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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Educational Background

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2008
- B.A., Political Science and History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2000, Highest Distinction in Political Science

Academic Appointments

University of Maryland, College Park

- College of Behavioral & Social Sciences (012028), Government & Politics, Assistant Professor
- Center for International Development and Conflict Management

RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Books

- Sarah E Croco, *Peace at What Price? Leader Culpability and the Domestic Politics of War Termination*, Cambridge University Press, 2015

Chapters

- Croco, Sarah E. and Tze Kwang Teo, "Assessing the Dyadic Approach to Interstate Conflict Processes: a.k.a. 'Dangerous Dyad' Years", *The Causes of International Conflict: Data, Methods and Theory*, 145-162, 2008

Articles in Refereed Journals

Refereed Articles

- Conrad, Cortenay, Sarah E. Croco, Brad Gomez and Will Moore. "Threat Perception and American Support for Torture" *Political Behavior*. 2017. 1-21.
- Croco, Sarah E. and Jessica L.P. Weeks. "War Outcome and Leader Tenure" *World Politics*, 68.4, 2016.
- Croco, Sarah E., "The Flipside of Flip-Flopping: Citizen Preferences, Leader Inconsistency and the War in Iraq", *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 12.3, 2016
- Croco, Sarah E. and Scott S. Gartner, "Flip-flops and High Heels: An Experimental Analysis of Elite Position Change and Gender on Wartime Public Support", *International Interactions*, 40.1, 2014
- Huth, Paul K., Sarah E. Croco and Benjamin J. Appel, "Bringing Law to the Table: Legal Claims, Bargaining Leverage and the Settlement of Territorial

- Disputes Since 1945", *The American Journal of Political Science*, 57.1: 90-103, 2012
- Huth, Paul K., Sarah E Croco, and Benjamin J. Appel, "Law and the Use of Force in World Politics: The Varied Effects of Law on the Exercise of Military Power in Territorial Disputes", *International Studies Quarterly*, 56.1: 17-31, 2012
 - Croco, Sarah E., "The Decider's Dilemma: Leader Culpability, Domestic Politics and War Termination", *The American Political Science Review*, 105.3: 457-77, 2011
 - Huth, Paul K., Sarah E. Croco and Benjamin J. Appel, "Does International Law Promote the Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes? Evidence from the Study of Territorial Conflicts Since 1945", *The American Political Science Review*, 105.2: 415-36, 2011
 - Huth, Paul K., Sarah E. Croco and Benjamin J. Appel, "Bear Any Burden? How Democracies Minimize the Costs of War", *The Journal of Politics*, 72.2: 528-44, 2010
 - Valentino, Benjamin, Paul K. Huth and Sarah E. Croco, "Covenants without the Sword: International Law and the Protection of Civilians In Times of War", *World Politics*, 58: 339-77, 2010
 - Croco, Sarah E. and Tze Kwang Teo, "Assessing the Dyadic Approach to Interstate Conflict Processes: a.k.a. 'Dangerous Dyad' Years", *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 22: 5-18, 2005

Conferences, Workshops and Talks

Invited Talks

- Binghampton University, March 2018
- Northwestern University, January, 2017
- Georgetown University, March, 2015
- Princeton University, February, 2014
- American University, April, 2014
- Cornell University, March, 2013
- Rice University, May, 2012
- University of Pennsylvania, December, 2012
- Dartmouth College, May, 2012
- Harvard University, April, 2012
- University of Virginia, March, 2011
- University of Iowa, March, 2010
- University of Chicago, November, 2009
- The Pennsylvania State University, February, 2009

National Conference Presentations (Most Recent)

- American Political Science Association, September, 2013

- Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2013
- Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2012
- Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2011

Significant Works in Public Media

Commentary/Analysis

- Sarah E. Croco and Jared A. McDonald. “Trump’s Supporters Don’t Care About His Flip-Flop on Syria. We Checked.” *The Washington Post*, May 3, 2016.
- Sarah E. Croco and Scott S. Gartner, "Walking a Fine Line on Iraq", *The Baltimore Sun*, 2014, July
- Sarah E. Croco and Scott S. Gartner, “Mitt Romney’s Flip-Flopping Didn’t Hurt Him”, *Christian Science Monitor*, 2012, November

Sponsored Research

- Croco, Sarah With Benjamin Appel and Paul Huth, Behind the Legal Shield: International Law, Territorial Settlements and Domestic Punishment, National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), 2009, PI
- Looking Weak in the War on Terror: Policy Reversals, Partisanship and International Reputations for Resolve, National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), 2008, PI
- Changing Horses Midstream: Leadership Turnover, Public Opinion and War Termination, National Science Foundation: Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), 2007, PI
- Veterans for Peace Dissertation Research Grant, 2006, PI

Submissions and Works in Progress

Working Papers in Preparation

- Croco, Sarah with Michael Hanmer and Jared McDonald, Foundations of Audience Costs: Understanding the Costs of Position Change
- Croco, Sarah with Candace Turitto, The Costs of Flip-Flopping?: How Issue Area and a History of Waffling Condition Citizens’ Perceptions of Leaders
- Croco, Sarah with Jessica Liu, “War of Words: A Text-Based Analysis of the Wartime Speeches of US Leaders”
- Croco, Sarah with Andrew Bausch “Exploring Leader Culpability in a Laboratory Setting”

TEACHING, MENTORING AND ADVISING

Courses Taught

- Government and Politics 100, Introduction to Scope and Methods, (300 students)

- Government and Politics 409D, International Security and Research Design, (25 students)
- Government and Politics 409H, International Security and Research Design, (Honors) (20 students)
- Government and Politics 409L, International Security and Domestic Politics, (25 students)
- Government and Politics 700, Introduction to Scope and Methods, (20 students)

Teaching Innovations

Course or Curriculum Development

- Government and Politics 421: Advanced Quantitative Methods Spring 2018
- Government and Politics 100: Introduction to Scope and Methods, Spring 2013
- Government and Politics 409 H: International Security and Research Design, (Honors) Fall 2013
- Government and Politics 700: Introduction to Scope and Methods, Fall 2009
- Government and Politics 409 D: International Security and Research Design, Fall 2008
- Government and Politics 409 L: International Security and Domestic Politics, Fall 2008

Advising: Research or Clinical

Undergraduate

- Rebecca Zorn Richardson, Honors Thesis, Spring 2010, Committee Member
- Marcus Johnson, Honors Thesis, Spring 2011, Committee Member
- Rachel Richardson, Honors Thesis Fall, 2013, Committee Member

Doctoral

- Alyssa Prorok, Ph.D. 2013; tenure-track, University of Iowa, Committee Member
- Benjamin Appel, 2012; tenure-track, Michigan State University, Ph.D., Committee Member
- Peter White, Committee Member
- Joseph Braun, Committee Member
- Emma Cutruffello, Committee Member

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

Editorships, Editorial Boards and Reviewing Activities

Reviewing Activities for Journals and Presses

- American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Conflict Resolution; International Studies Quarterly; Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Security; Foreign Policy Analysis

- CQ Press, Oxford University Press

Committees, Professional & Campus Service

Campus Service - Department

- Methods Field Chair Spring 2018
- International Relations Search Committee Chair Fall 2017
- International Relations Search Committee Member Fall 2017
- International Relations Subfield Co-Chair Fall 2017
- Undergraduate Affairs Committee, 2013-4
- CIDCM Faculty Workshop Organizer, 2013
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2008-10, 2011-13
- Chair, Junior Faculty Workshop, 2011-2
- International Relations Search Committee, 2010
- Salary Committee, 2008-9
- International Relations Search Committee, 2008

AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Research Fellowships, Prizes and Awards

- Dean's Research Initiative, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
UMD, With Michael Hanmer and Jared McDonald
- Elmer Plischke Annual Faculty Research Award, University of Maryland, 2012,
(Annual award given to the Government and Politics faculty member with the
most outstanding research record for the previous academic year.)
- College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Emerging Scholars Award, University
of Maryland, 2012
- Dean's Initiative Grant, University of Maryland, (with Candace Turitto) (2011)
- Graduate School at the University of Maryland, College Park, 2010, One semester
leave to work on a project with a graduate student (Benjamin Appel) as a
coauthor
- Best Dissertation Award in the field of Strategic Studies, Committee for the
Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS), 2009
- Horace Rackham Graduate School One-term Dissertation Grant, University of
Michigan, 2007
- Department of Political Science Dissertation Research Grant, University of
Michigan, 2006 & 2007
- Center for International and Comparative Studies Student Fellowship, University
of Michigan, 2006
- Horace Rackham Graduate School Discretionary Grant, University of
Michigan, 2006
- Summer Collaboration Grant, University of Michigan, (with Paul Huth) (2004)

- Empirical Implications for Theoretical Models (EITM), University of Michigan, Summer Fellow (2003)
- Mary M. Ketchum Memorial Scholarship, University of Michigan, University of Michigan, 2003
- Pi Sigma Alpha Howard Penniman Graduate Scholarship, 2001
- Horace Rackham Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Department of Political Science First Year Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2000-1

Teaching Awards

- Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 2010
- Horace Rackham Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan, 2004
- Honors Council's Lurie Award for Honors Teaching, University of Michigan, 2003
- John Kingdon Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan, 2003

Other Special Recognition

- Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar Mentor, (for Caroline Johnson) (2016-17)
- Winston Family Honors Academic Excellence Award Mentor (for Jessica Liu)
- Philip Merrill Presidential Scholar Mentor, (for Marcus Johnson) (2010-11)