

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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

Dave's research draws on experimental methods to examine the foundations of nuclear deterrence and threats to strategic stability, particularly those posed by emerging technologies. His broader interests include identifying sources of support for the use of force as well as perceptions and misperceptions surrounding nuclear, conventional, and unconventional capabilities. He has conducted research in Iraq, Japan, South Korea, and the United States.

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D.**      **Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, CT, May 2022**  
International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Quantitative Methods

**Dissertation: *Strategic Stability in the Third Nuclear Age***  
Dissertation Director: Alexandre Debs (preceded by Nuno Monteiro, deceased)  
Committee Members: Alexander Coppock, Todd Sechser

**B.A.**      **Political Science, Columbia University, New York, NY**  
Summa cum laude, Honor Society, Phi Beta Kappa

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**2023-24**      **Lecturer, Yale University, New Haven CT**  
Introduction to International Relations  
Technology and War

**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

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- 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)  
(with Stephen Herzog & Jiyoung Ko)
- 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)  
(with 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) (with 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) (with Stephen Herzog)

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW**

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- “Too Brutal For War: Comparing Rationales for Weapons Taboos” (with Stephen Herzog and Lauren Sukin)
- “The Delicate Balance of Error: Perceived Counterforce Feasibility and the Nuclear Taboo” (Working Paper)
- “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*. (with Tyler Bowen, under review MIT Press)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2023** PLSC 111: *Introduction to International Relations*, Yale University  
Instructor of Record
- PLSC 145/644: *Technology and War*, Yale University  
Instructor of Record

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

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

- 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, 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" (with Mara Revkin)

### **PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS**

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

- 2023** ISA Annual Conference (Montreal, Canada: P)
- 2022** ISA Annual Conference (Virtual: P)
- 2021** APSA Annual Meeting (Virtual: P)
- 2020** ISA Annual Conference (Honolulu, HI: Canceled COVID-19); Stanford University, CISAC, Atomic Experiments: Public Opinion, Political Psychology, and the Use of Nuclear Weapons Workshop (Virtual: P)
- 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)
- 2018** APSA Annual Meeting (Boston: P)

### **SKILLS, SERVICE, AND MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**Service:** Peer reviewer for American Political Science Review; International Security; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Peace Research; Conflict Management

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

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

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

## REFERENCES

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[Alexandre Debs](#) Associate Professor of Political Science and Director, Nuclear Security Program, Yale University

[Matthew Bunn](#) James R. Schlesinger Professor of the Practice of Energy, National Security, and Foreign Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

[Alexander Coppock](#) Assistant Professor of Political Science, Yale University

[Jason Lyall](#) James Wright Chair in Transnational Studies, Dartmouth University

[Todd Sechser](#) Pamela Feinour Edmonds and Franklin S. Edmonds Jr. Discovery Professor of Politics, University of Virginia