics*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Political Science Association, International Studies Association