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Education

Binghamton University <i>Binghamton, NY</i>	Ph.D., Political Science 2007-2013
Binghamton University <i>Binghamton, NY</i>	M.A., Political Science 2010
Potsdam College (SUNY) <i>Potsdam, NY</i>	B.A. Politics, B.A. History 2006

Academic Appointments

Kansas State University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Professor 2023-Present
Kansas State University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Associate Director of Security Studies 2024-Present
Kansas State University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Director of Security Studies 2021-2024
Kansas State University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Associate Director of Security Studies 2020-2021
Kansas State University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Associate Professor 2018-2023
Kansas State University <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Assistant Professor 2014-2018
University of Alabama <i>Department of Political Science</i>	Postdoctoral Fellow 2013-2014

Research Interests

Political economy of conflict and security, military deployments, foreign policy, conflict studies, international security, human rights issues, domestic politics, non-governmental organizations, multilevel modeling, Bayesian modeling, causal inference, social network analysis

Publications

Citations: 997 | h-index: 16 | 10-index: 18

Book.....

1. Allen, M. A., Flynn, M. E., Machain, C. M., & Stravers, A. (2022). *Beyond the wire: Public opinion and U.S. Military deployments*. Oxford University Press.

Articles.....

1. DiGiuseppe, M., & Flynn, M. (2026). Scaling open-ended survey responses using IIm-paired comparisons. *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 90(3), 630–656.
2. Allen, M., Flynn, M., Machain, C. M., & Smuek, G. (2025). At the edge of war: Frontline ally support for the united states military1. *International Interactions*, 51(2), 194–223.
3. Fordham, B., & Flynn, M. (2023). Everything old is new again: The persistence of republican opposition to multilateralism in american foreign policy. *Studies in American Political Development*, 37(1), 56–73.
4. Allen, M., Flynn, M., & Machain, C. M. (2022). US global military deployments, 1950-2020*. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 39(3), 351–370.
5. Flynn, M. (2020). Before the dominos fall: Regional conflict, donor interests, and US foreign aid. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 37(1), 39–57.
6. Allen, M., Flynn, M., Machain, C. M., & Stravers, A. (2020). Outside the wire: US mil-itary deployments and public opinion in host states. *American Political Science Review*, 114(2), 326–341.
7. Zingher, J., & Flynn, M. (2019). Does polarization affect even the inattentive? Assess-ing the relationship between political sophistication, policy orientations, and elite cues. *Electoral Studies*, 57(131142).
8. Flynn, M., Machain, C. M., & Stoyan, A. (2019). Building trust: The effect of US troop deployments on public opinion in peru. *International Studies Quarterly*, 63(3), 742–755.
9. Bell, S., Flynn, M., & Machain, C. M. (2018). UN peacekeeping forces and the demand for sex trafficking. *International Studies Quarterly*, 62(3), 643–655.
10. Allen, S., & Flynn, M. (2018). Donor government ideology and aid bypass. *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 14(4), 449–468.
11. Zingher, J., & Flynn, M. (2018). From on high: The effect of elite polarization on mass attitudes and behaviors, 1972-2012. *British Journal of Political Science*, 48(1), 23–45.
12. Flynn, M., & Fordham, B. (2017). Economic interests and threat assessment in the US congress, 1890-1914. *International Interactions*, 43(5), 744–770.
13. Allen, M., Flynn, M., & VanDusky-Allen, J. (2017). Regions of hierarchy and security: US troop deployments, spatial relations, and defense burdens. *International Interactions*, 43(3), 397–423.
14. Allen, M., VanDusky-Allen, J., & Flynn, M. (2016). The localized and spatial effects of US troop deployments on host-state defense spending. *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 12(4), 674–694.
15. Barry, C., Bell, S., Clay, K., Flynn, M., & Murdie, A. (2015). Choosing the best house in a bad neighborhood: Location strategies of human rights INGOs in the non-western world. *International Studies Quarterly*, 59(1), 86–98.

16. Allen, M., VanDusky-Allen, J., & Flynn, M. (2014). *Troops deployments and foreign policy substitution*. 72, Conference.
17. Flynn, M. (2014). Military leadership, institutional change, and priorities in military spending. *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 10(2), 103–126.
18. Flynn, M. (2014). The international and domestic sources of bipartisanship in US foreign policy. *Political Research Quarterly*, 67(2), 398–412.
19. Barry, C., Clay, K., Flynn, M., & Robinson, G. (2014). Freedom of foreign movement, economic opportunities abroad, and protest in non-democratic regimes. *Journal of Peace Research*, 51(5), 574–588.
20. Allen, M., & Flynn, M. (2013). Putting our best boots forward: US military deployments and host-country crime. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 30(3), 263–285.
21. Barry, C., Clay, K., & Flynn, M. (2013). Avoiding the spotlight: Human rights shaming and foreign direct investment. *International Studies Quarterly*, 57(3), 532–544.

Book Chapters.....

1. Allen, M. A., Flynn, M. E., & Martinez Machain, C. (2024). Competing for consent: How U.S. Deployments are shaping major power competition in Europe. In I. Kardon & A. Yeo (Eds.), *Great power competition and overseas bases: Chinese, russian, and american force posture in the 21st century*. Brookings Institution Press.
2. Flynn, M. E. (2016). Battlestar galactica and foreign policy. In M. A. Allen & J. Vaughn (Eds.), *Poli sci fi: An introduction to political science through science fiction*. Routledge Press.

Grants and Awards

- University Small Research Grant for Computational Resources for the Study of Military Deployments, \$10,000. 2022.
- Jones Family Faculty Award for Eastern European Studies, \$5,000. 2021.
- U.S. Department of Defense, Minerva Research Initiative. \$1,200,000. “The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence.” Active January 2018–January 2022.
- Department of Political Science Speaker Series. \$2,000. Kansas State Department of Political Science. 2015.
- Junior Faculty Enhancement Grant. \$10,000. Kansas State University College of Arts and Sciences. 2015.
- Research Incentive Grant. \$5,000. Kansas State Department of Political Science. 2015.

Op-Eds & Analysis

1. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2025). Trump’s canal canard obscures a truth: Panama just wants to run its shipping passage without interference from China or the US. *The Conversation*.
2. Allen, M. A., Martinez Machain, C., & Flynn, M. E. (2024). The US is losing access to its bases in niger—here’s why that’s a big deal. *The Conversation*.

3. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2023). The US signs a military deal with Papua New Guinea – here's what both countries have to gain from the agreement. In *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/the-us-signs-a-military-deal-with-papua-new-guinea-heres-what-both-countries-have-to-gain-from-the-agreement-206159>.
4. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2023). Spy balloon drama elevates public attention, pressure for the US to confront China. In *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/spy-balloon-drama-elevates-public-attention-pressure-for-the-us-to-confront-china-199484>.
5. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2023). The US and the Philippines' military agreement sends a warning to China – 4 key things to know. In *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/the-us-and-the-philippines-military-agreement-sends-a-warning-to-china-4-key-things-to-know-199159>.
6. Michael E. Flynn, Michael A. Allen, & Carla Martinez Machain. (2022). Menu of Foreign Policy: Sanctions, Cyberwar, and Troop Deployment in Ukraine. In *The Defense Post*.
7. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2022). After Afghanistan, US military presence abroad faces domestic and foreign opposition in 2022. In *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/after-afghanistan-us-military-presence-abroad-faces-domestic-and-foreign-opposition-in-2022-172360>.
8. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2022). The US military presence in Europe has been declining for 30 years – the current crisis in Ukraine may reverse that trend. In *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/the-us-military-presence-in-europe-has-been-declining-for-30-years-the-current-crisis-in-ukraine-may-reverse-that-trend-175595>.
9. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2022). Biden sending more troops to Eastern Europe – 3 key issues behind the decision. In *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/biden-sending-more-troops-to-eastern-europe-3-key-issues-behind-the-decision-176332>.
10. Michael E. Flynn. (2019). Cuts to Kansas higher education could hurt national security. *The Kansas City Star*.
11. Allen, M. A., Flynn, M. E., Martinez Machain, C., & Stravers, A. (2019). UN Peacekeeping and the Demand for Sex Trafficking. In *Political Violence @ a Glance*.
12. Flynn, M., Allen, M., & Machain Martinez, C. (2019). Trump wants South Korea and Japan to pay more for defense. *The Washington Post*.
13. Machain, C. M., Allen, M. A., & Flynn, M. E. (2019). Why does the US pay so much for the defense of its allies? 5 questions answered. *The Conversation*.
14. Allen, M. A., Flynn, M. E., Martinez Machain, C., & Stravers, A. (2019). Understanding How Populations Perceive U.S. Troop Deployments. *The Owl In the Olive Tree*.
15. Allen, M. A., Flynn, M. E., Martinez Machain, C., & Stravers, A. (2019). The Implications of 5,000 troops to Colombia. In *The Duck of Minerva*.
16. Flynn, M. (2017). Are transgender military members more suicidal than others? A careful look at the data puts that in doubt. *The Washington Post*.
17. Flynn, M. (2014). The bipartisanship of appointments to the foreign policy bureaucracy is more affected by domestic factors than international. *LSE American Politics and Policy*.

Software

- troopdata: Tools for Analyzing Cross-National Military Deployment and Basing Data
 - Version Links: CRAN; Development/GitHub
 - Total CRAN Downloads: 19908
- greenbook: Tools for Analyzing US Foreign Policy Spending Data
 - Version Links: Development/GitHub

Data

- “U.S. Global Military Deployments, 1950–2020” with Michael E. Flynn and Carla Martinez Machain. Last updated: February 19th, 2021.
- “Survey on The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence, 2018-2019.” with Michael E. Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers. Last updated: February 26th, 2021.
- “U.S. Military Construction Geocoded Data.” with Michael E. Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers. Last updated: December 10th, 2020.
- “U.S. Military Expenditures to Countries Data.” with Michael E. Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers. Last updated: December 10th, 2020.
- “Crime Data for The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence Wave 1.0 .” with Michael E. Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers. Last updated: March 4th, 2020.
- “Survey on The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence, 2018-2019.” with Michael E. Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers. Last updated: February 14, 2020.
- “Protest Data for The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence.” with Michael E. Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers. Last updated: January 16th, 2020.
- “Survey on The Political, Economic, and Social Effects of the United States’ Overseas Military Presence, 2018.” with Michael E. Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers. Last updated: June 29th, 2019.

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association: 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

International Studies Association: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Peace Science Society International: 2019

Department of Defense Minerva Initiative Program Conference: 2019, 2020

Network of European Peace Scientists: 2018

Midwest Political Science Association: 2011, 2012, 2014

International Studies Association Midwest: 2015, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024

International Studies Association West: 2018, 2019

Political Networks Conference: 2011

Binghamton University Conference on Immigration Politics: 2011

Invited Talks and Workshops

- “Overseas military deployments and crime.” 2021. Virtual workshop organized and hosted by Asif Efrat, Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel
- “The lifecycle of military basing.” Peace Science Society International Annual Meeting, 2019.
- “Hegemonic Leadership, Security Commitments, and Integration in the Liberal International Order.” (with Michael A. Allen and Colin M. Barry). Presented at the University of Georgia Department of International Affairs’ Colloquium Series, Athens, GA.

Teaching

Undergraduate.....

- Introduction to World Politics
- American Foreign Policy
- Political Economy of Conflict
- Domestic Politics and International Relations

Graduate.....

- International Security
- Comparative Foreign Policy
- Security Studies Research Methods
- Research Design in Security Studies

Service

Disciplinary.....

- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Reviewer for American Political Science Association, 2024.
- Organizer, Troop Deployment Workshop, Peace Science Society International, 2021 (Cancelled).
- Editorial Board, International Interactions. 2019–Present.
- Book Award Committee, Foreign Policy Analysis section, International Studies Association, 2018.
- Organizer, junior faculty spotlight series, Quantitative Peace, 2020-2021
- Contributing writer at the Quantitative Peace, 2009–Present.
- Consultant, Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), First Infantry Division, United States Army, Fort Riley, KS, 2015–2016.

University.....

- Consulting on research security topics for the University Research Compliance Office, 2024.
- Chair, Planning Committee, Graduate Faculty Council, 2021
- Member, Planning Committee, Graduate Faculty Council, 2020-Present
- Member, Graduate School Ft. Leavenworth Project Coordinator hiring committee, 2021.
- Research Office mentorship luncheon for junior faculty, 2020.
- Guest lecture on Cold War foreign policy, College of Education, 2018.
- Faculty Advisor, Kansas State University International Relations Club, 2016–Present.

Department.....

- Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2025-Present.
- Associate Director of Security Studies, 2024-Present.
- Director of Security Studies, 2021-2024
- Chair, Security Studies Executive Committee, 2020–2024.
- Department Outreach Committee, 2023-2025.
- Department MA Program Working Group, 2022.
- Associate Director of Security Studies, 2020-2021.
- Chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2020–2021.
- Speakers Committee, 2022-2023.
- Website Committee, 2023.
- Rank and Tenure Committee, 2020–2021.
- Diversity Committee, 2020–2022.
- Department Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2018–2019.
- Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016–2018.
- Security Studies Executive Committee, 2016–2018.
- MA Program Committee, 2015–2017.
- Faculty Hiring Committee, 2015–2016.
- Department Ph.D. Exam Committee, 2014–2015, 2018–2019.
- Department Events and Outreach Committee, 2014–2015.

Journal Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Foreign Policy Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, International Interactions, Journal of Development Studies, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Review, Journal of Global Security Studies, Review of International Organizations, New England Journal of Political Science, International Relations of the Asia-Pacific

Computer Skills

- R (Advanced)
- Stata (Advanced)
- LaTeX (Advanced)

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