

# Brenton Kenkel — CV

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## Employment

### Vanderbilt University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2023–present.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014–2023.

### University of Rochester

Visiting Postdoctoral Associate, Wallis Institute of Political Economy, 2017–2018.

### Princeton University

Senior Research Assistant, Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science, 2013–2014.

## Education

### University of Rochester

Ph.D., Political Science, 2014.  
M.A., Political Science, 2011.

### University of Kentucky

B.A., Philosophy, 2008.  
B.A., Political Science, 2008.

## Publications

James Bisbee, Joshua D. Clinton, Cassy Dorff, Brenton Kenkel, and Jennifer Larson. 2024. “Synthetic Replacements for Human Survey Data? The Perils of Large Language Models.” Conditionally accepted at *Political Analysis*.

Brenton Kenkel and Peter Schram. 2023. “Uncertainty in Crisis Bargaining with Multiple Policy Options.” Forthcoming in *American Journal of Political Science*.

Brenton Kenkel and Kristopher W. Ramsay. 2023. “The Effective Power of Military Coalitions: A Unified Theoretical and Empirical Model.” Conditionally accepted at *Journal of Politics*.

Brenton Kenkel. 2023. “Social Conflict and the Predatory State.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 18(4): 437–468.

- Brenton Kenkel and Jack Paine. 2023. “A Theory of External Wars and European Parliaments.” *International Organization* 77(1): 102–143.
- Michael Gibilisco, Brenton Kenkel, and Miguel R. Rueda. 2022. “Competition and Civilian Victimization.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(4-5): 809–835.
- Mark Fey and Brenton Kenkel. 2021. “Is an Ultimatum the Last Word on Crisis Bargaining?” *Journal of Politics* 83(1): 87–102.
- Robert J. Carroll and Brenton Kenkel. 2019. “Prediction, Proxies, and Power.” *American Journal of Political Science* 63(3): 577–593.
- Brenton Kenkel. 2019. “The Efficacy of Cheap Talk in Collective Action Problems.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 31(3): 370–402.
- Brenton Kenkel. 2019. “Signaling Policy Intentions in Fundraising Contests.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 14(2): 225–258.
- Kevin A. Clarke, Brenton Kenkel, and Miguel R. Rueda. 2018. “Omitted Variables, Countervailing Effects, and the Possibility of Overadjustment.” *Political Science Research and Methods* 6(2): 343–354.
- Mark Fey, Jinhee Jo, and Brenton Kenkel. 2015. “Information and International Institutions Revisited.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(1): 149–160.
- Brenton Kenkel and Curtis S. Signorino. 2014. “Estimating Extensive Form Games in R.” *Journal of Statistical Software* 56(8): 1–27.

## Working Papers

- “Designing Political Order” (with Scott F Abramson and Emiel Awad). Revise and resubmit, *World Politics*.  
<https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/9z2gk/>
- “Competition and Free-Riding in Electoral Contests with Outside Spending” (with Mellissa Meisels).
- “Diplomatic Relations and Conflict Management: A Dynamic Analysis.”  
<https://osf.io/preprints/socarxiv/u7aze>

## Awards and Grants

2017. Research Scholar Grant, Vanderbilt University. \$10,000.
2012. Program in Empirical Policy Research Grant (with Curtis Signorino), Wallis Institute for Political Economy.
2011. Graduate Student Poster Award, Society for Political Methodology.

2010. Program in Empirical Policy Research Grant (with Curtis Signorino), Wallis Institute for Political Economy.

2010. Prize for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, Department of Political Science, University of Rochester.

## Invited Presentations and Small Conferences

2023. Formal Models of Conflict Conference, University of Pittsburgh.

2023. Theory in Methods Conference, New York University. (Invited discussant.)

2022. Political Economy Seminar, New York University.

2022. Formal Models of Conflict Mini-Conference, University of Pittsburgh.

2021. Wallis Institute Annual Conference, University of Rochester. (Invited discussant.)

2020. Conference on Formal Models of International Relations, Vanderbilt University.

2018. Ulric B. and Evelyn L. Bray Social Sciences Seminar, California Institute of Technology.

2018. Political Science Speaker Series, Washington University in St. Louis.

2018. Conference on Formal Models of International Relations, University of Southern California.

2018. Research Methods Speaker Series, Texas A&M Department of Political Science.

2017. Political Economy Workshop, University of Chicago Harris School.

2016. Conference on Formal Models of International Relations, University of Southern California.

2015. Conference on Empirical Implications of Bargaining Theory, Princeton University.

2013. Conference on Theoretical and Quantitative International Relations Research, Princeton University.

2013. Mathematical Modeling of Political Behavior Conference, University at Buffalo.

2012. New Faces in Political Methodology, Penn State University.

## Other Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association	2011, 2013–2014, 2016–2023
Midwest Political Science Association	2012–2015, 2019, 2022–2023
Southern Political Science Association	2013, 2016, 2019–2020
European Political Science Association	2017
Peace Science Society (International)	2011, 2014–2015, 2018
Society for Political Methodology	2010–2012, 2015, 2018
International Studies Association	2013, 2016–2017

## Teaching

### Undergraduate

- Crisis Diplomacy (PSCI 2220)
- Causes of War (PSCI 2221)

### Graduate

- Formal Models of International Relations (PSCI 8360)
- Statistics for Political Research II (PSCI 8357)
- Political Economy of War (PSC 586, University of Rochester)

## Professional Service

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, *Communications in Statistics — Simulation and Computation*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Economic Inquiry*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Theory*, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Economic Surveys*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, and *World Politics*.

Award committee member, APSA Formal Theory section, 2023.

## Departmental Service

2022	Placement director
2021	Political economy of conflict/data science search committee
2020–2021	Nominations committee
2018–2019	Placement director
2016	International relations search committee
2014–2016	Graduate committee