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Academic Appointments

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Assistant Professor, Political Science (2023 – present)

Faculty Associate, Institute for Policy Research (2025 – present)

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

David and Cindy Edelson Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding (2022 – 2023)

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

Assistant Professor, Military & Strategic Studies (2020 – 2022)

Education

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Ph.D., Political Science, 2020

Dissertation: *The Logic of Coercive Kidnapping*

American Political Science Association's 2021 Merze Tate Award for the Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics

M.A., Political Science, 2016

The London School of Economics, London, UK

MSc., Comparative Politics: Nationalism & Ethnicity, 2009

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A., Ethics, Politics & Economics, 2008

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

9. **Danielle Gilbert** and Lauren Prather. Forthcoming. "Who Supports Hostage Recovery? Explaining Individual Variation in American Support for Bringing Hostages Home," *European Journal of International Security*.
8. **Danielle Gilbert**. 2025. "Partners in Crime: Comparative Advantage and Kidnapping Cooperation." *Comparative Political Studies*, 58(11): 2473–2507.

7. **Danielle Gilbert**, Paul Bezerra, and Karin Becker. 2024. "Instruction over Incentives: Assessing Reading Strategies for International Security Studies." *International Studies Perspectives*, 25(3): 285–307.
6. Karin Becker, **Danielle Gilbert**, and Paul Bezerra. 2024. "Promoting College Reading Completion and Comprehension with Reading Guides: Lessons Learned Regarding the Role of Form, Function, and Frequency." *Journal of Political Science Education*, 20(1): 14–30.
5. **Danielle Gilbert**. 2023. "The Oxygen of Publicity: Explaining U.S. Media Coverage of International Kidnapping." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 46(5): 618–639.
4. **Danielle Gilbert**. 2022. "The Logic of Kidnapping in Civil War: Evidence from Colombia." *American Political Science Review*, 116(4): 1226–1241.

Winner, 2024 Best Article Award, International Security Studies Section, International Studies Association.
 Honorable Mention, 2023 Alexander L. George Article Award for the best article or chapter developing or applying qualitative methods, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section of APSA.

3. **Danielle Gilbert** and Gaëlle Rivard Piché. 2021/2022. "Caught Between Giants: Hostage Diplomacy and Negotiation Strategy for Middle Powers." *Texas National Security Review*. (Winter 2021/2022), 5(1): 11–32.

Semi-finalist, Janne Nolan Prize for Best Article on National Security/ International Affairs, 2021.

Highlighted in *The New York Times*, "Brittney Griner's Detention in Moscow is Latest in Hostage Diplomacy," July 2, 2022, and "In Hostage Diplomacy, It's Often the Hostage-Takers Who Pay," December 11, 2022.

2. **Danielle Gilbert**. 2020. "The Politics and Pedagogy of Nationalism: Authentic Learning on Identity and Conflict." *Journal of Political Science Education*. 17(1): 926–937.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

1. **Danielle Gilbert** and Kyleanne Hunter. 2022. "The Spectrum of Conflict and Range of Military Operations," in *Military Strategy, Joint Operations, and Airpower*, 2nd ed., Georgetown University Press.

Working Papers & Works in Progress

Ransom and Rebellion: Armed Group Kidnapping in Colombia and Beyond (book project)

"Blaming the Victim: Hostage Deservingness and the Politics of Hostage Recovery" (with Lauren Prather, revise & resubmit, *Security Studies*)

"A Very Particular Set of Skills: The Role of Perspective-Taking in Hostage Diplomacy Negotiations" (with Cynthia Wang, under review)

"Captivity and Coercion: Hostage Taking in International Security"

"The Architecture of Abduction: Rethinking Civilian Victimization in War"

"Wrongful Detention, Right Response: The Domestic Politics of Hostage Diplomacy" (with Lauren Prather)

Other Scholarly Publications

Naazneen H. Barma, **Danielle Gilbert**, and Michael Weintraub. 2026. "The New Era Workshop," in Naazneen H. Barma, Brent Durbin, Danielle Gilbert, James Goldgeier, Bruce W. Jentleson, Jordan Tama, and Michael Weintraub, *Training for Public and Policy Engagement: Lessons from 20 Years of Bridging the Gap Programming* (Bridging the Gap).

Danielle Gilbert and Lucy Montgomery. 2025. "Full Court Press: The Negotiations to Bring Wrongfully Detained WNBA Star Brittney Griner Home," *Kellogg Case Publishing*.

Danielle Gilbert, Sam Gubitz, Jennifer Kavanagh, and Kelly Piazza. 2022. "Pushing the Boundaries of your PhD: Exploring Careers Outside the Ivory Tower" in *Strategies for Grad School and Beyond*, American Political Science Association.

Danielle Gilbert. 2020. "Teaching Nationalism in International Relations." *H-Diplo*, Teaching Roundtable XXI-27.

Danielle Gilbert. 2019. Review of Nichols, Angela. *Impact, Legitimacy, and Limitations of Truth Commissions*. *Democracy and Security*, 15 (4): 408–410.

Danielle Gilbert. 2019. Review of Scott, Erik R. "The Hijacking of Aeroflot Flight 244: States and Statelessness in the Late Cold War," *H-Diplo*.

Danielle Gilbert. 2019. Review of Kidd, Dustin. *Social Media Freaks: Digital Identity in the Network Society*. *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 31(6): 1347–1349.

Danielle Gilbert. 2019. Review Essay: "Terror by Any Other Name." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 31(2): 417–420.

Danielle Gilbert. 2017. Review Essay: "Organized Violence Between War and Peace." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 29(2): 377–383.

Danielle Gilbert. 2017. Review of De La Calle, Luis, *Nationalist Violence in Postwar Europe*, *H-Nationalism*, H-Net Reviews.

Government Testimony

"Combating State Hostage Taking and Wrongful Detention," report by the CSIS Bipartisan Commission on Hostage Taking and Wrongful Detention (2025)

"International Panel on Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations Questionnaire," invited testimony for the International Commission of Jurists (2025)

"Hostage-Taking as Torture: Legal frameworks, supporting victims and families, and strengthening global responses," invited testimony for the United Nations Special Rapporteur on torture (2024)

"Wrongful detention of Australian citizens overseas," invited testimony for the Parliament of Australia, Senate Standing Committees on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (2024)

"Evidence on State-Level Hostage Takings," invited testimony for the British Parliament's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (2022)

Commentary

"4 takeaways about the end of the Gaza hostage crisis," *Good Authority*, online (October 27, 2025).

"Trump wants to punish countries that wrongfully detain U.S. citizens," *Good Authority*, online (September 30, 2025).

"The politics behind Marc Fogel's release from a Russian prison," *Good Authority*, online (February 15, 2025).

"U.S. hostage policy will be quite different under Trump," *Good Authority*, online (December 18, 2024).

"Evan Gershkovich, Paul Whelan, and Alsu Kurmasheva are back in the U.S.," *Good Authority*, online (August 3, 2024).

"Navigating the unthinkable: a Russian prison sentence," *Good Authority*, online (May 22, 2024).

"Good to Know: Hostage taking and the rise in hostage diplomacy," *Good Authority*, online (January 17, 2024).

"Why Colombia's ELN freed a soccer star's parents," *Good Authority*, online (November 15, 2023).

"Why the Gaza hostage crisis is different," *Good Authority*, online (October 13, 2023).

"Biden's hostage diplomacy, explained," *Good Authority*, online (September 20, 2023).

"Brittney Griner is free. Here are 5 takeaways," *The Washington Post*, online (December 12, 2022).

"The Prisoners Dilemma: America Must Adapt to a New Era of Hostage-Taking," *Foreign Affairs*, online (August 24, 2022).

"WNBA's Brittney Griner deserves our support as she sits in a Russian jail cell," *USA Today*, print and online (July 7, 2022).

"Can a former left-wing guerrilla salvage Colombia's peace plan?" *The Washington Post*, online (June 29, 2022).

"Brittney Griner was 'wrongfully detained.' What happens now?" *The Washington Post*, online (May 6, 2022).

"American missionaries were kidnapped for ransom in Haiti. What happens in these cases?" *The Washington Post*, online (October 24, 2021).

"Enhancing Relevance and Students' Perceived Value with Virtual Expert Visits," *Teaching Tailwinds*, U.S. Air Force Academy Pedagogy Magazine (September 17, 2021).

"Ransomware Lessons for a Nation Held Hostage." *Lawfare*, online (September 12, 2021).

"Armed group allegedly plotted to kidnap Michigan's governor. Here are 5 things to know about political kidnappings." *The Washington Post*, online (October 14, 2020).

"Why Trump's alleged comments about soldiers brought so much outrage," (with Lauren Prather). *The Washington Post*, online (September 12, 2020).

"News of a Kidnapping." *Political Violence at a Glance*, online (September 2, 2020).

"Borders, Blinders, and Mental Maps: Assessing Scenario Analysis in Light of Covid-19," (with Rachel Whitlark). *Duck of Minerva*, online (June 8, 2020).

“Taking Stock at 40: The UN Convention Against the Taking of Hostages.” *Just Security*, online (December 20, 2019).

“The Collapse of Compassion: Visual Suffering and Political Change.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, online (July 5, 2019).

“Trump claims he’s the greatest hostage negotiator ever. So why did he make it harder to bring Americans home?” *The Washington Post*, online (April 29, 2019).

“‘No Concessions’? A Closer Look at U.S. Hostage Recovery Policy.” *War on the Rocks*, online (February 27, 2019).

“What the Dublin Tram System Hack Reveals about the Future of Hostage Taking.” *Just Security*, online (January 11, 2019).

“The U.S. believes that kidnapped journalist Austin Tice is still alive. Here are 5 things to know about global kidnapping.” *The Washington Post*, online (December 4, 2018).

“Will Colombia’s next president be a former left-wing guerrilla?” *The Washington Post*, online (June 15, 2018).

“How a Decade of the iPhone Changed Global Kidnapping.” *War on the Rocks*, online (January 4, 2018).

Grants, Fellowships & Awards

Grants

Provost Grant for Research in Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Arts, Northwestern University (2024)

Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences Course Enhancement Grant (2025, 2023)

Air Force Office of Scientific Research – Research Grant, U.S. Air Force Academy (2022, 2021)

International Studies Association 2020 Convention Travel Grant (2019)

Conference Presentation Grant for the Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (2018)

Political Science Graduate Research Fund Fieldwork Grant, George Washington University (2018)

Research Grant on U.S. Hostage Policy, the James W. Foley Legacy Foundation (2018)

Cosmos Scholars Award, the Cosmos Club Foundation (2017)

Teaching “Writing in the Disciplines” Workshop Grant, George Washington University (2014 – 2015)

Institute for Middle East Studies Travel Research Grant, George Washington University (2014)

S. Daniel Abraham Summer Research Grant, S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace (2014)

Georg W. Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Grant, Yale University (2006)

Fellowships

Edelson Fellow in U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College (2022 – 2023)

Junior Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis (2022 – 2023, declined)

Non-Resident Fellowship, Modern War Institute at West Point (2021 – 2022)

Bridging the Gap Fellow, the Bridging the Gap Project (2020 – present)

Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (2020)

Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship, George Washington University (2019)

PhD Candidate-in-Residence, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, George Washington University (2018 – 2020)

Minerva/ Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, Minerva Research Initiative & the U.S. Institute of Peace (2018 – 2019)

Shirley H. and Robert L. Richards Endowment Scholarship, George Washington University (2018 – 2019)

Policy Engagement Fellow, The Bridging the Gap Project (2016)

New Era Workshop Fellow, The Bridging the Gap Project (2015 – 2020)

Les Aspin Class of 1960 Summer Research Fellowship, Yale University (2006)

Awards

Community and Accessibility Award, TEACHx and Northwestern Canvas Hall of Fame (2025)

Community Building Award, #100DaysOfWriting Community Member Awards (2024)

Best Article Award, International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association (2024)

Honorable Mention, Alexander L. George Article Award, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, American Political Science Association (2023)

Civilian of the Quarter, U.S. Air Force Academy, Social Sciences Division (2022)

Merze Tate (formerly Helen Dwight Reid) Award for the Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics, American Political Science Association (2021)

Dean's Teaching Certificate, U.S. Air Force Academy (2021)

Best Independent Instructor in Political Science Award, George Washington University (2019)

"New Faces" in International Security, the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (2019)

George Hume Senior Essay Prize for the best thesis in Ethics, Politics & Economics, Yale University (2008)

Teaching & Advising

Courses Taught, Northwestern University

POLI SCI 101: The Politics of Hostage Taking and Recovery (undergraduate seminar)

POLI SCI 240: Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate lecture)

POLI SCI 385: Negotiation & Conflict Resolution (undergraduate lecture)

POLI SCI 395: Nationalism & Ethnicity (undergraduate seminar)

POLI SCI 490: Political Violence (graduate seminar, scheduled)

Courses Taught, U.S. Air Force Academy

MSS 498: Senior Capstone in Military & Strategic Studies (Spring 2022, Spring 2021)

MSS 499: Research in Insurgent Strategies (Fall 2021)

SOC SCI 311: International Security Studies (Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020)

SOC SCI 483: Principles of Negotiation (Fall 2021)

Courses Taught, George Washington University

PSC 2338: Nationalism and Nation-Building (Summer 2019, Summer 2018, Teaching Assistant: Fall 2013)

PSC 1001: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Teaching Assistant, Spring 2014)

Advising

Ph.D. students, Northwestern University: Chloe Bernadaux, Jacob Fortier

External Ph.D. Examiner: Tom Garvey (George Washington University, 2024)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, Northwestern University (2024, 2025)

Farrell Fellowship Mentor, Northwestern University (2023 – 2024)

Faculty Mentor, “Graduate Teaching Fellow” and “Reflective and Effective Teaching” training program, Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Northwestern University (2023 – present)

Professional Talks

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Convention (scheduled 2026, 2025, 2024, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018)

Association for the Study of Nationalities (2014)

Four Corners Conflict Network (2022, 2021)

International Studies Association Annual Convention (scheduled 2026, 2025, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019, 2016)

ISSS-IS Joint Annual Conference (2019)

Latin American Peace Science Society (2021)

Peace Science Society International (2022, 2019, 2018)

Invited Talks

Festival of the Arts Boca, Authors & Ideas Series, "Life Lessons from Hostage Negotiation." Boca Raton, FL (2026)

Dartmouth College, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellows Alumni Conference. "Ransom & Rebellion: The Logic of Kidnapping in Colombia and Beyond." Hanover, NH (2026)

Northwestern University, Institute for Policy Research, Fay Lomax Cook Monday Colloquium. "Blaming the Victim: Hostage Deservingness and the Politics of Hostage Recovery." Evanston, IL (2025)

University of California, San Diego, International Relations seminar series. "Captivity and Coercion: Hostage Taking in International Security." San Diego, CA (2025)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, International Relations Colloquium. "Blaming the Victim: Hostage Deservingness and the Politics of Hostage Recovery." Madison, WI (2025)

Women's Forum, Washington, DC. "No Concessions? Understanding U.S. Hostage Policy." Virtual (2025)

Brown University, Security Studies Speaker Series, Department of Political Science. "How to Hold a Hostage: Kidnapping in Global Perspective." Providence, RI (2024)

Government Accountability Office, International Affairs Team Knowledge Transfer. "No Concessions? Understanding U.S. Hostage Policy." Washington, DC (2024)

Federal Bureau of Investigations, Speaker Series. "No Concessions? Insights from Research on Hostage Taking and Recovery." Washington, DC (2024)

Northwestern University, Hillel Faculty Luncheon. "The Gaza Hostage Crisis: Politics and Policy of Hostage Recovery." Evanston, IL (2024)

University of Chicago, Workshop on International Politics. "Partners in Crime: Comparative Advantage and Kidnapping Cooperation." Chicago, IL (2024)

Stanford University, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. "The Gaza Hostage Crisis: Lessons for Hostage Diplomacy." Virtual (2024)

"Monday Class" virtual speaker series. "No Concessions? Understanding U.S. Hostage Policy." Chicago, IL (2024)

University of Minnesota, Joint International Relations and Comparative Politics Colloquium. "The Logic of Kidnapping in Civil War: Introduction and Theory." Minneapolis, MN (2023)

Centre for Operational Research and Analysis, Defence Research and Development Canada. "Caught Between Giants: Hostage Diplomacy and Negotiation Strategies for Middle Powers." Virtual (2023)

Cifras y Conceptos weekly research seminar. "La lógica del secuestro en la guerra civil." Bogotá, Colombia (2023)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Security Studies Program seminar series. "No Man Left Behind? Hostage Deservingness and the Politics of Hostage Recovery." Cambridge, MA (2023)

University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center for International Politics junior scholars conference. "News of a Kidnapping: The Long-Term Consequences of Civilian Victimization." Philadelphia, PA (2023)

Dartmouth College, Political Economy Project. "No Concessions? Brittney Griner and U.S. Hostage Policy." Hanover, NH (2023)

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Global Politics Seminar Series. "Trust a Few: The Political Consequences of Wartime Violence." Pittsburgh, PA (2022)

University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House Seminar Series. "Partners in Crime: Comparative Advantage and Political Kidnapping." Virtual (2022)

American Security Project virtual webinar. "Coercive Kidnapping & Political Hostage Taking in International Affairs." Virtual (2022)

University of Wisconsin-Madison, International Relations Colloquium. "Partners in Crime: Comparative Advantage and Political Kidnapping." Virtual (2021)

Carleton University, Norman Patterson School of Public Affairs. "Fireside Chat: Kidnapping and Hostage Diplomacy." Virtual (2020)

Florida Atlantic University, Department of Political Science. "Kidnapping in Armed Conflict." Boca Raton, FL (2020)

Duke University and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies, New Faces Conference. "The Logic of Coercive Kidnapping." Durham, NC (2019)

Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies, Political Economy of Security Workshop. "The Logic of Coercive Kidnapping: Evidence from Colombia." Boston, MA (2019)

La Universidad de los Andes, Economics Department Workshop. "The Oxygen of Publicity: Variation in U.S. Media Coverage of International Kidnapping." Bogotá, Colombia (2017)

Yale College Class of 1960 Reunion, Les Aspin '60 Fellowship Review of Alumni Association Fellowship and Awards "A House Divided: Determinants of National Identity in the Split Village of Barta'a." Boston, Massachusetts (2007)

Panel Appearances

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, "Public Opinion and the Future of US Foreign Policy," Expert Roundtable with Bridging the Gap. Chicago, IL (2025)

Fordham University School of Law, International Law Weekend. "Combatting State Hostage-Taking Through International Law." New York, NY (2025)

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Bipartisan Commission. "Combating State Hostage Taking and Wrongful Detention," Commission Report Launch. Washington, DC (2025)

The Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University. "Responding to Hostage Taking & Wrongful Detention." Evanston, IL (2025)

Stanford University Law School and Stanford Iranian Studies Program conference. "When States Take Hostages: Responding to Iran and Other Perpetrators." Palo Alto, CA (2024)

The Center for Strategic and International Studies, New Voices in National Security workshop. "Deterring Hostage Taking and Wrongful Detention." Washington, DC (2024)

The Wilson Center. "Hostage Diplomacy as an International Security Threat: Strengthening our Collective Action, Deterrence, and Response." Washington, DC (2024)

Aspen Ideas Festival, Aspen Institute. "The Changing World Order: Hostage Diplomacy." Aspen, CO (2023)

Department of the Air Force, Secretary of the Air Force briefing on the "Human Domain." Colorado Springs, CO (2022)

Air Force Language and Culture Center, General Officer Pre-Deployment Acculturation Course. "Introduction to Colombia: Conflict, Peace Process, and Politics." Virtual (2022)

ISSS-IS Joint Annual Conference Roundtable. "Security Studies: What Qualifies?" Josef Korbel School of International Studies, Denver, CO (2019)

U.S. Department of State, Analytic Exchange. "Securing Our People While Securing the Peace: The Criticality of Hostage Recovery in Peace Processes." Washington, DC (2019)

Invited Workshop Presentations

Florida State University, "Multi-Method Conflict Consortium (M2C2)" mini-conference (2025)

Freie Universität Berlin, "Emotions and Political Captivity" workshop (2024)

Brown University, "Threats and Promises in International Security" workshop (2023)

Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding International Relations Workshop (2023)

Yale University, "Political Violence in Comparative Perspective: Beyond Regionalism" workshop (2022)

International Studies Association Innovative Pedagogy Conference (2022)

George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Research-in-Progress Workshop (2020, 2019)

George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop (2019)

Peace Science Society Pre-conference workshop, Kansas State University (organizer, 2019)

United States Institute of Peace, Minerva/ Jennings Randolph Peace Scholars' Conference (2018)

American Political Science Association Dissertation Workshop on Militaries and Security Forces (2018)

George Washington University, American Politics Workshop (2016)

George Washington University, Institute for Middle East Studies PhD Workshop (2015, 2014)

Media

CBS, "CBS News 12" television interview: Previewing the Festival of the Arts Boca, Authors & Ideas Series (February 3, 2026)

ABC, "ABC News Live" television interview: "Senior Israeli official: Israeli cabinet will meet Friday to ratify ceasefire deal," (January 16, 2025)

NegotiateX, podcast interview: "Uncovering the realities of rebel kidnappings," (August 22, 2024)

NPR, "All Things Considered" radio interview: "What does the future of hostage diplomacy look like?" (August 10, 2024)

ABC, "ABC News Live" television interview: "Freed Americans to be treated at medical military facility," (August 2, 2024)

FOX, "FOX 32 Chicago" television interview: "What went into the U.S. prisoner swap with Russia?" (August 1, 2024)

NPR, "AirTalk with Larry Mantle" radio interview: "Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich is free in the largest East-West prisoner swap since the Cold War," (August 1, 2024)

BBC, "BBC Newshour" radio interview: "Why the prisoner swap is historic," (August 1, 2024)

Deutsche Welle television interview: "How a historic prisoner swap was orchestrated despite strained US-Russia relations," (August 1, 2024)

NPR, "All Things Considered" radio interview: "Moscow's hostage game with Evan Gershkovich and the U.S. diplomats trying to free him" (March 29, 2024)

ABC, "ABC News Live" television interview: "Israel-Hamas war: 11 more hostages released in temporary cease-fire agreement" (November 27, 2023)

Deutsche Welle television interview: "Hostage-prisoner exchanges to continue during truce" (November 27, 2023)

BBC "BBC News Live" television interview: "Israeli government: 50 hostages released over four days" (November 22, 2023)

ABC, "ABC News Live" television interview: "Negotiations to free Hamas hostages moving in right direction" (November 20, 2023)

WBUR, "On Point" radio interview: "The plight of the hostages in Gaza" (November 20, 2023)

Chicago Council on Public Affairs, "Deep Dish on Global Affairs" podcast interview: "This Era of Hostage Diplomacy Requires New Answers" (November 9, 2023)

ABC, "ABC News Daily" podcast interview: "Can Israel save its hostages from Hamas?" (October 24, 2023)

Politicology, podcast interview: "Tapped: Why the Gaza Hostage Crisis is Different" (October 13, 2023)

MWI, "Irregular Warfare Podcast" interview: "The Prisoner's Dilemma: Hostage Diplomacy 101" (October 6, 2023)

NPR, "Weekend Edition with Scott Simon" radio interview: "Foreign governments hold more American hostages than terrorist groups" (September 23, 2023)

CBS, "CBS News Streaming" live television interview: "How deals like the U.S.-Iran prisoner exchange come together" (September 19, 2023)

CNN, "The Situation Room" television interview: "Past prisoner swaps have seen blowback" (September 18, 2023)

NBC, "Top Story with Tom Llamas" panel at the 2023 Aspen Ideas Festival: "The Dilemmas of Hostage Diplomacy" (June 28, 2023)

UN Dispatch, "Global Dispatches" podcast: "Hostage Diplomacy and Russia's Arrest of Wall Street Journal Reporter Evan Gershkovich" (April 27, 2023)

BBC World Service, "The Real Story" radio interview: "What is hostage diplomacy and why is it on the rise?" (April 14, 2023)

WNYC, "The Takeaway" radio interview: Russia Arrested American Journalist Evan Gershkovich" (April 4, 2023)

KPCC, "Air Talk with Larry Mantle" interview, "International Hostage Expert on Orchestration of Prisoner Swaps Like The One That Brought Home Brittney Griner" (December 15, 2022)

The Briefing, podcast interview, "A basketball star for a notorious arms dealer: the US-Russia prisoner swap" (December 15, 2022)

ABC, ABC7 San Francisco Live interview, "Griner free after prisoner swap with Russia" (December 8, 2022)

TMZ, TMZ Live interview, "Brittney Griner released from Russian prison" (December 8, 2022)

CBS Boston, WBZ-TV News interview: "Hostage expert: Putin made Griner prisoner swap 'domestically difficult' for Biden" (December 8, 2022)

FOX, KTVU Fox 2 live interview on Brittney Griner's release (December 8, 2022)

ABC, ABC News Live interview on Brittney Griner's release (December 8, 2022)

CTV, CTV News Live interview on Brittney Griner's release (December 8, 2022)

NBC, NBC News Daily live interview on Brittney Griner's release (December 8, 2022)

VICE News, "System Error" episode: "Why State Kidnappings Are on the Rise" (November 17, 2022)

World Affairs, "World Affairs" podcast interview: "What Brittney Griner's detention can teach us about Putin's war" (October 3, 2022)

American University School of International Service, "Big World" podcast interview: "How are Political Prisoner Swaps Negotiated" (October 1, 2022)

ABC, "ABC News Live" television interview: "What the Taliban prisoner swap means for the US and other Americans detained abroad" (September 20, 2022)

ABC, "ABC News Live" television interview: "Biden to meet with the families of Griner, Whelan" (September 16, 2022)

KQED, "The Forum" radio interview, "What will it take to bring Brittney Griner – and other political prisoners – home?" (August 24, 2022)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation, "Rear Vision: How History Shaped Today" podcast interview, "Hostage Diplomacy" (August 21, 2022)

The Athletic, "Sports Media with Richard Deitsch" podcast interview, "What happens next with Brittney Griner?" (August 8, 2022)

CNN, "CNN Newsroom" television interview: "Detained in Russia" (August 6, 2022)

Spectrum 1, "Morning News" television interview: "Russia open to talks with U.S. on Brittney Griner prisoner swap" (August 5, 2022)

BBC News, "Outside Source" television interview, "Brittney Griner sentenced to 9 years" (August 4, 2022)

NBC, "Top Story with Tom Llamas" television interview: "Brittney Griner sentenced to 9 years in Russia" (August 4, 2022)

ESPN, "Outside the Lines" television interview: "Brittney Griner sentenced to 9 years in prison for drug charges in Russia" (August 4, 2022)

KPCC, "Air Talk" radio interview: "As Russian judge finds Brittney Griner Guilty - How will the US negotiate her release?" (August 4, 2022)

CBC News, "The National" television interview: "U.S. reveals prisoner swap offer made to Russia" (July 29, 2022)

NBC, "Top Story with Tom Llamas" television interview: "U.S. proposes deal to free Brittney Griner" (July 27, 2022)

ABC, "ABC News Live" television interview: "Foreign policy expert on Brittney Griner's testimony, trial" (July 27, 2022)

ABC, "ABC News Live Prime" television interview: "'Substantial proposal' offered for Griner and Whelan," (July 27, 2022)

DSR, "The DSR Daily Bonus Brief" podcast interview: "Brittney Griner and Hostage Diplomacy" (July 23, 2022)

CNN, "CNN Newsroom" television interview: "The Dynamics of Hostage Taking in International Politics" (July 16, 2022)

NewsNation, "Dan Abrams Live" television interview: "Should U.S. trade 'merchant of death' for Griner?" (July 11, 2022)

WNYC, "The Takeaway" radio interview: "Brittney Griner's Guilty Plea" (July 11, 2022)

NPR, "Weekend Edition with Scott Simon" radio interview: "Brittney Griner's wife demands the U.S. do more to have Russia release her" (July 9, 2022)

CNN, "CNN New Day Weekend" television interview: "Brittney Griner pleads guilty to drug charges in Russian court" (July 9, 2022)

C-SPAN, "Washington Journal" television interview: "Danielle Gilbert on Brittney Griner and U.S. Hostage Policy" (July 8, 2022)

NBC, "Top Story with Tom Llamas" television interview: "Brittney Griner pleads guilty to charges in Russia" (July 7, 2022)

ESPN, "Outside the Lines" and "SportsCenter" television interview: "Brittney Griner has plead guilty to drug charges in Russian court" (July 7, 2022)

CNN, "The Situation Room" television interview: "Trial Begins in Russia for WNBA Star Brittney Griner" (July 1, 2022)

ESPN, "Outside the Lines" television interview: "Brittney Griner's trial begins today in Russia" (July 1, 2022)

UN Dispatch, "Global Dispatches" podcast: "Hostage Diplomacy and the Case of Brittney Griner" (June 30, 2022)

Al Jazeera, "The Stream" television panel: "How can Brittney Griner be freed from Russian detention?" (June 5, 2022)

WNYC, "The Takeaway" radio interview: "Russia's Ongoing Detention of Brittney Griner" (May 11, 2022)

ESPN, "SportsCenter" television interview: "U.S. government considers Brittney Griner to be 'wrongfully detained by Russia'" (May 3, 2022)

Al Jazeera, "The Stream" television panel: "Is Brittney Griner being used as a hostage?" (April 5, 2022)

Texas National Security Review, "Horns of a Dilemma" podcast: "The Personal Face of International Tension: Hostage Diplomacy and Russia's War in Ukraine," (March 25, 2022)

The Ambassador's Brief, "Conversation Six" podcast, "Danielle Gilbert and Doyle Hodges on Hostage Diplomacy," Apple Podcasts (January 18, 2022)

Lawfare, "Lawfare Live" weekly webcast, "Ransomware Lessons for a Nation Held Hostage" (September 17, 2021)

"Global Liberty Alliance" podcast, "U.S. Hostage Law and Policy, and Related Matters," Anchor (June 22, 2021)

"Say More on That" podcast, "Episode One: Dr. Danielle Gilbert and the Oxygen of Publicity," Anchor (December 9, 2020)

Guest Lectures

University of Oregon, School of Journalism. "Introduction to Hostage Diplomacy." Virtual (2025)

Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy. "Qualitative Methods: Interviews." Virtual (2023)

George Washington University, Department of Political Science. "Craft of Political Inquiry: Case Studies and Causal Process Tracing." Virtual (2023)

Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy. "Hostage Diplomacy and the Brittney Griner Case." Virtual (2023)

Drexel University, Department of Political Science. "The Foreign Policy of Athletics: Spotlight on Brittney Griner." Virtual (2023)

IE University, Department of Political Science. "Dimensions of Violence: Terrorism and Kidnapping." Virtual (2023)

Duke University, Sanford School of Public Policy. "Research Methods: Interviews and Experiments." Virtual (2022)

El Pomar Foundation, Fellowship Speaker Series. "The Principles of Negotiation." Colorado Springs, CO (2021)

United States Air Force Academy, Department of Political Science. "Colombia: The Civil War and Peace Process." Colorado Springs, CO (2021)

Georgia Institute of Technology, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. "Large-N, Observational, and Experimental Methods." Virtual (2021, 2022, 2023, 2025)

United States Air Force Academy, Department of Law. "Principles of Negotiation: Hostage Negotiations." Colorado Springs, CO (2022, 2021, 2020)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Science Department. "Kidnapping and Social Media." Virtual (2021)

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies. "The Logic of Kidnapping in Civil War." Virtual (2021)

Georgia Institute of Technology, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. "Civil War and Insurgency." Virtual (2020, 2019)

Hamilton College, Department of Government. "The Logic of Kidnapping in Civil Wars." Virtual (2020)

Georgia Institute of Technology, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. "Mixed Methods Research Design." Virtual (2020)

University of Toronto, Department of Political Science. "Comparative Case Study Research: Colombia." Virtual (2019)

Northeastern University, Department of Political Science. "Mixed Methods Research on Political Violence." Virtual (2019)

Georgia Institute of Technology, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. "Kidnapping as Terrorism." Virtual (2019)

Georgia Institute of Technology, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. "Civil War and Insurgency." Atlanta, GA (2017)

Pedagogy & Professionalization

International Studies Association Annual Conference. "The How and Why of Public-Facing Scholarship in International Studies," Columbus, OH (scheduled 2026)

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science and The Graduate Commune. "Publishing" Evanston, IL (2025)

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science and The Graduate Commune. "Active Learning and Engaged Lecturing." Evanston, IL (2025)

Bridging the Gap, International Policy Summer Institute, conference keynote. Washington, DC (2024)

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science and The Graduate Commune. "How to write a teaching statement." Evanston, IL (2024)

Northwestern University, Department of Political Science and The Graduate Commune. "How to give a job talk." Evanston, IL (2023)

Yale University, Qualitative Social Science Initiative. "Publishing qualitative and ethnographic articles." Virtual (2023)

Peace Science Society, Online Peace Science Colloquium. "Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy." Virtual (2023)

Women in Conflict Studies, Virtual Professional Development Session, in partnership with the Bridging the Gap Project. "Women on the Internet." Virtual (2022)

International Studies Association Annual Convention. "Early Career Instructors? A Roundtable on Pedagogy and Pedagogical Training." Nashville, Tennessee (2022)

U.S. Air Force Academy, Center for Educational Innovation, "Inclusive Teaching." USAF Academy, CO (2021)

U.S. Air Force Academy, Center for Educational Innovation Teaching Cafe. "Promoting Critical Reading." USAF Academy, CO (2021)

U.S. Air Force Academy, Center for Educational Innovation Teaching Cafe. "Failure in the Classroom." USAF Academy, CO (2020)

International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON), Carnegie Squares Workshop Series. "Careers Panel: Applying for PME Jobs." Virtual (2020)

CARE National Conference opening plenary. "Fireside Chat: Effective Advocacy." Washington, DC (2018)

The Jewish Federation of Chicago, Student Leadership Annual Advocacy Conference. "Congressional Staff and Issue Advocacy." Washington, DC (2013)

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), 20th Annual Saban Leadership Seminar. "The Role of Congress in U.S. Foreign Policy." Washington, DC (2011)

Research Skills & Training

Languages: Spanish (research proficient), Hebrew (conversational), Arabic (beginner)

Computer: Stata, L^AT_EX, NVivo

Fieldwork: Colombia (2023, 2019, 2018, 2017); Washington, DC (2024, 2023); Israel and the West Bank (2006)

CITI Program Certification on Human Subjects Research, ID: 6345108

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, Washington DC (2022)

Dean's Teaching Certificate Program, United States Air Force Academy (2021)

Course Directors' Workshop, United States Air Force Academy (2021)

Responsible Public Engagement Institute, Sié Center at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver (2021)

International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON), Johns Hopkins SAIS and Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs (2019 – 2020)

APSA short course: Interactive Teaching on Ethnicity, Ethnic Discrimination and Mobilization (2019)

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University (2015)

Writing in the Disciplines (WID) Teaching Certification, George Washington University (2014 – 2015)

Bridging the Gap Project's New Era Foreign Policy Conference (2014)

Middlebury College Intensive Arabic Summer Immersion School, Mills College (2014)

Truman National Security Project Congressional Scholars, U.S. House of Representatives (2013)

Haifa University Intensive Hebrew Summer Program, Haifa University (2005)

Service & Leadership

Service to the Discipline

Ad-hoc Reviewer: *Africa Spectrum*, *American Political Science Review*, *Armed Forces and Society*, *Australian Journal of Political Science*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Affairs*, *International Interactions*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Security Studies*, *Surveillance & Society*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *World Politics*

Co-Director, Bridging the Gap Project (2023 – 2025)

Contributing Writer, *Good Authority* (2023 – present)

Editor, “Bridging the Gap Channel” at the *Duck of Minerva* (2021 – present)

Junior Scholar Steering Committee, International Policy Scholars Consortium and Network (IPSCON) (2019 – 2020)

Fellow, Bridging the Gap Project (2015 – 2023)

Institutional Service

Member, Buffett Institute Symposium Steering Committee, Northwestern University (2025 – present)

Member, Chair’s Advisory Committee, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University (2024 – present)

Organizer, International Relations Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University (2024 – present)

Member, Committee on Academic Integrity Appeals, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Northwestern University (2023 – present)

Member, Faculty Senate, United States Air Force Academy (2021 – 2022)

Member, Special Committee on Tenure, United States Air Force Academy (2021 – 2022)

Member, Women’s Initiatives Team (WIT)/ Installation Barrier Analysis Working Group (IBAWG), United States Air Force Academy (2021 – 2022)

Member, Making Excellence Inclusive Committee, United States Air Force Academy (2021 – 2022)

Member, Selection Committee, Excellence in Inclusive Teaching Recognition, United States Air Force Academy (2022)

Co-Chair, Political Science Graduate Student Caucus, George Washington University (2014 – 2016)

Co-Chair, Association for the Study of Nationalism and Ethnicity (ASEN) Fundraising and Publishing Committee, “Nationalism and Globalisation” conference at the London School of Economics (2009)

Senior Interviewer, Undergraduate Admissions Office, Yale University (2007)

Professional Service & Associations

Member, *American Political Science Association, Bridging the Gap Project, Four Corners Conflict Network, International Studies Association, Latin American Peace Science Society, Peace Science Society (International)*

Commissioner, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) Bipartisan Commission on Hostage Taking and Wrongful Detention (2023 – 2025)

Founding Councilmember, CARE Action Advisory Council (2017 – 2020)

Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Young Invincibles (2013 – 2017)

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