

# Kerry Chávez

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## EDUCATION

All but dissertation – **PhD in Political Science**, Texas Tech University

- Militarized intervention, strategic behavior, conflict processes and technologies

2017 – **MA in Political Science**, Texas Tech University

2011 – **MLitt in International Security Studies**, University of St. Andrews

2009 – **BA in Intercultural Studies and Political Science**, Biola University

- Torrey Honors Institute
- Summa Cum Laude

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Texas Tech University, Department of Political Science**  
Aug 2015 to present – Independent Instructor, Graduate Teaching Assistant

**Riley Industrial Services, Inc.**  
Feb 2012 to Aug 2018 – Texas Administrative Manager

**Biola University Campus Safety Department**  
Jun 2009 to Sep 2010 – Field Officer, Terrorism Liaison Officer

**Kaiser Permanente**  
Feb to Jun 2009 – Security Operations Coordinator, Orange County

**U.S. Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs, Middle East Policy**  
Aug to Dec 2007 – Director’s Intern

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2021. “Between Scylla and Charybdis: The Threat of Democratized Artificial Intelligence.” In *Towards an International Political Economy of Artificial Intelligence*, 177-194. Edited by Tugrul Keskin and Ryan David Kiggins. Switzerland: Springer / Palgrave Macmillan. (with Ori Swed)

2021. “**The Proliferation of Drones to Violent Nonstate Actors.**” *Defence Studies* 21(1): 1-24. (with Ori Swed)

2020. “**Off the Shelf: The Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Threat.**” *Air & Space Power Journal* 34(3): 29-43. (with Ori Swed)

2020. “**Are Women More Averse to Corruption Than Men? The Case of South Korea.**” *Social Science Quarterly* 101(2): 473-489. (with Aie-Rie Lee)

2020. “**Exploring Bias in Student Evaluations: Race, Gender, and Ethnicity.**” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53(2): 270-274. (with Kristina Mitchell)

2020. “**Domestic Political Consequences of International Rivalry.**” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(4): 703-728. (with Daehee Bak and Toby Rider)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2020, Aug 27. “An Allegory of the Cave: Innovation and Terrorist Drones.” *War Room*. <https://warroom.armywarcollege.edu/articles/terrorist-drones/>. (with Ori Swed)

## WORKING PROJECTS

“State-making versus State-breaking: From Monopoly on Violence to Small Arms Market in Collapsed Libya.” (with Ori Swed) – under review at *Small Wars & Insurgencies*

“International Crisis Termination and U.S. Presidential Approval.” (with James Wright) – revise and resubmit at *Foreign Policy Analysis*

“US Military Intervention and Elite Communication Frames.” – under review at *Political Communication*

“Determinants of Drone Adoption Among Violent Nonstate Actors.” (with Ori Swed) – under review at *International Security*

“Cruisin’ for a Bruisin’: Suboptimal Strategies in Limited Wars.” (with Andrés Gannon)

“Analyzing Rally Effects Across Military Intervention Types.”

“Drone Webs: The Diffusion of UAV Innovation via Social Networks.” (with Ori Swed)

#### INVITED TALKS

June 2021 – “The Malign Use of Drones by Nonstate Actors: Vulnerabilities and Future Threats,” Vulnerabilities of the Drone Age Advanced Research Workshop (Center for War Studies Denmark, Center for Security Studies Zurich, NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme)

#### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2022 March – “You Cruise, You Lose: Explaining Strategic Profiles in US Military Intervention,” “Drone Webs: The Diffusion of UAV Innovation via Social Networks,” International Studies Association (Nashville, TN)

2021 November - “The Diversionary Mechanism: A Systematic Search of Rally Effects,” ISSS-IS Joint Annual Conference (Bloomington, IN)

2021 October – “Explaining High-Technology Strategies for US Military Intervention,” American Political Science Association (Seattle, WA)

2021 June – invited delegate to “Armed UAVs Today and Tomorrow,” International Institute of Strategic Studies (virtual)

2021 April – “US Military Intervention and Elite Communication Frames,” International Studies Association (virtual due to COVID-19)

2021 January – “The Empirical Determinants of Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Adoption,” Southern Political Science Association (virtual due to COVID-19)

2020 November – “State-making versus State-breaking: From Monopoly on Violence to Small Arms Market in Collapsed Libya,” TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (Lubbock, TX)

\*awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in Contemporary Issues category

2020 March – International Studies Association (Honolulu, HI) – canceled due to COVID-19

2019 December – “Gender and Perceptions of Corruption: The Case of South Korea,” International Conference on Education, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences (Seoul, Korea)

\*awarded Best Conference Paper

2019 November – “Between Scylla and Charybdis: The Threat of Democratized Artificial Intelligence,” TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (Lubbock, TX)

\*awarded runner-up in Sociocultural Issues category

2019 October – “UAVs and Asymmetry: The End of the Statist Monopoly on Airpower,” ISSS-IS Joint Annual Conference (Denver, CO)

2019 August – “The Gender-Corruption Nexus: Evidence from Four Quasi Experiments,” American Political Science Association (Washington, DC)

2019 April – “Fight or Flight: The Tradeoff Between Capital Flight and Lobbying for Conflict Intervention,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL)

2019 March – “Risk, Uncertainty, and Strategy: Suboptimal Outcomes in Wars of Choice,” International Studies Association Conference (Toronto, Canada)

2019 January – “Low-tech, High-yield: The Marginal Utility of Violent Nonstate Actors’ Drone Acquisition,” Texas Triangle Conference (Fredericksburg, TX)

2018 November – “Parasites and Protozoa: Political Hyperbole and Attitudes toward Immigration,” TTU Graduate School Arts and Humanities Conference (Lubbock, TX)  
\*awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in Contemporary Issues category

2018 April – “International Crisis Termination and Presidential Approval,” International Studies Association Conference (San Francisco, CA)

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

2021 Fall, 2021 Spring – independent instructor for *Introduction to Political Analysis* (Department of Political Science, Texas Tech University)

2020 Fall – independent instructor for *Politics of Military Force in IR* (Department of Political Science, Texas Tech University)

2020 Spring, 2019 Fall – independent instructor for *International Politics* (Department of Political Science, Texas Tech University)

2018 Fall – co-teaching for *Game Theory* (with Dr. Kristina Mitchell, Department of Political Science, Texas Tech University)

2015 Fall to 2019 Spring – teaching assistant for *International Politics; Introduction to Political Analysis; Game Theory; Conflict in the Middle East; Political Leadership and International Conflict; International Organization; Trade, Conflict, and Economic Statecraft; Comparative Politics; Careers in Politics and Policy; Legislation; and American Government*

AWARDS AND  
HONORS

R. Guy Carter Scholarship (2021)

Gordon Treadaway Scholarship (2021)

Dr. William A. Jackson Scholarship (2021)

William E. Oden Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Students in Pol. Sci. (2019, 2021)

Professing Excellence Award nominee (2020)

Peace, War, and Social Conflict research grant (2020)

Kent Presson Scholarship recipient (2018, 2020)

Texas Tech Political Science ‘Graduate Student of the Year’ (2019)

AT&T Scholarship Foundation fellow (2015 – 2019)

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society International

Peace, War, and Social Conflict Lab

Women in International Security

American Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Women in Political Science

Women in Conflict Studies

PROFICIENCIES

Methods – regression analysis, time series analysis, game theoretic models, quantitative text analysis, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Software – Stata, R, LaTeX, ArcGIS Pro 2.7, Microsoft suite