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ACADEMIC

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, July 2017 – present

- Affiliate, Program in Quantitative Social Science (2021 –)
- *Tenure clock stopped for 1 year*

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government, January - June 2023.

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Assistant Professor, Department of International Affairs, 2016 – 2017

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Post-doctoral Fellow in US Foreign Policy and International Security, Dickey Center for International Understanding, 2015-2016

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

M.A., Political Science, 2011

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

B.S., Psychology & B.S., Political Science, 2008; *Summa Cum Laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Kathleen E. Powers, 2022. *Nationalisms in International Politics*. Princeton University Press.

- Winner of the 2023 David O. Sears award for the best book in the field of the political psychology of mass politics published in the previous calendar year, International Society of Political Psychology

Articles & Chapters

Kathleen E. Powers and Brian C. Rathbun “When the Rich get Richer: Class, Globalization and the Sociotropic Determinants of Populism,” *International Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Kathleen E. Powers and Dan Altman, 2023. “[The Psychology of Coercion Failure: How Reactance Explains Resistance to Threats](#)” *American Journal of Political Science*, 67(1), 221-238.

- Winner of the 2021 Best Paper Award from the American Political Science Association’s Foreign Policy Section.

Kathleen E. Powers, Joshua D. Kertzer, Deborah J. Brooks, and Stephen Brooks. 2022. “[What’s Fair in International Politics?](#)” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 66(2), 217-245.

Kathleen E. Powers, Jason Reifler, and Thomas C. Scotto. 2021. “[Going Nativist: How Nativism and Economic Ideology Interact to Shape Beliefs about Global Trade.](#)” *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 17(3).

- Joshua D. Kertzer and **Kathleen E. Powers**. 2020. “Foreign Policy Attitudes as Networks.” In: Mintz, Alex and Terris, Lesley, *Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Political Science*, Oxford University Press. (editor reviewed)
- Brian C. Rathbun, **Kathleen E. Powers**, and Therese Anders. 2019. “Moral Hazard: German Public Opinion on the Greek Debt Crisis.” *Political Psychology*, 40(3), 523-541.
- Joshua D. Kertzer, **Kathleen E. Powers**, Brian C. Rathbun, and Ravi Iyer. 2014. “Moral Support: How Moral Values Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes.” *The Journal of Politics*, 7(3), 825-840.

Working Papers and Projects

- “Nationalism and International Conflict” with Jiyoung Ko. (invited submission to [The State of Nationalism](#); *under review*)
- “Moral Conviction and Foreign Policy Attitudes” with Sarah Maxey
- “Democratic Backsliding and Foreign Public Opinion” with Ben Goldsmith, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Kelly Matush
- “Why States Value Disputed Territory” with Dan Altman
- “When Identities Clash: Why Taiwan Opposes Cooperation with Mainland China” with Dalton Lin
- “Nationalist Norms, Foreign Policy, and the Civic/Ethnic Divide”
- “The Content of National Mythology: How Past Victory and Defeat Shape Contemporary Attitudes,” with Joslyn Barnhart and Jiyoung Ko.

Other Writing

- Kathleen E. Powers, 2023. [Review of Danielle Lupton’s *Reputation for Resolve: How Leaders Signal Determination in International Politics*](#) (Cornell University Press, 2020) for *H-Diplo-ISSF Roundtable Reviews*.
- Kathleen E. Powers, 2022. “How European identities shape support for security cooperation,” *EU-ROPP (European Politics and Policy)* blog at the London School of Economics, 5 May.
- Dan Altman and **Kathleen E. Powers**, 2022. “When Redlines Fail: The Promise and Peril of Public Threats,” *Foreign Affairs*, 2 February.
- Kathleen E. Powers, 2022. [Review of Joslyn Barnhart’s *The Consequences of Humiliation: Anger and Status in World Politics*](#) (Cornell University Press, 2021) for *H-Diplo-ISSF Roundtable Reviews*.
- Kathleen E. Powers, 2021. “Do the Olympics promote nationalism — and international conflict? Here’s the research.” *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*, 26 July.
- Kathleen E. Powers, 2019. “Surprised by those Fourth of July tanks? Here’s what political science can tell us about nationalism, patriotism and public opinion,” *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*, 4 July.
- Kathleen E. Powers. 2019. [Review of Jonathan Renshon’s *Fighting for Status: Hierarchy and Conflict in World Politics*](#) (Princeton University Press, 2017) for *H-Diplo-ISSF Roundtable Reviews*.
- Brian Rathbun, Evgeniia Iakhnis, and Kathleen E. Powers, 2017. “This new poll shows that populism doesn’t stem from people’s economic distress,” *The Washington Post/Monkey Cage*, 17 October.

FELLOWSHIPS &
AWARDS

- David O. Sears award for the best book in the field of the political psychology of mass politics published in the previous calendar year, International Society for Political Psychology. 2023.
- Faculty Research Grant, Dartmouth Initiative for Global Security, Dartmouth College, “Does Democratic Backsliding Erode Soft Power? A Multinational Experiment” (with Ben Goldsmith, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Kelly Matush). 2022.
- Sayles Faculty Research Grant, Ethics Institute, Dartmouth College, “Moralization and Foreign Policy Public Opinion” (with Sarah Maxey). 2021.
- Best Paper Award, American Political Science Association’s Foreign Policy Section (with Dan Altman). 2021.
- Walter and Constance Burke Research Initiation Grant, Dartmouth College. 2017.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship in US Foreign Policy and International Security, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College. 2015-2016.
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Washington, D.C. 2014.
- Distinguished University Fellowship, The Ohio State University. 2014-2015.
- OSU Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative Research Grant (for dissertation research), The Ohio State University. 2014.
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies Graduate Student Research Grant, The Ohio State University 2014.
- OSU Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative Research Grant, The Ohio State University. 2012. (with Joshua D. Kertzer)
- Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, The Ohio State University. 2011.
- Distinguished University Fellowship, The Ohio State University. 2009-2010.
- Phi Beta Kappa, Arizona State University, 2008.
- Junior Fellows Program, Department of Political Science, Arizona State University, 2008.
- National Merit Scholarship, Arizona State University, 2004-2008.

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS
& WORKSHOPS

Lectures and Seminars

- Northwestern University International Relations seminar, *scheduled for spring 2024*.
- New Hampshire International Seminar Series, University of New Hampshire, October 2023.
- Princeton University International Relations Colloquium, April 2023.
- University of Wisconsin International Relations Colloquium, March 2023.
- Korea University, November 2022.
- Brown University Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs Security Studies seminar, October 2022.
- University of Wisconsin, September 2022. (*book discussion*)
- University of Queensland, August 2022.
- Queen’s University Belfast Staff Seminar Series, June 2022.
- Amherst College, September 2020. (*book discussion*)

- George Washington University, Security Policy Workshop at the Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, September 2020.
- Colgate University, April 2020 (*canceled due to COVID-19*)
- Columbia University International Politics Workshop, October 2019.
- State University of New York – Albany, Department of Political Science, May 2019.
- Harvard University, Government Department International Relations Seminar, March 2019.
- Christopher Newport University, Reiff Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, February 2019.
- Yale University, MacMillan International Relations Seminar Series, January 2018.

Workshops

- “Workshop on Political Psychology in East Asia,” Chinese University of Hong Kong. June 2024 (originally scheduled for June 2020, rescheduled due to COVID-19)
- “Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Security Conference,” Harvard University. September 2022.
- “The Future of U.S. Grand Strategy,” Ohio State University Mershon Center for International Security Studies. October 2020.
- “Embattled Inference: Confronting New Conflicts in the Design and Use of Experiments in International Studies,” pre-conference workshop, International Studies Association Annual Meeting. March 2020. (*canceled due to COVID-19*).
- “Experiments in Political Violence,” University of Virginia. September 2018.
- “State Preferences and International Conflict,” UCLA Political Science. January 2015.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presentations

- “Why States Value Disputed Territory” (with Dan Altman)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Los Angeles, CA. September 2023.
- Roundtable Participant “Foreign Policy Attitudes and Engagement in a Diverse Society”
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Los Angeles, CA. September 2023.
- “The Content of National Mythology: How Past Victory and Defeat Shape Contemporary Attitudes” (with Joslyn Barnhart and Jiyong Ko)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Montreal, QC. September 2022.
- “Does Democratic Backsliding Erode Soft Power? A Multinational Experiment” (with Ben Goldsmith, Yusaku Horiuchi, and Kelly Matush)
American Political Science Association Pre-conference Workshop: Challenges of Electoral Integrity in America, Montreal, QC. September 2022.
- “Moral Conviction and Foreign Policy Attitudes” (with Sarah Maxey)
International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC. July 2023.
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC. March 2023.
International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Athens, Greece July 2022.
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC. September 2022.
- “When Identities Clash: Why Taiwan Opposes Cooperation with Mainland China” (with Dalton Lin)
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. March 2022.
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI. March 2020 (*conference canceled*).
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. August 2019.
- “The Psychology of Coercion Failure” (with Dan Altman)

- International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN. March 2022.
 Peace Science Society International Annual Meeting, Virtual. November 2020.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual. September 2020.
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI. March 2020 (conference canceled).
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. August 2019.
- “Going Nativist: How Nativism Affects Attitudes about Globalization and Trade” (with Jason Reifler and Tom Scotto)
 European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Belfast, Ireland. June 2019.
- “European Identity Content and Attitudes Toward International Cooperation” (book chapter)
 International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal. July 2019.
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2019.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. August/September 2018.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. August/September 2017.
- “What’s Fair in International Politics?” (with Deborah Jordan Brooks, Stephen Brooks, and Joshua D. Kertzer)
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. February 2017.
- “Social Identity in International Politics” (book excerpts)
 Dickey Center for International Understanding book proposal workshop, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. February 2016.
 Dickey Center International Relations Seminar Series, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. April 2016.
- “Moral Hazard: German Public Opinion on the Greek Debt Crisis.” with Brian Rathbun and Therese Anders
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. April 2018.
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. March 2016.
- “Nationalism and Foreign Policy: Does Internal Equality Reduce External Conflict?” (book chapter)
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. April 2018.
 European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions workshop on Public Opinion, Foreign Policy, and the Use of Force in Turbulent Times, Nottingham, UK. April 2017.
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. March 2016.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. September 2015.
 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2015.
 NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (poster), New York, NY. March 2015.
 International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA. February 2015.
- “Killing at a Distance: A Construal Level Approach to the Psychology of Drone Warfare.”
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. February 2017.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. August 2014.
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada. March 2014.
- “How are Foreign Policy Attitudes Really Structured?” (with Joshua D. Kertzer)
 Ohio State Behavioral Decision-Making Initiative Inaugural Research Forum. April 2014
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. August/September 2013.
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2013.
 NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (poster), New York, NY. March 2013.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (poster), New Orleans, LA. August/September 2012. (conference canceled)
- “Moral Support: How Moral Values Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes” (with Joshua D. Kertzer & Brian Rathbun)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. August/September 2013.
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2013.
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. April 2013.

**Panel Chair/
Discussant**

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2014 (D), 2015 (C), 2018 (D), 2019 (D),
2022 (C, D), 2023 (D)
International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2015 (D), 2016 (C), 2017 (C,D), 2018 (C, D),
2021 (D, roundtable book discussant), 2022 (C, D), 2023 (C, D)
International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting: 2019 (D), 2022 (C, D)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2015 (C, D), 2019 (D)
Visions in Methodology Conference: 2019 (D)
European Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019 (D)
European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions Workshop: 2017 (D)

**Panels
Organized**

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2015, 2023
International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2016, 2017
European Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2019

**Other Professional
Training**

Bridging the Gap International Policy Summer Institute (American University). June 2022.
Academic Exchange Alumni Conference: 2019.
Academic Exchange, Israel: 2018.

TEACHING

Dartmouth College

GOV 5: Introduction to International Politics (2 sections Fall 2017, 2 sections Winter 2019, 2 sections
Fall 2019, 2 sections Winter 2022, Fall 2022)

GOV 50.08: Psychology and International Politics (Winter 2018, Spring 2019*, Spring 2020 *online*,
Winter 2021 *online*)

* Received a student-nominated “Canvy Award” from Dartmouth’s Learning Design and Tech-
nology Team

GOV 85.39: Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy (Spring 2020 *online*, Winter 2021 *online*,
Fall 2021)

Harvard University

GOV 94PK: Public Opinion and American Foreign Policy (Spring 2023)

GOV 2738: Political Psychology and International Relations (Spring 2023; graduate seminar)

University of Georgia

INTL 3200: Introduction to International Relations (2 sections Fall 2016)

INTL 8250: American Foreign Policy (Spring 2017; graduate seminar)

The Ohio State University

PS 1300: Introduction to Global Politics (Fall 2012 *online*, Spring 2013, Summer 2013 *online*, Fall 2013 *online*, Spring 2014 *online*, Summer 2014 *online*)

PS 2300/245: American Foreign Policy (Spring 2012, Summer 2012)

Teaching Assistant

PS 4315/544: Causes of War, Randy Schweller (Spring 2011, Fall 2012)

IS 201: Introduction to Peace Studies, Ted Hopf (Winter 2012)

PS 544: Causes of War, Bear Braumoeller; taught 3 recitation sections (Fall 2011)

PS 550: Theories of International Relations, Randy Schweller (Winter 2011)

PS 545: Strategies of War and Peace, Rick Herrmann (Fall 2010)

Related Experience

Guest Lecture, "Nationalism and Supranationalism in International Politics," for GOV 1742 Psychology of International Relations, Harvard University, 2023.

Course Design Institute (participant), Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning. 2017.

Guest Instructor, "Social Identity Theory and International Relations," 3 sessions of INTS 15: Violence and Security, Dartmouth College, 2016.

Facilitator, "GTA Orientation: Facilitating Class Discussions," University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, The Ohio State University, 2014.

Facilitator, "GTA Orientation: Teaching in an Online Context," University Center for the Advancement of Teaching, The Ohio State University, 2014.

SERVICE

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Nations & Nationalism*, *Oxford Encyclopedia*, Oxford University Press, *Politics and Religion*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Research & Politics*, *Security Studies*, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy*, University of Chicago Press, *World Politics*

Discipline

Section Chair, International Relations, Globalization, and Macropolitical Issues section, International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting. 2023.

University

Member, Dartmouth Initiative for Global Security Distinguished Scholar search committee. October 2021 - March 2022; Sept 2023 - .

"[How to build an anti-racist foreign policy](#)" (with Travis Adkins), Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College. September/October 2020.

Member, Post-doctoral fellowship search committee, Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College: 2018, 2019, 2023.

Member, War & Peace fellows selection committee, Dickey Center for International Understanding: 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023.

Departmental

Member, Government Department [Vow to Act](#) Annual Review Committee, Dartmouth College. September 2021 - January 2022.

Co-organizer, Government Department Seminar Series, Dartmouth College. 2020-21.

ABD Representative for Political Science Graduate Council, The Ohio State University. 2012-2014.

Co-coordinator, Research in International Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University. 2011-2012.

MENTORING & ADVISING

Invited speaker, OSU pre-dissertation workshop, October 2022.

Mentor, International Society for Political Psychology Annual Meeting Mentoring Luncheon. 2022.

Honors Thesis Adviser (Dartmouth): Jase Davis ('18), Ted Gehring ('20), Maddie Sach ('21)

PhD Committee Member: Filip Viskupic (UGA 2019; Assistant Professor at South Dakota State University)

MA Thesis Chair: Alisa Rogers (UGA 2017)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political psychology, foreign policy, international security, nationalism, public opinion, surveys, experiments

OTHER SKILLS

Technical

R, Stata, Qualtrics, \LaTeX

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