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Research Interests

- Substantive Cyber security and statecraft, geopolitics, digital technologies, policy conceptualization and development, weaponized interdependence, capacity building, great power competition, political geography in cyberspace
- Methodological Qualitative analysis, elite interviews, quantitative text analysis, archival research

Postsecondary Education

- 2021-Present **DPhil (PhD) Candidate in International Relations** at Nuffield College, University of Oxford.
- Fully funded by the UK's Economics and Social Research Council and Nuffield College.
 - Dissertation research: *Virtually inconceivable: Geopolitics, capacity, and sovereignty claims in the digital domain*.
 - Supervised by Dr. Robert Johnson and Professor Dominic Johnson. (See 'papers in progress' sec. for details.)
- 2022 **European Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operation and Strategy** (Euro-SWAMOS), *European Initiative for Security Studies*, Hertie Centre for International Security, Germany
- Oxford Spring School of Advanced Research Methods**, Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford (Quantitative Text Analysis Course)
- 2019-2021 **MPhil in European Politics and Society** (Degree with Distinction), St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford, UK.
- 2015-2019 **Bachelor of Arts (Honours with Distinction) in Political Studies and World Languages**, Queen's University, Canada

Academic Teaching and Lead Research Positions

- 2022-present **Special (Stipendiary) Lecturer in Politics**, Magdalen College, University of Oxford
Tutoring Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) and HistPOL undergraduate students the core International Relations and Practice of Politics papers. I also hold administrative responsibilities for these programmes, including collections (marking), revisions, and the organization of courses. I conducted undergraduate admissions for PPE and HistPOL courses for the 2023-24 cohort.
- 2022 **Tutor in Undergraduate Politics (various courses)**, Regent's Park College and Lady Margaret Hall (University of Oxford)
Tutored the core *International Relations* paper for second year HistPOL undergraduate students at Regent's Park and carried out collections marking; tutored the *Politics of the European Union* paper for Lady Margaret Hall visiting students.

2021-2023 **Co-Convenor and Research Lead**, Cyber Strategy and Information Operations Working Group, **Changing Character of War Centre**, Univ. Oxford
Organizing and leading a weekly discussion group on cyber-related social science topics, with an emphasis on real-world policy implications and research challenges, as part of Changing Character of War Centre (CCW) programming.

Academic Publications and Working Papers

- 2023 Carver, Julia. 'More bark than bite? European digital sovereignty discourse and changes to the European Union's external relations policy.' Forthcoming in *The Journal of European Public Policy*.
- 2022-in progress Carver, Julia. Developing digital 'peripheries' for strategic advantage: Geopolitics and cyber capacity building assistance in Africa. *Draft paper*. Awarded the 'Best Paper' prize at the Hague Conference on International Cyber Security, October 2023 (hosted by the University of Leiden).
- 2023-in progress Carver, Julia. 'Strategic advantage, private firms, and digital infrastructuring: opportunities and challenges for middle powers.' *Working paper*.
- 2022-In progress Seitz, Sam, and Carver, Julia. 'NATO's Nordic Neophytes: How Sweden and Finland's Accession to NATO Alters the Military Balance in Northeast Europe.' *Work in progress*.
- 2019 Carver, Julia. 'Zero Tolerance for Gender Considerations: Deconstructing Barriers in Trump's America', *Politicus Journal* (Volume 5, April 2019). Article accessible online: <https://www.queenspoliticus.com/publications>.

Research Networks and Affiliations

- Research Associate - Changing Character of War Centre, University of Oxford
- Research Fellow – Oxford China Policy Lab
- Member and Content Manager – European Cyber Conflict Initiative (ECCRI)
- Member – European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS), including the Coercive Statecraft network
- Member – British International Studies Association (BISA)

Selected Grants and Awards

DPhil in International Relations (Univ. Oxford, 2021-present):

- 2023 **Best Paper Prize** at the 2023 *Conference on International Cyber Security: War and Peace, Conflict, Behaviour, and Diplomacy in Cyberspace*. Paper title: "Developing digital 'peripheries' for strategic advantage..." (see above 'working paper'). Awarded by the Hague Program on International Cyber Security (University of Leiden).
- 2021-2023 **ESRC Grand Union Doctoral Training Partnership Studentship (with Nuffield College)** – approx. £85200
Full international tuition and living stipend for the DPhil in International Relations, with membership at Nuffield College. Undertaking the studentship's International Relations doctoral training pathway. The ESRC is a UK government Research and Innovation Council.
- 2022 **Nuffield College Research and Travel Grant** – £1073
- 2021-2023 **Dahrendorf Scholarship**, St Anthony's College (Univ. Oxford) - £1500
Awarded to work collaboratively on the Dahrendorf Programme's research project, 'Europe in a Changing World' alongside international institutional partners.

2021 **William R. Miller Postgraduate Award**, St Edmund Hall College (Univ. Oxford) - £6000. *Declined due to alternative funding arrangements with Nuffield College.*

MPhil in European Politics and Society (Univ. Oxford, 2019-2021):

2021 **St. Edmund Hall Schools Prize** and **MPhil Distinction Degree Classification**, for the MPhil in Politics: European Politics and Society (Univ. Oxford) - £100

2021 **Graham Hamilton Travel Award**, St Edmund Hall - £500

2020 **Emerging Thought Leader for Law and Security**, granted by the *Women in International Security Organization* (Canada Chapter) at the University of Toronto, Canada, for my research paper, ‘‘Defective or defensible? Policymaking and influence in a cyberized world.’’

B.A.(Hons.) in Political Studies & World Language Studies (Queen’s Univ., Canada, 2015-2019)

2015-2019 **Chancellor’s (Alumni National) Scholarship**, Queen’s University - \$36,000 CAD
Major scholarship (full tuition with stipend, for four years) awarded for ‘superior academic ability, creative and original thinking, and proven leadership qualities.’

2019 **John Rae Prize in Political Studies** - \$850 CAD
Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and distinction in Political Studies, awarded upon graduation by the Queen’s University Department of Political Studies.

2018 **Herbert F. Malcolm Award for German Language and Culture** - \$700 CAD
Awarded to the student who has the most outstanding performance in second year German courses.

2016 **Adam Shortt Prize in Political Studies** - \$8300 CAD.
Awarded to the student with the highest academic standing in the first-year politics program.

2016 **Garnet Grills Award for Political Studies** - \$300 CAD
Awarded to the female student with the highest academic standing in the first-year politics program.

2016-2019 **4x Dean’s Honour List (Distinction)**

Conference Presentations and Academic Outreach

November 8, 2023 *Panellist* presenting original research paper at the **2023 Conference on International Cyber Security**, Hague Program on International Cyber Security (University of Leiden).

October 18-19 *Contributor*, **Coercive Statecraft Symposium: War, Coercion and Statecraft: The Threat and Use of Force in International Politics**. Closed conference at the European University Institute, Florence (organized by the European Initiative for Security Studies)

June 29, 2023 *Panellist* presenting original research paper and *Chair* (two separate panels) at the **European Initiative for Security Studies 6th Annual Conference** (Barcelona).

June 21, 2023 *Panellist* presenting research paper, the **British International Studies Association Annual Conference** (Glasgow).

March 2023 *Panellist* presenting research paper, **International Studies Association 2023 Annual Convention** (Montreal).

7 October 2022 *Panellist* presenting research paper, **The Future of War Conference 2022**, at the **Netherlands Defence Academy** (Amsterdam).

9 June 2022 *Panel Co-Chair* and *presenter* at the **European Consortium for Political Research’s 11th Biennial Conference on the Standing Group on the European Union** (hosted at Luiss University, Rome, Italy).

- 25 May 2022 *Panellist at the The Future of NATO Conference, hosted by the **Oxford Changing Character of War Centre**, Pembroke College, University of Oxford, UK.*
- April 2022 *Presenter of original research paper at the *Digital Sovereignty – Rhetoric and Reality*’ Conference (**Centre for European Integration Research (EIF)**, **Department of Political Science, University of Vienna**.*
- 2021-2022 ***Seminar Lead and Presenter for the below seminars**, *Cyber Strategy & Information Operations Working Group (CSIO)*, for the **Oxford Changing Character of War Centre** (hosted at Nuffield College), University of Oxford.*

Research Training & Certifications

Overseas Institutional Training

July 2022 European Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operation and Strategy (Euro-SWAMOS). *European Initiative for Security Studies (EISS)*, organized by Hertie Centre for International Security, Berlin, Germany. Received 1000 Euro stipend for attendance costs.

Research Ethics and Teaching Training

February 2022 Tutor Training Certification for the Department of Politics and International Relations (Univ. Oxford). *Required to teach undergraduate tutorials in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford (PPE)*. *Currently on Oxford’s Tutorial Register, 2022-23.*

January 2022 University of Oxford Research Integrity Core Course

March 2016 Canadian Federal TCPS 2 CORE Certificate in Ethical Research (Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans), Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada

Postgraduate Social Science Training at Oxford

2021- Present: UK Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Training
Monthly seminars for additional doctoral training: research methods, practical, teaching, and presentation skills.

April 2022 Quantitative Text Analysis Taught Module, at the Oxford Spring School of Advanced Research Methods, at the Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR)
Recipient of the DPIR’s full tuition bursary (£500).

2019-2021:

- Research Design in Comparative Politics and International Relations
- Advanced Qualitative Methods
- Introduction to Statistical Analysis
- Research Approaches to Technology and Global Politics

Technical Experience: R Studio/ R Programming, NVivo (Qualitative coding software), Microsoft Office Suite products

European Languages Training and Certifications:

English Native proficiency

French Advanced Level (Certification) - Université Sainte-Anne Advanced Conversational French Certificate 2016, 10+ years of study

German Intermediate Level (Certification) - Queen’s University Intermediate German Certificate 2018, Herbert F Malcolm Award; 3 years of courses: GPA: 4.3/4.3

Spanish and Italian Beginner Level - Courses, Queen’s University, 2018, 2019, marks: A+

Russian Beginner Level (Certification) - University of Oxford Language Centre, 2019-20

Dutch Beginner Level - In progress, University of Oxford Language Centre, 2022

Policy engagement

- June 2023 Policy impact workshop with the Oxford China Policy Lab and OECD staff on China
- April 2023 Contributed research paper on cyber defence to the UK Ministry of Defence's *Defence Command Refresh* policymaking process
- April 2023 Special Rapporteur for NATO UK Delegation Conference on the Future of War (closed conference), hosted by the Changing Character of War Centre
- March 2023 Invited to participate in NATO Defence College's *Future Leaders Conference* (Rome)
- February 2023 Presented original research on *weaponized interdependence* to members of the UK Parliament at the Tony Blair Institute
- July 2022 Participated in the UK Ministry of Defence's wargaming exercise
- May 2022 Panellist on the topic of 'Cyber security and cyber defence: Pressing challenges and avenues for future cooperation between NATO and the EU,' at *The Future of NATO Conference*, Oxford Changing Character of War Centre.
- April 2022, 2020 Conference facilitator for the Changing Character of War Centre's closed conference(s) on the Russia-Ukraine War for a policy audience

Other Professional Research and Editorial Experience

- 2023 Content Manager, European Cyber Conflict Research Initiative (ECCRI)
- 2020-2021 Desk Officer (Europe) for Information Activities, Changing Character of War Centre (Pembroke College, Univ. Oxford)
- 2020, 2021 Research Assistant, Department of Politics and International Relations, Univ. Oxford
Supervisor: Professor Jane Gingrich
- 2020-2021 St. Anthony's International Review Journal (STAIR) Theme Section Co-Editor (Issue 16.2), Univ. Oxford
Co-Editor of the 16.2 Theme Section on 'Social Movements: Revolution, Retrenchment, or Reform? Social Movements in a Changing Political World', published in Spring 2021.
- 2018-2019 Research Assistant, Laboratory for Ethnic Research (LECR) at the Department of Political Studies, Queen's University, Canada
Supervisor: Professor Oded Haklai
- 2018-2019 Editor-in-Chief, External Affairs and Investigative Journalism for The Observer, Queen's International Affairs Association, Canada
- 2018 Editor of Fiction, Pamela Callow Publishing, Canada
Edited the novella, The Confidence Man, published in Legal Briefs: A Crime Fiction Anthology (2018: <https://www.pamelacallow.com/legal-briefs/>).
- 2017-2019 Undergraduate Tutor/Peer Writing Assistant, Queen's University Student Academic Success Services (Canada)

Volunteer leadership at Oxford

- 2021-22 Departmental Student Representative for the DPhil in International Relations
- 2021, 2020, 2019 St. Edmund Hall Middle Common Room, Univ. Oxford;
- Returning Officer (2021-2022)
- MCR Vice President (2020-2021);
- Women's Officer, St. Edmund Hall MCR (2019-2020)

Hobbies: Long distance running, camping, creative writing, football (soccer), bird watching