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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of California-Los Angeles</b> Ph.D. in Political Science	2004-2010
<b>Oxford University, St. Antony's College</b> M.Phil. in International Relations	2000-2002
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b> B.A. in Political Science and History Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude	1997-2000

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

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<b>Northeastern University</b> Associate Professor Department of Political Science	2019-Present
<b>Northeastern University</b> Assistant Professor Department of Political Science	2013-2019
<b>Northeastern University</b> Faculty Affiliate <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Security and Resilience Studies</li><li>• Global Resilience Institute</li><li>• School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs</li><li>• International Affairs</li></ul>	2013-Present

## OUTSIDE INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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<b>Observer Research Foundation</b> Faculty Fellow New Delhi, India	2016-Present
<b>Counter-Terrorism Academic Community</b> Member Institute for Security Policy at the University of Kiel Kiel, Germany	2017-Present

<b>Council on Foreign Relations</b> Term Member New York, NY	2013-2018
<b>Center for Cyber &amp; Homeland Security</b> Senior Fellow George Washington University Washington, DC	2014-2017
<b>Center for the Study of Terrorism</b> Board Member University of Rome Rome, Italy	2014-2016
<b>Human Security Centre</b> Board Member London, UK	2014-2015
<b>Bar Ilan University</b> Visiting Scholar Department of Economics Ramat Gan, Israel	June 2015
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b> Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Political Science Baltimore, MD	2011-2013
<b>Dartmouth College</b> Visiting Fellow Center for International Understanding Hanover, NH	2010-2011
<b>Princeton University</b> Research Fellow Empirical Study of Conflict Princeton, NJ	2010-2011
<b>Stanford University</b> Postdoctoral Fellow Center International Security & Cooperation Palo Alto, CA	2009-2010
<b>Stanford University</b> Predoctoral Fellow Center International Security & Cooperation	2008-2009

Palo Alto, CA

**West Point Military Academy**

June 2009

Fellow

Combating Terrorism Center

West Point, NY

**Harvard University**

2005-2006

Research Associate

Belfer, Kennedy School of Government

Cambridge, MA

**Tel Aviv University**

2004

Visiting Fellow

Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Tel Aviv, Israel

**Washington Institute for Near East Policy**

2003

Soref Fellow

Washington, DC

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Book**

2018      Abrahms, M. *Rules for Rebels: The Science of Victory in Militant History*.  
Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press (2018).

Reviewed in *Journal of Peace Research, International Affairs, Small Wars  
Journal, Perspectives on Terrorism, Times Literary Supplement, Survival*

**Refereed Journal Articles**

Forthcoming      Abrahms, M., L. Dau, E. Moore, "Terrorism and Corporate Social Responsibility:  
Testing the Impact of Attacks on CSR Behavior." *International Business Policy*.

2018      Abrahms, M. "Denying to Win: How Image Savvy Militant Leaders Respond  
When Operatives Harm Civilians." *Journal of Strategic Studies* (2018).

2018      Abrahms, M. "Correspondence: The Extremist's Disadvantage." *International  
Security* (2018).

2018      Abrahms, M., Kennedy, R., and Ward, M. "Explaining Civilian Attacks: Terrorist  
Networks, Principal Agent Problems and Target Selection." *Perspectives on  
Terrorism* 12, no. 1 (2018): Online.

- 2017 Abrahms, M. and Conrad, J. "The Strategic Logic of Credit Claiming: A New Theory for Anonymous Attacks." *Security Studies* 26, no. 2 (2017): 279-304.
- 2017 Abrahms, M. and Mierau, J. "Leadership Matters: The Effects of Targeted Killings on Militant Group Tactics." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 29, no. 5 (2017): 830-851.
- 2017 Abrahms, M., Beauchamp, N., and Mroszczyk, J. "What Terrorist Leaders Want: A Content Analysis of Terrorist Propaganda Videos." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 40, no. 11 (2017): 899-916.
- 2016 Abrahms, M. "Eficacia Del Terrorismo En La Teoria Y La Practica," *Revista CIDOB d'afers internacionals* 45, no. 112 (2016): 45-68.
- 2016 Abrahms, M. and Gottfried, M. "Does Terrorism Pay? An Empirical Analysis," *Terrorism and Political Violence* 28, no. 1 (2016): 72-89.
- 2015 Abrahms, M. and Potter, B.K. "Explaining Terrorism: Leadership Deficits and Militant Group Tactics," *International Organization* 69, no. 2 (2015): 311-342.
- 2014 Abrahms, M. "Deterring Terrorism: A New Strategy." *Perspectives on Terrorism* 8, no. 3 (2014): 1-11.
- 2013 Abrahms, M. "The Credibility Paradox: Violence as a Double-Edged Sword in International Politics." *International Studies Quarterly* 57, no. 4 (2013): 660-671.
- 2013 Abrahms, M. "Response by Max Abrahms to Peter Krause's 'The Political Effectiveness of Non-State Violence: A Two-Level Framework to Transform a Deceptive Debate,'" *H-Diplo* (June 2013): Online.
- 2012 Abrahms, M. and Lula, K. "Why Terrorists Overestimate the Odds of Victory." *Perspectives on Terrorism* 6, no. 4-5 (2012): 21-33.
- 2012 Abrahms, M. "The Political Effectiveness of Terrorism Revisited." *Comparative Political Studies* 45, no. 3 (2012): 366-393.
- 2011 Abrahms, M., "Does Terrorism Really Work? Evolution in the Conventional Wisdom since 9/11." *Defence and Peace Economics* 22, no. 6 (2011): 583-594.
- 2009 Chenoweth, E., Miller, N., McClellan, E., Frisch, H., Staniland, P., and Abrahms, M. "What Makes Terrorists Tick." *International Security* 33, no. 4 (2009): 180-202.
- 2008 Abrahms, M. "What Terrorists Really Want: Terrorist Motives and Counterterrorism Strategy." *International Security* 32, no. 4 (2008): 78-105.

- 2007 Rose, W., Murphy, R., and Abrahms, M., “Does Terrorism Ever Work? The 2004 Madrid Train Bombings.” *International Security* 32, no. 1 (2007): 185-192.
- 2007 Abrahms, M. “Why Democracies Make Superior Counterterrorists.” *Security Studies* 16, 2 (2007): 223-253.
- 2006 Abrahms, M. “Why Terrorism Does Not Work.” *International Security* 31, no. 2 (2006): 42-78.
- 2006 Abrahms, M. “Al-Qaeda’s Scorecard: A Progress Report on Al-Qaeda’s Objectives.” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 29, no. 5 (2006): 509-529.
- 2005 Abrahms, M., “Al-Qaeda’s Miscommunication War: The Terrorism Paradox,” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 17, no. 4 (2005): 529-549.

### **Non-Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2017 Abrahms, M. “Syria’s Extremist Opposition: How Western Media Have Whitewashed the Rebels’ Record.” *Foreign Affairs* (October 2017): Online.
- 2017 Abrahms, M., Sullivan, D., and Simpson, C. “Five Myths about Syrian Refugees.” *Foreign Affairs* (March 2017): Online.
- 2016 Abrahms, M. “Let Me Guess: You Think You Know What Daesh Wants,” *Royal United Services Institute Journal* 36, no. 1 (January 2016): 11-13.
- 2015 Abrahms, M. “Why People Keep Saying, ‘That’s What the Terrorists Want.’” *Harvard Business Review* (November 2015): Online.
- 2013 Abrahms, M. “Bottom of the Barrel: Today’s Terrorists Aren’t Sophisticated,” *Foreign Policy* (April 24, 2013): Online.
- 2013 Abrahms, M. “Few Bad Men: Why America Doesn’t Really Have Terrorism Problem,” *Foreign Policy* (April 17, 2013): Online.

### **Book Chapters**

- 2020 Abrahms, M. “Can Terrorism Be Rational?” In D. Muro and T. Wilson, eds. *Contemporary Terrorism Studies*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press (forthcoming 2020).
- 2019 Abrahms, M. “The Strategic Model of Terrorism Revisited.” In E. Chenoweth, A. Gofas, R. English, S. Kalyvas, eds., *The Oxford Handbook on Terrorism*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press (2019).
- 2018 Dau L., Moore E., and Abrahms M. “Female Entrepreneurship and International

- Organizations.” In N. Apostolopoulos et al., eds., *Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development Goals*. Emerald Publishing (in press 2018).
- 2018      Dau L., Moore E., and Abrahms M. “Global Security Risks, Emerging Markets and Firm Responses: Assessing the Impact of Terrorism.” In D. Castellani, R. Narula, Q. Nguyen, eds., *Contemporary Issues in International Business*. Palgrave Macmillan (in press 2018).
- 2018      Dau L., Moore E., Petrich K., and Abrahms M. “Terrorism and Resilience: How Family Businesses Respond to Terrorist Activity.” In S. Boubaker and D.K. Nguyen, eds., *Handbook of Global Financial Markets: Transformations, Dependence, and Risk Spillovers*. World Scientific Publishing (2018).
- 2018      Foley F., Abrahms M. “Terrorism and Counterterrorism.” In R. Marlin-Bennett, ed., *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Oxford University Press (2018): Online. Reprinted article.
- 2017      Abrahms M. “Why Terrorism Does Not Work.” In H. Wood, ed., *Current Debates in Peace and Conflict Studies*. Oxford University Press (2017). Reprinted article.
- 2016      Abrahms, M. “What Terrorists Really Want: Terrorist Motives and Counterterrorism Strategy.” In W. Enders, ed., *The Economics of Terrorism*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar (2016). Reprinted article.
- 2015      Abrahms, M. and M. Gottfried. “Does Terrorism Pay? An Empirical Analysis.” In *Financing Terrorism*. London: Routledge (2015). Reprinted article.
- 2014      Abrahms, M. “Why Terrorism Does Not Work.” In S. Lynn-Jones, ed., *Responding to Terrorism: A Batch from International Security*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2014). Reprinted article.
- 2014      Abrahms., M. “Does Terrorism Ever Work? The 2004 Madrid Train Bombings.” In S. Lynn-Jones, ed., *Responding to Terrorism: A Batch from International Security*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2014). Reprinted article.
- 2013      Abrahms., M. “Dying for Nothing? The Political Ineffectiveness of Suicide Terrorism.” In S. Gottlieb, ed., *Debating Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Conflicting Perspectives on Causes, Contexts, and Responses*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly (2013). Reprinted article.
- 2012      Abrahms, M. “What Terrorists Really Want: Terrorist Motives and Counterterrorism Strategy.” In P. H. O’Neil and R. Rogowski, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. New York: W.W. Norton & Company (2012). Reprinted article.

- 2012 Abrahms, M. "Terrorist Motives: A Reassessment of the Conventional Wisdom." In U. Kumar and M. K. Mandal, eds., *Countering Terrorism: Psycho-Social Strategies*. New York: Sage (2012). Reprinted article.
- 2010 Abrahms, M. "Dying for Nothing? The Political Ineffectiveness of Suicide Terrorism." In S. Gottlieb, ed., *Debating Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Conflicting Perspectives on Causes, Contexts, and Responses*. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly (2010).
- 2010 Abrahms, M. "What Makes Terrorists Tick." In M.E. Brown, O.R. Cote, S. Lynn-Jones, and S.E. Miller, eds., *Contending with Terrorism: Roots, Strategies, and Responses*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2010). Reprinted article.
- 2010 Abrahms., M., and F. Foley. "Terrorism and Counterterrorism." In R. A. Denemark, ed., *The International Studies Association Compendium Project*. Oxford, UK: Blackwell (2010).
- 2010 Abrahms, M. "What Terrorists Really Want: Terrorist Motives and Counterterrorism Strategy." In M.E. Brown, O.R. Cote, S. Lynn-Jones, and S.E. Miller, eds., *Contending with Terrorism: Roots, Strategies, and Responses*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2010). Reprinted article.
- 2010 Abrahms, M. "Does Terrorism Ever Work? The 2004 Madrid Train Bombings." In M.E. Brown, O.R. Cote, S. Lynn-Jones, and S.E. Miller, eds., *Contending with Terrorism: Roots, Strategies, and Responses*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2010). Reprinted article.
- 2010 Abrahms, M. "Why Terrorism Does Not Work." In M.E. Brown, O.R. Cote, S. Lynn-Jones, and S.E. Miller, eds., *Contending with Terrorism: Roots, Strategies, and Responses*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press (2010). Reprinted article.
- 2009 Abrahms. M. "The Strategic Influence Deficit of Terrorism." In J. Forest, ed., *Influence Warfare: How Terrorists and Governments Fight to Shape Perceptions in the War of Ideas*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Security International (2009). Reprinted article.
- 2007 Abrahms, M. "Why Terrorism Does Not Work." In J. Snyder and K. Mingst, eds., *Essential Readings in World Politics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: W.W. Norton and Company (2007). Reprinted article.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2013 Of Adam Lankford. 2013. [The Myth of Martyrdom: What Really Drives Suicide Bombers, Rampage Shooters, and Other Self-Destructive Killers](#). New York: Palgrave Macmillan. *Middle East Quarterly* 20, no. 3: 91-92.

- 2012 Of Steven Pinker. 2011. The Better Angles of Our Nature. New York: Viking. *Middle East Quarterly* 19(3): 93-95.
- 2012 Of Daniel Byman. 2011. A High Price: The Triumphs and Failures of Israeli Counterterrorism. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press. *H-Diplo/ISSF* 4, no. 2: 5-9.
- 2011 Of Audrey Kurth Cronin. 2009. How Terrorism Ends: Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. *H-Diplo/ISSF* 2, no. 8: 5-8.
- 2010 Of Audrey Kurth Cronin. 2009. How Terrorism Ends: Understanding the Decline and Demise of Terrorist Campaigns. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. *Middle East Quarterly* 17, no. 4: 85-86.

### **Solicited Pieces by Op-Ed Editors**

- 2018 Abrahms, M. "A Psychological Theory Explains the Mail Bomber Reaction." *The Atlantic*, October 25, 2018.
- 2017 Abrahms, M. and Glaser, J. "How Pundits Got ISIS Wrong." *Los Angeles Times*, December 10, 2017.
- 2017 Abrahms, M. "The T-word: When Is an Attack Terrorism?" *Los Angeles Times*, November 8, 2017.
- 2016 Abrahms, M. "Pundits Think Islamic State's Baghdadi Is Smart Because He's Cruel. That's Nonsense," *Los Angeles Times*, November 6, 2017.
- 2016 Abrahms, M. "Does Terrorism Work as a Political Strategy? The Evidence Says No," *Los Angeles Times*, April 1, 2016.
- 2015 Abrahms, M. "Mohammad Omar's Death Could Help the Afghan Peace Process — or Harm It," *Washington Post*, August 7, 2015.
- 2015 Abrahms, M. "Why Groups Use Terrorism: A Reassessment of the Conventional Wisdom," *Political Violence @ a Glance*, April 22, 2015.
- 2014 Abrahms, M. "Should the US Work With Assad to Fight ISIS?" *New York Times*, August 22, 2014.
- 2014 Abrahms, M. "The KKK Is a Terrorist Organization," *Politico*, April 15, 2014.

### GOOGLE SCHOLAR

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- #1 Terrorism Studies
- #5 Counterterrorism
- #3 Insurgency
- #2 Counterinsurgency
- #3 Armed Conflict

PRESENTATIONS

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**International**

- 2019 Presentation “The Social and Political Effects of Terrorism,” invited presentation to symposium for 25-year anniversary of the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence in the School of International Relations at the University of St Andrews. Fife, Scotland.
- 2019 Presentation “Rebels Rules,” invited presentation to the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.
- 2019 Presentation “Amoebic, Asymmetric and Anarchic: Countering Terrorism as it Evolves,” invited presentation to the Raisina Dialogue hosted by the Indian government. New Delhi, India.
- 2019 Keynote “Why Pundits Got ISIS Wrong,” invited presentation to the Raisina Dialogue hosted by the Indian government. New Delhi, India.
- 2019 Presentation “Roundtable with Dr. Max Abrahms on South Asia’s Geo Strategic Conundrum—A New Theater for ISIS,” invited presentation via Skype to the Islamabad Policy Institute. Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 2018 Keynote “Counterterrorism and Media Challenges,” invited presentation to 7D News conference on terrorism and the media at the St James Hotel London, England.
- 2018 Presentation “Rules for Rebels: A Public Lecture,” invited presentation to the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence in the School of International Relations at the University of St Andrews. Fife, Scotland.
- 2017 Presentation “Targeted Killings, Drone-Strikes & Pro-Active Measures in Counter-Terrorism,” invited presentation to the 17th World Summit on Counter-Terrorism at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism. Herzliya, Israel.

- 2017 Presentation “Squash or Scatter? How Resistance Groups Morph Under Government Pressure,” refereed presentation with Matthew Simonson at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in the Northeast. Providence, RI.
- 2017 Presentation “Terrorism and Communication,” refereed presentation at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. Baltimore, MD.
- 2016 Presentation “Islamic State and Twitter,” invited presentation to the Raisina Dialogue hosted by the Indian government. New Delhi, India.
- 2016 Presentation “Is Islamic State Coming to India?,” invited presentation to the Raisina Dialogue hosted by the Indian government. New Delhi, India.
- 2015 Keynote “Predicting Terrorism,” invited presentation at the Tel Aviv International Salon (Israel’s largest speaker forum). Tel Aviv, Israel.
- 2015 Presentation “Which Groups Use Terrorism and Why,” invited presentation to the Department of International Relations at Hebrew University. Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2015 Keynote “Using Statistics to Understand Terrorism,” invited presentation to the Department of Economics at Bar Ilan University. Ramat Gan, Israel.
- 2015 Presentation “Inside Militant Groups: The Effects of Leadership Deficits on Terrorist Decision Making,” refereed presentation to the International Studies Association Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Discussant “Violence in Civil War: Causes and Consequences,” discussant at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Discussant “Organizing Violence: The Institutional Causes and Effects of Armed Group Ideologies, Networks and Strategies,” discussant at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Presentation “Explaining Terrorism: Leadership Deficits and Militant Group Tactics,” refereed presentation to the International Studies Association Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Presentation “Terrorist Networks and Target Selection,” refereed presentation to The International Studies Association’s Annual Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 Presentation “The Puzzle of Terrorism,” invited presentation to the Handa Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St Andrews. Fife, Scotland.

- 2014 Keynote “How to Fight Boko Haram,” invited presentation to the Nigeria Security Summit at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 Presentation “Are Terrorists Smart? The Puzzle of Terrorism,” invited presentation at the MENSA Annual Conference. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Presentation “How Governments Respond to Terrorism,” invited presentation to TED-X (TED talk). Hollywood, California.
- 2014 Presentation “Why Groups Attack Civilians,” invited presentation to the Annual Origin of Violence Conference at Arizona State University. Tempe, AZ.
- 2014 Presentation “Transnational Actors in War and Peace,” refereed presentation to the International Studies Association Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada.
- 2014 Presentation “The Credibility Paradox: Violence as a Double-Edged Sword in International Politics,” refereed presentation to the International Studies Association Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada.
- 2014 Presentation “How to Deter Terrorists,” refereed presentation to the International Studies Association Annual Convention. Toronto, Canada.
- 2013 Presentation “Assessing Terrorism Risk,” invited presentation to the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI). Paris, France.
- 2013 Presentation “Can Terrorists Be Deterred?,” invited presentation to the Munk School of Global Affairs in the University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada.
- 2013 Discussant “Can Terrorists Be Deterred?,” discussant at the Munk School of Global Affairs in the University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada.
- 2013 Discussant “The Diversity of Terrorism in a Diffuse World: Understanding Patterns of Change,” discussant at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Presentation “Does Terrorism Pay,” refereed presentation to the International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Presentation “Rethinking Terrorism as a Strategic Choice,” refereed presentation to the International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 Discussant “Authoritarian Regimes and Terrorism,” discussant at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. San Diego, CA.

- 2011 Presentation “The Evolution of al Qaeda,” invited presentation to the International Security Forum at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. Zurich, Switzerland.
- 2009 Presentation “Why Terrorists Overestimate the Odds of Victory,” invited presentation to the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano. Bolzano, Italy.

### **National**

- 2019 Presentation “New Findings About Militant Groups,” invited presentation to the Security and Human Behavior Conference at Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA.
- 2019 Presentation “In or Out: America’s Future in the Middle East,” invited presentation to the Institute of Politics at the University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Presentation “War on Terror Panel,” invited presentation to the International Law Society at Boston University School of Law. Boston, MA.
- 2019 Presentation “Terrorist Group Decision-Making,” invited presentation to the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- 2019 Presentation “Author Meets Critics: Special Panel on *Rules for Rebels*,” invited presentation to the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Presentation “What Smart Militants Do,” invited presentation to Marxe School of Public and International Affairs at Baruch College, City College of New York. New York, NY.  
IL.
- 2019 Presentation “What’s Going on in Syria?” invited presentation to John Quincy Adams Society at Boston University. Boston, MA.
- 2018 Presentation “Which Militant Groups Brag about Terrorism? Hint: Stupid Ones,” invited presentation to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2018 Presentation “Rules for Rebels,” invited presentation to the Security Studies Program (SSP) Seminar Series at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA.
- 2018 Presentation “Rules for Rebels,” invited presentation to the Security Studies Program in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Presentation “Rules for Rebels” invited presentation to the Political Violence Workshop

- in the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2018 Presentation “Does Terrorism Work?” invited presentation to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2018 Presentation “Influencing Terrorist Movements and Individuals,” invited presentation to the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- 2018 Presentation “Book Launch: Rules for Rebels,” invited presentation to the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Washington, DC.
- 2018 Presentation “Why ISIS Imploded,” invited presentation to the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism at the University of Maryland. College Park, Maryland.
- 2018 Presentation “Explaining the Fall of ISIS,” invited presentation to the School of Public Affairs at American University. Washington, DC.
- 2018 Presentation “Debating the Effectiveness of Terrorism,” invited presentation to the Department of Political Science at Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA.
- 2018 Presentation “Perceptions of Terrorism,” refereed presentation to the American Political Science Association Annual Convention. Boston, MA.
- 2017 Presentation “Al-Qaeda-ISIS Dynamics,” invited presentation by CENTRA to the National Intelligence Council and National Counterterrorism Center. Arlington, VA.
- 2017 Keynote “Opening Address,” invited presentation with Sen. Bernie Sanders to Churchill Institute for Global Engagement at Westminster College. Fulton, Missouri.
- 2017 Presentation “Terrorism 2027,” invited presentation by CENTRA to the Central Intelligence Agency. Arlington, VA.
- 2017 Presentation “Awareness and Localization of Explosives-Related Threats,” invited presentation to the Department of Homeland Security Center for Excellence at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2017 Presentation “Syria Today and Tomorrow,” invited presentation to the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- 2017 Presentation “Counterterrorism Today?,” invited presentation to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.

- 2017 Presentation “Do Terrorists Learn?,” invited presentation to the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- 2016 Presentation “The Roots of ISIS,” invited presentation to the Wharton Politics and Public Policy Club and Perry World House at University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Presentation “Middle East Politics Discussion,” invited presentation to the Middle East Policy Forum at George Washington University. Washington, DC.
- 2016 Presentation “When Do Terrorist Groups Claim Credit?,” refereed presentation to the American Political Science Association Annual Convention. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Presentation “Exploiting Terrorist Group Vulnerabilities,” invited presentation to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- 2016 Presentation “Security and Human Behavior,” invited presentation to the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2016 Presentation “What’s the Point of Terrorism?,” invited presentation to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “New Organizational Theory for Terrorism,” invited presentation to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “The Terrorism Research Landscape: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,” invited presentation to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “Predicting Terrorism,” invited presentation to the Council on Foreign Relations at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “Terrorism and Events Data: New Findings,” invited presentation to the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics at Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 Presentation “What Terrorists Want,” invited presentation to the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Medford, MA.
- 2014 Presentation “Why Militant Groups Attack Civilian Targets,” invited talk to the Department of Political Science at Trinity College. Hartford, CT.
- 2014 Presentation “Explaining the Terrorism Puzzle,” invited presentation to the Strategic Use of Force Working Group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA.

- 2014 Discussant “Targeting Terrorist Leaders,” discussant for the American Political Science Association Annual Convention. Washington, DC.
- 2014 Presentation “How Leadership Deficits Promote Terrorism,” refereed presentation to the American Political Science Association Annual Convention. Washington, DC.
- 2013 Presentation “Explaining Indiscriminate Violence,” refereed presentation to the American Political Science Association Annual Convention. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 Presentation “How the Terrorism Threat is Overblown,” invited presentation to the Cato Institute. Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Presentation “Terrorism and Bargaining: Does It Work?,” invited presentation to the Department of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 Presentation “The Strategic Logic of Terrorism Revisited,” invited presentation to the Division of Global Affairs at Rutgers University. Newark, NJ.
- 2012 Presentation “Do Drones Work?,” invited presentation to the Institute of International Studies at University of California-Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
- 2012 Presentation “Re-conceptualizing the Terrorism Threat,” invited presentation to the program in International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD.
- 2012 Presentation “How Political Are Terrorists Really?,” invited presentation to the Department of Justice, Law, and Society at American University. Washington, DC.
- 2012 Presentation “Terrorism in Context,” invited presentation to the Cato Institute. Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Presentation “Terrorism: What We Have Learned,” invited presentation to the program in Global Security Studies at Johns Hopkins University. Washington, DC.
- 2011 Presentation “Explaining Terrorist Target Selection,” invited presentation to the department of Justice, Law, and Society at American University. Washington, DC.
- 2011 Presentation “Why Terrorism?,” invited presentation to the Middle East Society at Florida International University. Miami, FL.
- 2011 Presentation “Why Terrorism Closes Bargaining Space,” invited presentation to the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at The Ohio State

University. Columbus, OH.

- 2011 Presentation “After Bin Laden,” invited presentation to the Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research at Wesleyan College. Middletown, CT.
- 2011 Presentation “The Evolution of Terrorism Studies,” invited presentation to the Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research at Wesleyan College. Middletown, CT.
- 2010 Presentation “The Political Effectiveness of Terrorism Revisited,” invited presentation to the War and Peace University Seminar at Dartmouth College. Hanover, NH.
- 2010 Presentation “Is Terrorism Strategic Behavior?,” invited presentation to the Triangle Institute for Security Studies at Duke University. Durham, NC.
- 2010 Presentation “Terrorism in a Changing World,” invited presentation to the National Counterterrorism Center. Warrenton, VA.
- 2010 Presentation “The Strategic Outcomes of Terrorism,” invited presentation to the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences at the University of Texas-Dallas. Dallas, TX.
- 2009 Presentation “The Political Effects of Terrorism,” invited presentation to the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA.
- 2009 Presentation “Does Terrorism Pay?,” invited presentation to the Program on International Security Policy at the University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- 2009 Presentation “Terrorism and Bargaining: A Reassessment,” invited presentation to the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA.
- 2009 Presentation “Why Terrorist Attacks Backfire,” invited presentation to the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA.
- 2009 Presentation “Three Ways in Which the Terrorism Threat is Overblown,” invited presentation to the Cato Institute. Washington, DC.
- 2009 Presentation “Al Qaeda Today,” invited presentation to the National Counterterrorism Center at the University of Texas-Austin. Austin, TX.

## **Local**



- 2018 Discussant “Terrorist Group Dynamics,” discussant for the Boston International Security Graduate Student Conference at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2017 Presentation “The Stupid Terrorist: Lessons from History and the Social Sciences,” invited presentation to the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2017 Presentation “Flash Talk,” invited presentation to the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2017 Presentation “The Political Consequences of Terrorism,” invited presentation to the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2016 Presentation “Terrorism and Cyber,” invited presentation to the Controversial Issues in Security Studies at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2016 Keynote “Why the Conventional Wisdom on Terrorism is Wrong,” invited presentation to the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College. Manchester, NH.
- 2016 Presentation “Why Do Groups Withhold Credit for Terrorist Attacks?,” invited presentation to Alumni Relations’ NU@Noon at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2016 Lecture “Terrorism and Research Methods,” invited lecture in Matthew Cohen’s graduate political science class at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Discussant “Responding to Mass Violence in the Aftermath of Beirut and Paris,” discussant for special event at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Discussant “Democratic Presidential Debate,” discussant with Tom Vicino at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “Findings from Terrorism Studies,” invited presentation to Alumni Relations’ NU@Noon at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Discussant “Rape during Civil War,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Discussant “Ten Theses: Lessons from America’s War for the Greater Middle East,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “The State of Terrorism Studies,” invited presentation to the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.

- 2015 Lecture “Terrorism and Global Governance,” invited presentation to Denise Garcia’s undergraduate class at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “Why Drones Don’t Work,” invited presentation to Politea in the Department of Political Science at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Discussant “The State of Islamic State,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Lecture “International Relations and the Law,” invited presentation to Denise Garcia’s undergraduate class at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Lecture “America Abroad: The United States’ Global Role in the 21st Century,” invited presentation to Denise Garcia’s undergraduate class at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Presentation “The Paris Attacks,” invited presentation to the Center for International Affairs and World Cultures at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Discussant “Smuggler Nation: How Illicit Trade Made America,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Lecture “Palestinian Terrorism in Context,” invited presentation to Dov Waxman’s undergraduate class at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Lecture “The Effects of Drones,” invited presentation to Denise Garcia’s undergraduate class at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Presentation “Israeli Security Challenges Today,” invited presentation at the New England School of Law. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Discussant “Just War Theory and the Gaza War,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Presentation “The Paradox of Terrorism,” invited presentation to Politea in the Department of Political Science at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Discussant “Russian Involvement in Ukraine,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Lecture “The Effects of Drones,” invited presentation to Denise Garcia’s undergraduate class at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.

- 2104 Discussant “A Defense of Obama’s Counterterrorism Strategy,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2014 Presentation “Predicting Terrorist Attacks,” invited presentation to the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2103 Discussant “Syria Today,” discussant for Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2013 Presentation “The Terrorism Puzzle,” invited presentation to the Faculty Works in Progress series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2013 Presentation “Drones and Killer Robots,” invited presentation to the Controversial Issues in Security Studies series at Northeastern University. Boston, MA.

## GRANTS

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### **External**

#### 2018

Principal Investigators: Max Abrahms

Source: Charles Koch Foundation

Title: What Think Tanks Think

Amount: \$23,000

Status: Successful

#### 2016

Principal Investigators: Max Abrahms, Emilio Ferrara, David Lazer

Source: MINERVA (Department of Defense)

Title: Radicalization Efforts and Counterterrorism in Online Networks

Amount: \$1,600,000

Status: Finalist

#### 2013

Principal Investigator: Max Abrahms

Source: Jason Karp Foundation

Title: The Credibility Paradox: Violence as a Double-Edged Sword in International Politics

Amount: \$15,000

Status: Successful

### **Internal**

#### 2017-2019

Principal Investigators: Max Abrahms and Luis Dau

Source: Global Resilience Institute Cross-College Research Seed-Funding Program

Title: Terrorism and Financial Resilience  
Amount: \$75,000  
Status: Successful

2018

Principal Investigators: Max Abrahms and Luis Dau  
Source: Humanities Center Research Cluster  
Title: Terrorism and Firm Resilience  
Amount: \$2,000  
Status: Successful

2018

Principal Investigator: Max Abrahms  
Source: Humanities Center Research Cluster  
Title: Security Studies Collaborative Research Cluster  
Amount: \$2,000  
Status: Successful

COURSES

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**Northeastern University:**

POLS7369 F2018 International Security 20 Students  
POLS3408 F2018 International Security 30 Students  
POLS7343 S2018 Counterterrorism 24 students  
POLS3423 S2018 Terrorism and Counterterrorism 37 Students  
POLS7976 S2018 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7976 S2018 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7369 F2017 International Security 24 Students  
POLS3408 F2017 International Security 38 Students  
POLS3423 S2017 Terrorism & Counterterrorism 44 Students  
POLS7343 S2017 Counterterrorism 21 Students  
POLS7976 F2016 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7976 F2016 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7369 F2016 International Security 20 Students  
POLS3408 F2016 International Security 40 Students  
POLS7343 S2016 Counterterrorism 17 Students  
POLS7976 S2016 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7976 S2016 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7976 F2015 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7976 F2015 Directed Study 1 Student  
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POLS7207 F2015 Seminar: International Relations 12 Students  
POLS7369 F2015 Seminar: International Security 12 Students

POLS7342 F2015 Security/Resilience Toolkit 5 Students  
POLS7343 S2015 Counterterrorism 14 Students  
POLS7347 S2015 Issues in Security Studies 17 Students  
POLS7976 S2015 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7347 F2014 Issues in Security Studies 17 Students  
POLS3408 S2014 International Security 25 Students  
POLS7364 S2014 Terrorism, Violence & Politics 16 Students  
POLS7976 S2014 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7990 S2014 Thesis 1 Student  
POLS7976 F2014 Directed Study 1 Student  
POLS7207 F2013 Seminar: International Relations 6 Students

**Johns Hopkins University (Krieger School of Arts & Sciences):**

AS191 F2011 Terrorism and Counterterrorism 23 Students  
AS183 S2012 Theories of Violence in Political Science 24 Students  
AS111 F2012 Terrorism 21 Students  
AS163 S2013 Human Security 18 Students

**Johns Hopkins University (Global Security Studies):**

GSS202 SU2010 Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Theory and Practice 19 Students  
GSS2014 SU2009 Counterterrorism and Counterinsurgency 11 Students

**Dartmouth College:**

GOV199 S2011 Political Violence 15 students

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

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**Professional Service**

2013-Present      *Journal Referee: Aggression and Violent Behavior, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Economics Quarterly, Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Crime and Delinquency Crime, Law and Social Change, European Journal of International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis, Government and Opposition, International Interactions, International Organization, International Security, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Contemporary History, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Lancet, Middle East Policy, Middle East Quarterly, Military, Strategic and Security Studies, Perspectives on Politics, Perspectives on Terrorism, Political Research Quarterly, Political Psychology, Public*

*Management Review, Security Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Politics*

- 2013-Present Book Referee: Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Georgetown University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, University of Chicago Press
- 2013-Present Grant Referee: National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation
- 2017-Present Member, Counter-Terrorism Academic Community, University of Kiel, Germany
- 2016-Present Faculty Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India
- 2013-2018 Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY
- 2014-2019 Editorial Board Member, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Taylor and Francis
- 2019 External Dissertation Committee Member for Sean Paul Ashley. “Devouring the Revolution: The Origins of Military Subordination and Insubordination in Revolutionary Regimes.” Harvard University. Ph.D. in the Department of Government. Cambridge, MA.
- 2017 External Dissertation Committee Member for Peter Dyrud. “Think Twice: The Deterrent Effect of Hostage Rescue Operations.” Harvard University. Ph.D. in the Kennedy School of Government. Cambridge, MA.
- 2017 External Dissertation Committee Member for Saeed Akhtar Bhatti. “Threat of Chemical and Biological Weapons: Pakistan’s Defence Needs, Problems, and Policy Options.” Quaid-I-Azam University. Ph.D. in Defence and Strategic Studies. Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 2016 External Dissertation Committee Member for Zafar Ali. “Indo-US Strategic Partnership: Impact on Regional Security Paradigm.” Quaid-I-Azam University. Ph.D. in Defence and Strategic Studies. Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 2014-2017 Senior Fellow, Center for Cyber & Homeland Security, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- 2014-2016 Board Member, Center for Study of Terrorism, University of Rome, Italy
- June 2015 Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel
- 2014-2015 Board Member, Human Security Centre, London, UK

## **Professional Honors and Awards**

2008-Present	“Why Terrorism Does Not Work” has perennially been ranked by MIT Press as among the most downloaded articles in the journal <i>International Security</i>
2015	Awarded title of “Super Reviewer” for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>
2014	Awarded title of “Outstanding Reviewer” for journal <i>International Security</i>
2012	Awarded title of “Outstanding Reviewer” for journal <i>International Security</i>

## **PUBLIC SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT**

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### **Regular Expert Commentary on International Security**

- ABC News, Agence France Presse, Al-Arabiyya, Al-Hurra, Al-Jazeera, Al-Jazeera America, Al Jazeera English, Al Manar, Atlantic Monthly, Arise TV, Associated Press, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Baltimore Sun, BBC Radio, BBC Television, BBC Persian, Bloomberg News, Boston Globe, BuzzFeed, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, CBS Evening News, Chicago Tribune, China Central Television, China Radio International, Christian Science Monitor, Chronicle of Higher Education, CNBC, CNN, CNN Financial, CNN International, CNN.Com, CTV Television Network, Daily Beast, El Mercurio, El Mundo, El Pais, Epoch Times, Fars, Financial Times, La Razón, Le Figaro, Foreign Policy, France24, Fox.Com, Fox News, Guardian, Gulf News, Huffington Post, Huffpost Live, International Business Times, Jerusalem Post, Jerusalem Report, Le Monde, Los Angeles Times, Macleans, Mainichi Newspaper of Japan, National Public Radio, New England Cable News, NBC, New York Times, New York Times Weekend Edition, PBS, Pravda, Radio Free Europe, Reuters, Roll Call, Russia Today, Sawa, Sky TV, Slate magazine, Slate podcast, Sirius Radio, The Atlantic, The Nation, The Telegraph, The Times of London, TRT World, USA Today, U.S. News & World Report, Voice of America, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Washington Times, Weekly Standard, Wired, Yahoo

### **Regular Government Consulting on International Security**

- Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Counter-Terrorism Center (NCTC), National Intelligence Council (NIC)