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Academic Appointments

2024 - present	Professor, Transnational Security Studies, George C. Marshall Center Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
2024 - 2024	Professor (Political Science), Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy West Point, New York
2014 - 2024	Director of Research, Combating Terrorism Center, United States Military Academy West Point, New York
2017 - 2024	Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy West Point, New York
2013 - 2017	Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy West Point, New York
2013 - 2014	Associate, Combating Terrorism Center, United States Military Academy West Point, New York
2012 - 2013	Assistant Professor of Political Science, Arkansas State University Jonesboro, Arkansas
2011 - 2012	Visiting Instructor of Political Science, Brigham Young University Provo, Utah

Education

- 2008 - 2012 Ph.D., Political Science, Florida State University
Fields: International Relations and American Politics
Tallahassee, Florida
Dissertation: Foreign Policy and Transnational Terrorism
Committee: Will H. Moore (Chair), Mark A. Souva, David A. Siegel,
and Joseph K. Young
- 2007 - 2008 Master of Science in Political Science, December 2008, Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida
- 1999 - 2005 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, April 2005, Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

Research Interests

Terrorism (Domestic and Transnational), Foreign Policy, Interstate Conflict, Civil War

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Amira Jadoon and Daniel Milton. 2024. "Risk and Reward: How Shadow Economies Impact the Financial Practices of Militant Organizations." Forthcoming in *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

Rachel Yon and Daniel Milton. 2024. "Examining the Outcome of Investigations and Prosecutions of Extremism in the United States." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 47(6): 622-644.

Amira Jadoon, Andrew Mines, and Daniel Milton. 2023. "Targeting Quality or Quantity? The Divergent Effects of Targeting Upper versus Lower-Tier Leaders of Militant Organizations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 67(5): 1007-1031.

Tricia Bacon, Grace Ellis, and Daniel Milton. 2023. "Helping or Hurting? The Impact of Foreign Fighters on Militant Group Behavior." *Journal of Strategic Studies* 46(3): 624-656.

Daniel Milton. 2022. "Truth and Lies in the Caliphate: The Use of Deception in Islamic State Propaganda." *Media, War, and Conflict* 15(2): 221-237.

Amira Jadoon, Daniel Milton, and Jason Warner. 2022. "Needs or Symbols: The Logic of United Nations Counterterrorism Treaty Ratification." *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1): 1-13.

Amira Jadoon and Daniel Milton. 2022. "Strength from the Shadows? How Shadow Economies Affect Terrorist Activities." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 45(5-6): 517-534.

Daniel Milton, Tyler Evans, and Joseph K. Young. 2021. "Choosing to Fight, Choosing to Die: Examining How ISIS Foreign Fighters Select Their Operational Roles." *International Studies Re-*

view 23(3): 509-531.

Daniel Milton. 2020. "Fatal Attraction: Explaining Variation in the Attractiveness of Islamic State Propaganda." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 37(4): 430-450.

Daniel Milton and Bryan Price. 2020 "Too Central To Fail? Terrorist Networks and Leadership Decapitation." *International Interactions* 46(3): 309-333.

Daniel Milton. 2020. "Lessons from September 11 About the Post-Conflict Threat Posed by Foreign Terrorist Fighters." *Journal of Policing, Intelligence, and Counter Terrorism* 15(2): 136-153.

Rachel Yon and Daniel Milton. 2019. "Simply Small Men? Examining Differences Between Females and Males Radicalized in the United States." *Women & Criminal Justice* 29(4-5): 188-203.

Gabriel Koehler-Derrick and Daniel Milton. 2019. "Choose Your Weapon: the Impact of Strategic Considerations and Resource Constraints on Terrorist Group Weapon Selection." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 31(5): 909-928.

Arie Perliger and Daniel Milton. 2018. "Fighting Together? Understanding Bilateral Cooperation in the Realm of Counter-terrorism." *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* 11(3): 199-220.

Seth Loertscher and Daniel Milton. 2018. "Prisoners and Politics: Western Hostage Taking by Militant Groups." *Democracy and Security* 14(1): 1-23.

Daniel Milton. 2017. "Dangerous Work: Terrorism Against U.S. Diplomats." *Contemporary Security Policy* 38(3): 345-370.

Daniel Milton and Cameron Harris. 2016. "Is Standing For Women A Stand Against Terrorism? Assessing The Connection Between Women's Rights and Terrorism." *Journal of Human Rights* 15(1): 60-78.

Daniel Milton, Megan Spencer, and Mike Findley. 2013. "Radicalism of the Hopeless: Refugee Flows and Transnational Terrorism." *International Interactions* 39(5): 621-645.

Kenneth Rogerson and Daniel Milton. 2013. "A Policymaking Process "Tug of War": National Information Security Policies in Comparative Perspective." *Journal of Information Technology & Politics* 10(4): 462-476.

Justin Conrad and Daniel Milton. 2013. "Unpacking the Connection Between Terror and Islam." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 36(4): 315-336.

William Berry, Matt Golder, and Daniel Milton. 2012. "The Importance of Fully Testing Conditional Theories Positing Interaction." *Journal of Politics* 74(3): 653-671.

Monographs

Daniel Milton and Muhammad al-'Ubaydi. 2024. *The Caliphate Complaint Box: Stories of Islamic State Governance in the Words of Those Who Lived It*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Daniel Milton. 2021. *Structure of a State: Captured Documents and the Islamic State's Organizational Structure*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Andrew Mines and Daniel Milton. 2021. *"This is War": Examining Military Experience Among the Capitol Hill Siege Participants*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center / Washington, DC: Program on Extremism.

Daniel Milton and Seth Loertscher. 2020. *The Terrorist Lists: An Examination of the U.S. Government's Counterterrorism Designations Efforts*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Daniel Milton and Don Rassler. 2019. *Minor Misery: What an Islamic State Registry Says About the Challenge of Minors in the Conflict Zone*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Daniel Milton. 2018. *Pulling Back the Curtain: An Inside Look at the Islamic State's Media Organization*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Daniel Milton. 2018. *Down, but Not Out: An Updated Examination of the Islamic State's Visual Propaganda*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Daniel Milton and Muhammad al-'Ubaydi. 2017. *The Fight Goes On: The Islamic State's Continuing Military Efforts in Liberated Cities*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Don Rassler, Brian Dodwell, and Daniel Milton. 2016. *Between Then and Now: Comparing the Flow of Foreign Fighters from AQI and the Islamic State*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Arie Perliger and Daniel Milton. 2016. *From Cradle to Grave: The Lifecycle of Foreign Fighters in Iraq and Syria*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Daniel Milton. 2016. *Communication Breakdown: Unraveling the Islamic State's Media Network*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Brian Dodwell, Daniel Milton, and Don Rassler. 2016. *The Caliphate's Global Workforce: An Inside Look at the Islamic State's Foreign Fighter Paper Trail*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Seth Loertscher and Daniel Milton. 2015. *Held Hostage: An Analysis of Kidnapping Across Time and Among Jihadist Organizations*. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Muhammad Al-'Ubaydi, Nelly Lahoud, Daniel Milton, and Bryan Price. 2014. *The Group That*

Calls Itself a State: Understanding the Evolution and Challenges of the Islamic State. West Point, NY: Combating Terrorism Center.

Other Publications

Daniel Milton. 2021. “The al-Mawla Tactical Interrogation Report Mixtape.” *Lawfare*.

Andrew Mines and Daniel Milton. 2021. “The military doesn’t even know how bad its extremism problem is.” *Washington Post*.

Audrey Alexander and Daniel Milton. 2021. “The Impact of the Capitol Attacks on Extremist Operational Security.” *GNET Insight*.

Daniel Milton. 2020. “The al-Mawla TIRs: An Analytical Discussion with Cole Bunzel, Haroro Ingram, Gina Ligon, and Craig Whiteside.” *CTC Sentinel* 13(9): 14-23.

Daniel Milton and Muhammad Al-’Ubaydi. 2020. “Stepping Out from the Shadows: The Interrogation of the Islamic State’s Future Caliph.” *CTC Sentinel* 13(9): 1-13.

Daniel Milton, Seth Loertscher, Julia Lodoen, and Ryan O’Farrell. 2019. “Newly Released ISIS Files: Learning from the Islamic State’s Long-Version Personnel Form.” *CTC Sentinel* 12(9): 15-20.

Daniel Milton, Brian Dodwell, and Muhammad al-’Ubaydi. 2018. “Burying the Lede: The Islamic State Downsizes.” *CTC Perspectives*.

Daniel Milton and Dakota Foster. 2018. “Children at War: Foreign Child Recruits of the Islamic State.” *CTC Sentinel* 11(6): 11-17.

Daniel Milton and Brian Dodwell. 2018. “Jihadi Brides? Examining a Female Guesthouse Registry from the Islamic State’s Caliphate.” *CTC Sentinel* 11(5): 16-22.

Daniel Milton. 2017. “Does the Cure Address the Problem? Examining the Trump Administration’s Executive Order on Immigration from Muslim-majority Countries Using Publicly Available Data on Terrorism.” *Perspectives on Terrorism* 11(4): 87-94.

Daniel Milton and Muhammad al-’Ubaydi. 2016. “Welcome to the Hotel Caliphate: You Can Check Out Any Time You Like, But You Can Never Leave.” *CTC Perspectives*.

Daniel Milton. 2016. “The Missed Opportunity to Counter the Terrorist Message.” *Cipher Brief*.

Daniel Milton and Muhammad al-’Ubaydi. 2015. “Let Your Blood Be [the Caliphate’s] Fuel.” *CTC Perspectives*.

Daniel Milton and Muhammad al-’Ubaydi. 2015. “Pledging Bay’a: A Benefit or Burden to the

Islamic State?” *CTC Sentinel* 8(3): 1-7.

Abigail Jeffers and Daniel Milton. 2014. “Three Hurdles to Peace: Negotiations with the FARC in Colombia.” *CTC Sentinel* 7(6): 13-17.

Daniel Milton, Bryan Price, and Muhammad al-'Ubaydi. 2014. “The Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant: More Than Just a June Surprise.” *CTC Sentinel* 7(6): 1-4.

Bryan Price, Daniel Milton, and Muhammad al-'Ubaydi. 2014. “Al-Baghdadi’s Blitzkrieg, ISIL’s Psychological Warfare, and What It Means for Syria and Iraq.” *CTC Perspectives*.

Kenneth Rogerson and Daniel Milton. 2008. “Internet Diffusion and the Digital Divide: The Role of Policy-Making and Political Institutions.” In *Routledge Handbook of Internet Politics*, eds. Andrew Chadwick and Philip N. Howard. London: Routledge.

Conference Presentations

“Appeasement or Aggression? Understanding the Effects of UN Counterterrorism Treaties on State Behavior,” (with Amira Jadoon) *International Studies Association*, Nashville, TN, March 28 - April 2, 2022.

“Risk and Reward: How Shadow Economies Impact the Financial Practices of Militant Organizations,” (with Amira Jadoon and Andrew Mines) *International Studies Association*, virtual, April 6-9, 2021.

“Targeting Quality or Quantity? Evaluating The Short-Term Effects of Targeting Leadership Cadres Of Militant Organizations,” (with Amira Jadoon and Jason Warner) *Southern Political Science Association*, virtual, April 6-9, 2021.

“Prosecuting Terror: Examining the Outcome of U.S. Terrorism Investigations and Prosecutions,” (with Rachel Yon) *Southern Political Science Association*, San Juan, PR, January 9-11, 2020.

“Truth and Lies in the Caliphate: The Use of Deception in Islamic State Propaganda.” *Society for Terrorism Research*, Oslo, Norway, June 20-21, 2019.

“Committing to Counterterrorism: Explaining State Decisions to Commit to UN Counterterrorism Treaties,” (with Amira Jadoon and Jason Warner) *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, March 27-30, 2019.

“Choosing to Fight, Choosing to Die: The Rise of the Suicide Foreign Fighter,” (with Joseph K. Young and Tyler Evans) *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, August-September 2018.

“Simply Small Men? Examining the Differences Between Females Associated with Terrorist Groups,” (with Rachel Yon) *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, August-

September 2018.

“Prisoners and Politics: Hostage Taking By Terrorist Groups,” (with Seth Loertscher) *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

“Too Central to Fail? Terror Networks and Leadership Decapitation,” (with Bryan Price) *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

“Going Global: Explaining When Terrorist Groups Expand the Geographic Scope of their Operations.” *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“Cries in the Night? The Effect of Military Non-Intervention on Transnational Terrorism,” *Minerva Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, September 2015. Also presented at the *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“Fighting Together? Understanding Bilateral/Multinational Cooperation In The Realm Of Counterterrorism,” (with Arie Perliger) *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.

“Foreign Policy and Transnational Terrorism.” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA, September 2011.

“Freedom Fighters or Terrorists? Media Framing of Terrorist Events,” (with Kenneth Rogerson) *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, February 2010.

“Friends in Low Places: Supporting Repressive Regimes and Transnational Terrorism.” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2009.

“Internet Diffusion and the Digital Divide: The Role of Policy-Making and Political Institutions,” (with Kenneth Rogerson) *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, February 2007.

Teaching Interests

Terrorism, Conflict (Interstate and Intrastate), International Relations, American Government, American Foreign Policy, Homeland & National Security Policy, Research Methods

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Combating Terrorism, United States Military Academy

Homeland Security and Defense, United States Military Academy

Terrorism and Counterterrorism, United States Military Academy

Political Science Research Methods, United States Military Academy

Introduction to American Government, Arkansas State University

Theories of International Relations, Brigham Young University

Capstone Seminar: Terrorism, Brigham Young University

International Conflict, Brigham Young University

American Foreign Policy, Florida State University

National Security Affairs, Florida State University & Brigham Young University

Introduction to International Relations, Florida State University & Arkansas State University

Terrorism and Politics, Florida State University & Arkansas State University

Research Methods in Political Science, Florida State University

Teaching Assistant

Quantitative Analysis in Political Science (Graduate), Florida State University

Political Science Data Analysis (Graduate), Florida State University

American Government (Undergraduate), Brigham Young University

Training

Teaching Certificate, *Program for Instructional Excellence*, Florida State University, Fall 2009

Grants, Awards, and Honors

2022-2023	<i>Global Engagement Center Grant</i> - \$150,000, “Understanding Dissent within Terrorist Organizations”
2021-2024	<i>DOD-MINERVA Grant</i> - \$1,002,455, “Understanding the Impact of Domestic Violent Extremist Organization’s Narratives of Revolutionary Patriotism on U.S. Military Audiences”
2017-2018	<i>DOD-MINERVA R-DEF Grant</i> - \$30,787, “Radical Incarceration: Understanding the Effect of Early Prisoner Experiences on Terrorists”
2016-2017	<i>DOD-MINERVA R-DEF Grant</i> - \$31,603, “Reporting, Ransoms, and Risks: Understanding the Effect of Media Coverage on the Outcomes of Non-State Actor Kidnappings”
2014-2015	<i>DOD-MINERVA R-DEF Grant</i> - \$79,503, “Understanding Terror Designations”
2014-2015	<i>DOD-MINERVA R-DEF Grant</i> - \$12,685, “Invitations for Intervention”
2014	<i>Murdy Teaching Award</i> , Department of Social Sciences, United States Military Academy
2013	<i>Dina Zinnes Award</i> (SSIP Best Graduate Student Paper - ISA)
Spring 2011	<i>Dissertation Research Grant</i> - \$629, Political Science, Florida State University
2011	<i>Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (nominated)</i> , Political Science, Florida State University
2007 - 2011	<i>Graduate Assistantship</i> , Political Science, Florida State University

Miscellaneous

Media:	BBC World News, BBC Radio 5 Live, Wall Street Journal, CNN, KSL Radio, KSL, Daily Beast, Voice of America, ABC News, NBC News, Der Spiegel, New York Times, Vice News, Defense One, Independent, Washington Post
Reviewer:	International Security, Journal of Peace Research, International Interactions, Foreign Policy Analysis, ISQ, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Studies in Conflict & Terrorism, Democracy and Security, Terrorism and Political Violence, Conflict Management and Peace Science, American Political Science Review, Journal of Global Security Studies, Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict, Women & Criminal Justice
Computer:	Proficient in Stata, \LaTeX . Familiar with R.
Language:	Spanish (proficient reading, writing, and speaking)