**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

*David M. Allison is a political scientist with a focus on strategic stability, nuclear politics, and military power. He is a Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Research Fellow with The Project on Managing the Atom and International Security Program at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, and a member of the Mid-Career Cadre at the Project on Nuclear Issues, Center for Strategic and International Studies.*

*Dave’s research draws on experimental and archival methods to examine the foundations of nuclear deterrence and threats to strategic stability, and his broader interests include identifying sources of civilian support for the use of force and assessments of military capabilities during nuclear, conventional, and unconventional conflicts. He has conducted public opinion and survey research in Iraq, Japan, South Korea, and the United States.*

*Prior to academia, Dave served as an officer in the United States Army, deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science from Yale University and a B.A. with highest honors in Political Science from Columbia University.*

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.** **Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 2022**

Dissertation: *Strategic Stability in the Third Nuclear Age*

Alexander Coppock, Alexandre Debs (Chair), Nuno Monteiro (Former Chair, Deceased), and Todd Sechser

**M.Phil.** **Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 2017**

International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Quantitative Methods

**M.A.** **Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 2016**

**B.A.** **Political Science, Columbia University, New York, NY, May 2009**

Summa cum laude, Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2022-23 Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellow, Cambridge, MA**

Project on Managing the Atom and International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

**2020-21** **Principal Investigator, “Retaliation Risk, Strike Justification, and Public Support for Nuclear Use” (with Stephen Herzog)**

Designed and implemented a survey experiment with 1,100 U.S. respondents (nationally representative sample) to isolate the determinants of public support for the use of nuclear weapons in conflict and identify how Americans react to the prospect of nuclear retaliation.

**2019-20** **Principal Investigator, “Violent Shocks and U.S. Public Opinion Towards Iran” (with Stephen Herzog)**

Designed and implemented a survey experiment with 6,000 U.S. respondents across five waves to measure partisan effects of international shocks on U.S. public opinion towards the Islamic Republic of Iran.

**2017-18** **Principal Investigator, “Under the Umbrella: Nuclear Crises, Extended Deterrence, and Public Opinion” (with Stephen Herzog and Jiyoung Ko), Japan, South Korea**

Designed and implemented a survey experiment with 10,000 respondents across three countries to measure support for the nuclear retaliatory strikes that underpin extended deterrence and identify areas of congruence and incongruence across alliances.

**2015-16** **Principal Investigator, “Violence and Civilian Attitudes Towards Governance: A Survey in Tikrit, Iraq” (with Mara Revkin)**

Designed and implemented a door-to-door survey experiment (n = 200) to measure the impact of violent experiences under ISIS occupation on the attitudes and behaviors of civilian populations in Tikrit, Iraq.

**PUBLICATIONS**

David M. Allison, Stephen Herzog, & Jiyoung Ko (2022) “Under the Umbrella: Nuclear Crises, Extended Deterrence, and Public Opinion.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution.* DOI: [10.1177/00220027221100254](https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027221100254)

David M. Allison & Stephen Herzog (2020) “Correspondence: Clandestine Capabilities and Technological Diffusion Risks.” *International Security*, 45:2, 194–198, DOI: [10.1162/isec\_c\_00396](https://doi.org/10.1162/isec_c_00396)

David M. Allison & Stephen Herzog (2020) “‘What about China?’ and the threat to US–Russian nuclear arms control.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, 76:4, 200–205, DOI: [10.1080/00963402.2020.1778370](https://doi.org/10.1080/00963402.2020.1778370)

David M. Allison & Stephen Herzog (2019) “Gas, norms, and statistics: the jury is still out,” *The Nonproliferation Review*, 26:5-6, 397–401, DOI: [10.1080/10736700.2019.1706822](https://doi.org/10.1080/10736700.2019.1706822)

David M. Allison & Stephen Herzog (September 20, 2019) “5 Reasons Why the Saudi Oil Attacks Won’t Lead to War with Iran.” *The National Interest,* <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/5-reasons-why-saudi-oil-attacks-won%E2%80%99t-lead-war-iran-82096>

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Spring 2023** *Introduction to International Relations,*Yale University

Instructor of Record

**Spring 2022** *Introduction to International Relations,*Yale University

Prof. Kenneth Scheve

Section leader, evaluation average 4.4 ±0.9 out of 5.

**Fall 2021** *The Politics of International Law and Cooperation,*Yale University

Prof. Tyler Pratt

Section leader, evaluation average 4.5 ±0.7 out of 5.

**Spring 2021** *Strategy, Technology, and War,*Yale University

Prof. Paul Bracken

Grader, 66 Students.

**Fall 2020** *Strategy, Technology, and War,*Yale University

Prof. Paul Bracken

Grader, 108 Students.

**Spring 2020** *The Politics of International Law and Cooperation,*Yale University

Prof. Tyler Pratt

Section leader, evaluations suspended due to COVID-19.

**Fall 2019** *Introduction to American Politics,*Yale University

Prof. Christina Kinane

Section leader, evaluation average 4.8 ±0.4 out of 5.

**Spring 2018** *Introduction to International Relations,*Yale University

Prof. Jason Lyall

Section leader, evaluation average 4.6 ±0.6 out of 5.

**Fall 2017** *International Challenges of the 21st Century,*Yale University

Prof. Julian Howorth

Section leader, evaluation average 4.4 ±0.8 out of 5.

**Spring 2017** *Development Under Fire,*Yale University

Prof. Jason Lyall

Section leader, evaluation average 4.4 ±0.8 out of 5.

**Fall 2016** *International Challenges of the 21st Century,* Yale University

Prof. Julian Howorth

Section leader, evaluation average 4.2 ±1.1 out of 5.

**WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS**

David M. Allison & Tyler Bowen (Under Review, MIT Press) “Counterproductive Counter-Proliferation? Evaluating Kinetic Attacks on Nascent Nuclear Programs.” In Giles D. Arceneaux, Stephen Herzog, & Ariel Petrovics (Eds.), *Atomic Backfires: How Nuclear Policies Fail.*

David M. Allison (Working Paper) “Fixed or Fickle: Testing the Malleability of Nuclear Attitudes.”

David M. Allison (Working Paper) “The Nuclear Taboo in the Third Nuclear Age.”

David M. Allison & Stephen Herzog (Working Paper) “Violent Shocks and U.S. Public Opinion Towards Iran.”

David M. Allison & Stephen Herzog (Working Paper) “Retaliation Risk, Strike Justification, and Public Support for Nuclear Use.”

David M. Allison, Giles David Arceneaux, & Stephen Herzog (In Preparation) “Beyond the Dome: Cross-System Exposure and Public Perceptions of Missile Defense.”

David M. Allison, Stephen Herzog, & Lauren Sukin (In Preparation) “Too Brutal For War: Normative Rationales for Weapons Taboos.”

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

**2022-23** Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, The Project on Managing the Atom and International Security Program, Harvard University

**2022-25** Mid-Career Cadre, Project on Nuclear Issues, Center for Strategic and International Studies

**2018-20** Fellow, Yale Project on Japan’s Politics and Diplomacy, MacMillan Center, Yale University

**2017-19** $23,000 for “Under the Umbrella: Nuclear Crises, Extended Deterrence, and Public Opinion,” Japan Foundation, Center for Global Partnership

**2015-16** $26,000 for “Violence and Civilian Attitudes Towards Governance: A Survey in Tikrit, Iraq,” MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Political Violence FieldLab at Yale University, Yale University Council on Middle East Studies Program on Governance and Local Development, and the Abdallah S. Kamel Center for the Study of Islamic Law and Civilization.

**2009** Arthur Ross Foundation Award for Excellence in Political Science.

Columbia University Commencement Awards

**PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

Key: (P)resentation, (Co)-author presentation, (D)iscussant, (Ch)air

**2022** ISA Annual Conference (Virtual: P); ETH Zurich, Center for Security Studies (Virtual: P); United Nations NPT Review Conference (New York, NY: P); Politics of Emerging Technologies Mini-Conference (Virtual: P)

**2021** APSA Annual Meeting (Virtual: P); Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center Project on Managing the Atom Atomic Backfires Book Workshop Series (Virtual: P); Yale International Relations Workshop (New Haven, CT: P)

**2020** ISA Annual Conference (Honolulu, HI: Canceled COVID-19); BISA Global Nuclear Order Conference (Virtual: P); Yale College Lecture: “Emerging Technology and International Cooperation” (Virtual: P); Stanford University, CISAC, Atomic Experiments: Public Opinion, Political Psychology, and the Use of Nuclear Weapons Workshop (Virtual: P); Princeton University, Program on Science and Global Security (Virtual, Co)

**2019** ISA Annual Conference (Toronto, Canada: P); Yale College Lecture: “Interest Groups in American Politics” (New Haven, CT: P); Dartmouth College, Dickey Center for International Understanding (Hanover, NH: P); Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center Project on Managing the Atom Seminar (Cambridge MA: Co); Project on Nuclear Issues Capstone Conference at US Strategic Command (Omaha, NE: P); Naval War College (Newport, RI: P); Yale International Relations Workshop (New Haven, CT: P); Tokyo University, Institute of Social Sciences (Tokyo, Japan: Co); Japan Institute for International Affairs (Tokyo, Japan: Co); Sciences Po, Center for International Research (Paris, France: Co); Odessa I. I. Mechnikov University, Odessa Center for Nonproliferation Studies (Odessa, Ukraine: Co); US State Department (Washington, DC: Co); UN Institute for Disarmament Research (Geneva, Switzerland: Co); National Institute for Defense Studies (Tokyo, Japan: Co); Vienna Center for Disarmament and Nonproliferation (Vienna, Austria: Co)

**2018** APSA Annual Meeting (Boston: P); China Forum, Yale University (New Haven, CT: P); Center for Strategic and International Studies, Project on Nuclear Issues Winter Conference (Washington, DC: P); Council on Foreign Relations, Roundtable Series on Japan (Washington, DC: 2P); Center for Strategic and International Studies, Project on Nuclear Issues Winter Conference (Washington, DC: P); Yale Project on Japan’s Politics and Diplomacy International Conference (New Haven, CT: Co)

**2017** Yale College Lecture: “The End of ISIS?” (New Haven, CT: P)

**2016** NEPSA Annual Conference (Providence, RI: D, Ch); Yale International Relations Association Roundtable (New Haven, CT: Ch)

**SKILLS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

**Proficiencies:** R, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Microsoft Office Suite, Windows and OSX environments.

**Research Management:** In-person surveys in post-conflict environments including Tikrit, Iraq. Online surveys with Dynata, Qualtrics, Lucid, and Amazon Mechanical Turk.

**International Experience**: 34 countries, including Afghanistan, China, Iraq, Israel, Palestine, and Russia.

**Languages:** English (Fluent), Spanish (College Intermediate).

**Hobbies:** Amateur sailor, chef, gardener, handyman, and auto mechanic.

**MILITARY SERVICE**

**2010-14** **Platoon Leader, United States Army**

Trained, deployed, and led 32 U.S. Soldiers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and the Counter-IED mission, providing mounted and dismounted security to Route Clearance Patrols and convoys in Ghazni and Paktika Provinces, Afghanistan (2013).

**REFERENCES**

[**Alexandre Debs**](mailto:alexandre.debs@yale.edu)Associate Professor of Political Science, Yale University

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