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Academic Positions

Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science
Associate Professor, September 2006 to present
Assistant Professor, September 2003 to August 2006
Instructor, September 2002 to August 2003

Research Fellow, Harvard-MIT Data Center, Harvard University, August 2001 to June 2002

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Rochester, 2003
Fields: International Relations, Formal Theory, and Political Methodology
Dissertation: *Domestic Politics and International Bargaining*
Committee: Curtis S. Signorino (chair), Randall Stone, and John Duggan

M.A., Political Science, University of Rochester, 2001

B.S., Mathematics, University of Florida, 1996

B.A., Political Science, University of Florida, 1995

Grants and Fellowships

National Science Foundation Research Grant (SES-0518945), 2005-2007, Project: “Collaborative Research: Public Commitment in International Relations”, with Bahar Leventoğlu

Research Fellowship, Harvard-MIT Data Center, Harvard University, 2001

Wallis Institute of Political Economy Graduate Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2000

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy (awarded through the W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester), 1998

University Fellowship, University of Rochester, 1997, 1999

Journal Articles

2024. Tarar, Ahmer. "Signs of Character: A Signaling Model of Hume's Theory of Moral and Immoral Actions." Forthcoming in *Economics and Philosophy*.

2023. Tarar, Ahmer. "Crisis Bargaining in the Shadow of Third-Party Opportunism." *International Studies Quarterly* 67(2).

2022. Tarar, Ahmer. "Risk Preferences, Uncertainty, and War." *International Interactions* 48(2):233-57.

2018. Tarar, Ahmer. "A Game-Theoretic Analysis of Pascal's Wager." *Economics and Philosophy* 34(1):31-44.

2016. Tarar, Ahmer. "A Strategic Logic of the Military *Fait Accompli*." *International Studies Quarterly* 60(4):742-752.

2013. Tarar, Ahmer, and Bahar Leventoğlu. "Limited Audience Costs in International Crises." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(6):1065-1089.

2013. Tarar, Ahmer. "Military Mobilization and Commitment Problems." *International Interactions* 39(3):343-366.

2011. Slantchev, Branislav, and Ahmer Tarar. "Mutual Optimism as a Rationalist Explanation of War." *American Journal of Political Science* 55(1):135-148.

2009. Tarar, Ahmer, and Bahar Leventoğlu. "Public Commitment in Crisis Bargaining." *International Studies Quarterly* 53(3):817-839.

2008. Leventoğlu, Bahar, and Ahmer Tarar. "Does Private Information Lead to Delay or War in Crisis Bargaining?" *International Studies Quarterly* 52(3):533-553.

2006. Signorino, Curtis S., and Ahmer Tarar. "A Unified Theory and Test of Extended Immediate Deterrence." *American Journal of Political Science* 50(3):586-605.

2006. Tarar, Ahmer. "Diversionary Incentives and the Bargaining Approach to War." *International Studies Quarterly* 50(1):169-188.

2005. Leventoğlu, Bahar, and Ahmer Tarar. "Pre-negotiation Public Commitment in Domestic and International Bargaining." *American Political Science Review* 99(3):419-433.

2005. Tarar, Ahmer. "Constituencies and Preferences in International Bargaining." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49(3):383-407.

2001. Tarar, Ahmer. "International Bargaining with Two-Sided Domestic Constraints." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45(3):320-340.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

2010. Moore, Will, and Ahmer Tarar. "Domestic-International Conflict Linkages." In *The International Studies Encyclopedia* (edited by Robert A. Denemark), p.1132-48. Wiley-Blackwell.

- Slightly updated version reprinted as: 2012. Moore, Will, and Ahmer Tarar. "Domestic-International Conflict Linkages." In *Guide to the Scientific Study of International Processes* (edited by Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Paul F. Diehl, and James D. Morrow), p.171-88. Wiley-Blackwell.

Book Reviews

2018. "Diplomacy: Communication and the Origins of International Order. By Robert F. Trager. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017." *Perspectives on Politics* 16(4):1218-20.

Conference Participation (P = paper presented, D = discussant, C = chair)

Southern Political Science Association: 2024(P)

American Political Science Association: 2004(P,D), 2005-2007(P), 2012(P,C,D), 2014(P), 2021(P)

International Studies Association: 2001(P), 2003(P)

Midwest Political Science Association: 2000-2002(P), 2004-2006(P,D), 2007(P), 2008(P,C,D)

Peace Science Society (International): 2002(P), 2004(P)

Formal Models in International Relations Conference: 2016(P)

Online Peace Science Colloquium: 2016(D)

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference: 2013(D), 2018(D), 2023(C,D), 2024(D)

Invited Talks

Vanderbilt University, International Relations Speaker Series: April 13, 2015

Kellogg School of Management (MEDS Political Economy Seminar Series), Northwestern University: April 20-21, 2008

University of Wisconsin (Madison), Political Economy Colloquium: March 26-27, 2008

University of Pittsburgh, Research in International Politics Speaker Series: April 5-6, 2007

UCSD, Project on International Affairs Seminar Series: March 8-9, 2007

Courses Taught (U = undergraduate, G = graduate)

Introduction to World Politics (U)

International Conflict (U)

Game Theoretic Methods in Political Science (U)

Game Theory I (G)

Game Theory II (G)

Formal Models in International Relations (G)

International Conflict (G)
Political Institutions (G)
Math Camp for Incoming Graduate Students (G)

Department Service

Graduate Committee: 2007-9, 2011-13
Head's Advisory Committee: 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18, 2023-24
Formal Theory Preliminary Exam Committee: Fall 2017 (chair)
Methods Preliminary Exam Committee: Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2010, Spring 2012 (chair), Spring 2013 (chair), Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016 (chair)
International Relations Preliminary Exam Committee: Summer 2005, Spring 2007 (chair), Spring 2010, Fall 2010 (chair), Spring 2011, Summer 2011 (chair), Fall 2011, Spring 2014 (chair)
International Relations Search Committee: 2003-4, 2006-7 (chair), 2007-8, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11
Methods Search Committee: 2014-15
Formal Theory Search Committee: 2015-16 (chair)
Department Head Search Committee: 2013-14
Omnibus Search Committee: 2017-18, 2018-19, 2021-22
Awards Committee: 2016-2022
Director, Program on International Conflict and Cooperation (PICC): 2011-13
Co-Director, Research Methods speaker series: 2017-19
Methods Field Coordinator: 2017-2022
Director, Political Economy, Political Violence, and Policy (PEPV-P) speaker series: 2021-22
Post Tenure Peer Review Committee, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

College/University Service

Member of Faculty Senate, 9/1/2023 –
Personnel and Welfare Committee, 9/1/2023 –
Undergraduate Admissions and Engagement Advisory Committee, 9/1/2023 –

Rhodes Scholarship Nomination Committee: Spring 2016

Discipline Service

Member of Editorial Board, *International Interactions*: Jan. 2009 – Dec. 2013
Member of Editorial Board, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*: Jan. 2009 –
Member of Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*: Jan. 2012 – Dec. 2013

Section Chair for the Conflict Processes Section: 2014 MPSA Annual Conference

Occasional Reviewer For

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Conflict Management and Peace Science
European Union Politics
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Organization
Cambridge Review of International Affairs
International Interactions
National Science Foundation
Journal of Peace Research
Review of International Studies
Political Analysis
International Security
Games and Economic Behavior

International Studies Quarterly
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Theoretical Politics
Public Choice
World Politics
Quarterly Journal of Political Science
International Theory
Journal of Politics
Cambridge University Press
British Journal of Political Science
Social Choice and Welfare
Research & Politics
Security Studies
Oxford University Press