

Stanton Nuclear Security Fellows Seminar

Fellows - Alphabetically by Institution

Eugene B. Kogan, BCSIA

Eugene B. Kogan is a Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. He studies the use of coercion and inducements in nuclear negotiations. His research interests include a comparative analysis of U.S. and Soviet / Russian nonproliferation policies. He received his Ph.D. from Brandeis University, where he was Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellow. His doctoral thesis examined nuclear bargaining between the U.S. and its allies during the Cold War. Among his publications is a book chapter, titled "Obama Doctrine and Nonproliferation: Strategic Engagement in Action." A graduate of Connecticut College (including a year of study at Oxford) and the London School of Economics, Kogan was previously a researcher at the Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Ariane Tabatabai, BCSIA

Ariane Tabatabai is a pre-doctoral Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow in the Belfer Center's International Security Program and Project at Managing the Atom and a Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of War Studies at King's College London. Her research addresses the strategic implications of the legality of nuclear weapons under Islamic law. She is a non-resident Research Associate with the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies. She holds an M.A. in International Peace and Security with Distinction from King's College London and a double B.A. in Political Science and Cinema and Cultural Studies cum laude from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Tong Zhao, BCSIA

Tong Zhao is a Stanton Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellow with the International Security Program and Managing the Atom Project at Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs and a Ph.D. candidate in science, technology, and international affairs at Georgia Institute of Technology. He is also a nonresident WSD-Handa Fellow at Pacific Forum CSIS. His work and publications deal with issues of nuclear disarmament, nuclear nonproliferation, missile defense, missile nonproliferation, regional strategic stability, and China's security policy. He received his B.S. in physics and M.A. in international relations from Tsinghua University in China. He is currently working on trust-building between the United States and China in the realm of nuclear arms control and nonproliferation.

Nick Wright, CEIP

Nick Wright is an Associate in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment, where he is working on neuroscientific perspectives on nuclear decision-making. His work combines experience from two fields. In the policy sphere, Wright was a Visiting Fellow in the Department of Government at the London School of Economics, and also organized high-level public policy workshops and events in the UK. In addition, Wright is trained in neuroscience and biology. He worked clinically as a neurologist in Oxford and at the National Hospital for Neurology in London, and subsequently spent five years using technologies like functional brain imaging to examine economic and political phenomena, conducted as a Fellow at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Neuroimaging at University College London (UCL). He received a medical degree from UCL, a B.Sc. in Health Policy from Imperial College London, has Membership of

the Royal College of Physicians (UK), has an M.Sc. in Neuroscience and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience both from UCL.

Mira Rapp-Hooper, CFR

Mira Rapp-Hooper is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Columbia University, and a 2013-2014 Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, DC. Her dissertation, entitled “Absolute Alliances: Signaling Security Guarantees in International Politics,” analyzes the formation and management of nuclear umbrella alliances. Mira’s research interests include nuclear strategy and policy, alliance politics, nonproliferation, and security issues in North East Asia. She has previously worked on extended deterrence and escalation management issues for the RAND Corporation, and is a regular columnist for *The Diplomat*. Mira’s work has appeared in *Survival*, *Strategic Asia*, and *Political Science Quarterly*. She received her B.A. from Stanford University, an M.A. from NYU, and an M.A. and M.Phil. from Columbia University.

Sarah Kreps, CFR

Sarah Kreps is a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University, and an Adjunct Professor at Cornell Law School. Her research focuses on issues of weapons proliferation, alliance politics, the ethics of conflict, and the relationship between financial costs of war and democratic accountability. Kreps’s first book is called *Coalitions of Convenience: United States Military Interventions after the Cold War* (Oxford University Press, 2011) and deals with the role of international institutions in American military interventions. Her second book is called *Drone Warfare* and engages the political, legal, and ethical issues dealing with unmanned aerial vehicles (forthcoming, Polity Press). Kreps’s work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Security Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Polity*, *African Security Review*, *the Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law*, *the International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology*, *Intelligence and National Security*, and *Polity*. Her opinions have been featured in a series of media outlets including *The Washington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today*, *CNBC*, and *Reuters tv*. She has a B.A. from Harvard, M.Sc. from Oxford, and Ph.D. from Georgetown University. Before going to graduate school, she served as an acquisitions and foreign area officer in the United States Air Force. She is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

David D. Palkki, CFR

David D. Palkki is a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the former Deputy Director (and Acting Director) of the National Defense University’s (NDU) Conflict Records Research Center and a former Senior Research Fellow within NDU’s Institute for National Strategic Studies. Prior to his work at NDU, Palkki was an Adjunct Research Associate at the Institute for Defense Analyses. Palkki is co-editor of *The Saddam Tapes: The Inner Workings of a Tyrant’s Regime* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). He has published journal articles in *International Security and Diplomatic History* and a variety of book chapters and other analyses. Palkki will receive his Ph.D. in political science from UCLA in December. His dissertation is titled, *Deterring Saddam Hussein’s Iraq: Credibility Assessments in Theory and Practice*.

Daniel Altman, CISAC

Daniel Altman is a Stanton Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation (Stanford University) for the 2013-2014 academic year. He is a doctoral candidate in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Political Science Department and a member of the MIT

Security Studies Program. His dissertation is entitled “*Red Lines and Faits Accomplis in Interstate Coercion and Crisis.*” He has additional research projects on topics which include misperception as a cause of war, trade as a cause of peace, and the use of preventive force against nuclear programs.

James Cameron, CISAC

James Cameron successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation, on the history of U.S. missile defense policy before the 1972 ABM Treaty, at the University of Cambridge in July this year. He is currently a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at Stanford University. His primary interest is the history of U.S. relations with the Soviet Union and Russian Federation. He received his B.A. in History from Cambridge and an M.Phil. in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Oxford. He was a Fox International Fellow at Yale University during the academic year 2010-11. Prior to starting his Ph.D., he worked as a business consultant, covering Russia and the surrounding region.

Neil Narang, CISAC

Neil Narang is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, Santa Barbara and the Director of the Public Policy and Nuclear Threats (PPNT) Program at the University of California, Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). His research interests include international security, conflict management, and international institutions. Prior to UCSB, Narang was a Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania. From 2001-2007, he worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the Nuclear Nonproliferation and International and Applied Technology Divisions. He received his PhD in Political Science from UCSD and earned a BA in Molecular Cell Biology and Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley.

Paul Avey, MIT

Paul Avey is a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow in the Security Studies Program at MIT. He is working on a book project that explores why states without nuclear weapons challenge and resist nuclear armed opponents. In addition to nuclear politics, Paul’s research interests center on foreign policy and international relations theory. He is the author or co-author of articles in *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming), and *Foreign Policy*. Paul was previously a pre-doctoral fellow with the Managing the Atom project and International Security Program at Harvard’s Belfer Center for International Studies. He earned a Ph.D. and M.A. in political science from the University of Notre Dame, an M.A. in social sciences from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. in political science and history from the University of Iowa.

Christine Leah, MIT

Christine Leah was previously a visiting fellow at the Rajaratnam School of International Studies, a summer associate at RAND, and research intern at IISS-Asia, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, IISS-London, the French Ministry of Defense, and the political office of Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy. She is also an alumna of SWAMOS, PPNT, and the Woodrow Wilson Nuclear Bootcamp.

Zachary Zwald, MIT

Zachary Zwald is an Assistant Professor jointly appointed in the U.S. Air War College and the USAF Counterproliferation Center. His research examines judgment- and decision-making processes on issues at the intersection of technology and international security, specifically nuclear deterrence and military technology innovation. Zwald received his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley, he has been a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at the Ohio State University, and this year is a Stanton Foundation Nuclear Security Junior Faculty Fellow at MIT.

Christopher Clary, RAND

Christopher Clary is a PhD candidate in the Department of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Stanton Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellow at the RAND Corporation in Washington, D.C. He was a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow in India (2009), a country director for South Asian affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (2006–9), a research associate at the Naval Postgraduate School (2003–5), and a research assistant at the Henry L. Stimson Center (2001–3). He has an M.A. in National Security Affairs from the Naval Postgraduate School and a B.A. in History and International Studies from Wichita State University. He regularly writes and speaks on South Asian security matters, and his work has appeared in *Survival*, *American Interest*, *Disarmament Diplomacy*, and *Disarmament Forum*, as well as several edited book volumes.

Edward Geist, RAND

Edward Geist received his Ph.D. in history from the University of North Carolina in May, 2013 and is presently a Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the RAND Corporation in Washington DC. A native of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, his research interests include emergency management in nuclear disasters, Soviet politics and culture, and the history of nuclear power and weapons. A previous recipient of fellowships from Fulbright-Hays and American Councils to conduct research in Moscow and Kyiv, he has published articles in the *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Russian Review*, and the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*.

Rebecca Davis Gibbons, RAND

Rebecca Davis Gibbons is a 2013-2014 Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow at the RAND Corporation and a Ph.D. candidate in government at Georgetown University. Her research focuses on nuclear proliferation and the nuclear nonproliferation regime. Prior to the Stanton Fellowship, Ms. Gibbons provided contractor support to the Air Force's International Treaties & Agreements office. She holds an MA degree in international security from Georgetown University and a B.A. in psychological and brain sciences from Dartmouth College.