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## EDUCATION

2015 University of Maryland, College Park  
PhD in Political Science (International Relations and Security Studies).  
Dissertation: “Provision and Impact of External Support to Combatants in Civil War.”

## POSITIONS

2023-present, Assistant Research Professor  
Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park  
  
2018-2022, Assistant Research Scientist  
Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland,  
College Park

## SELECTED ARTICLES

“Attacks on History: The Causes of Cultural Heritage Damage During Armed Conflict,” **Jacob Aronson**, Deniz Cil, Paul K. Huth, and Brian I. Daniels. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 2025.  
  
“Detecting Damage to Cultural Heritage during Armed Conflict Using the Case of Ukraine,” Deniz Cil, Hayden F. Bassett, **Jacob Aronson**, Madeleine Gunter-Bassett, William Welsh, Katharyn Hanson, Corine Wegener, and Brian I. Daniels. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 2025.  
  
“The Tyranny of Supply: Natural Resources and Rebel Territorial Control,” **Jacob Aronson**, Michael Findley, Kyosuke Kikuta, and James Walsh. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2024.  
  
“Power-sharing versus Power-grabbing in the Aftermath of Civil War: Evidence from Public Opinion in Mosul, Iraq,” Sam Whitt, Jonathan Hall, **Jacob Aronson**, Vera Miranova, Paul Huth, and James Walsh. *Security Studies*, 2024.  
  
“Identification of Deliberate Building Targeting During War: Evidence from Donetsk Oblast,” **Jacob Aronson**, Deniz Cil, Hayden Bassett, and Brian I. Daniels, *Tearline*, 2024.

## ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

“Appetite for Revision: Military Drones and Interstate Disputes,” **Jacob Aronson**. 2025. *Under review*.  
  
“A Sanctuary-centric Theory of Civil War Outcomes,” **Jacob Aronson**, Paul Huth, and Mark Lichbach, 2025. *Under review*.

## SELECTED ARTICLES AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

“Damage to Cultural Heritage Sites,” **Jacob Aronson**, Deniz Cil, and Hayden Bassett. Technical report series for CSO, DoS, 2022-2023.  
  
“Population Displacement and Return in Ukraine,” **Jacob Aronson**, Deniz Cil, Andrew Marx, and Forrest Pound, *Conflict Observatory*, DoS, 2022.  
  
“Making Use of History: The Effects of US Use of Force Short of War,” **Jacob Aronson**, Daniel Tuke, Paul Huth, and Melanie Sisson. In *Military Coercion and US Foreign Policy*, 2020.

“Gray Zone Deterrence: Success and Failure in Interstate Disputes Short of Conventional War,” **Jacob Aronson** and Paul Huth. Technical reports and presentations for DARPA, DoD, 2017-2018.

“Rebel and State Armed Force Size in Internal Conflicts,” **Jacob Aronson** and Paul Huth in *Peace and Conflict 2017*, edited by David Backer, Ravinder Bhavnani, and Paul Huth. New York: Routledge, 2017.

#### SELECTED GRANTS

Co-PI, “Military Adaptation and War Termination,” Department of Defense Minerva Research Initiative, 2024-2027 (\$2,499,000) [Minerva program and all funding was canceled in 2025].

PI, “Conflict Observatory,” Smithsonian Institution and Department of State, 2022-2023 (\$70,958).

PI, “The Effectiveness of Drones, Air Power, and Modern Coercion,” National Science Foundation, 2022-2025 (\$418,437).

#### SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“The Geography of Military Activity and Battlefield Success,” **Jacob Aronson** and Paul Huth. 2025.

“Flying for Peace? UN Aviation Units and Local Peacekeeping Effectiveness,” Deniz Cil and **Jacob Aronson**. 2025.

“Offshore Coercion: Detering and Compelling Nonstate Actors using Airpower,” **Jacob Aronson**. 2025.

“Reassessing the Causes of Military UAV Development using the New ARM-UAV Dataset,” **Jacob Aronson** and Megan Lloyd. 2025.

“The Causes of Displacement: Evidence from Ukraine,” **Jacob Aronson**, Deniz Cil, and Andrew Marx. 2024.

“Soft Money Insurgency: The Determinants of Rebel Funding Strategies,” **Jacob Aronson**, James Walsh, Paul Huth. 2024.

“Ethnic Cleansing, Battlefield Control, and Collateral Damage: The Dynamics of Population Movement in Eastern Ukraine,” **Jacob Aronson** and Deniz Cil. 2023.

“Protecting History: Cultural Heritage Damage and the Production of Violence.” **Jacob Aronson**. 2022.

“Local Ownership of Aid: Reconstruction Assistance, Effective Counterparties, and Insurgent Violence,” Deniz Cil and **Jacob Aronson**. 2021.

“Information, Agency, and Return Intentions: Evidence from Displacement following the Battle for Mosul,” James Walsh, **Jacob Aronson**, Jonathan Hall, and Paul Huth. 2021.

#### SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland, College Park

Graduate course, “Quantitative Methods for Political Science” (Fall 2021-2025)

Graduate course, “Quantitative Analysis of International Political Economy and International Security” (Spring 2022-2025)