Biography:
Danielle L. Lupton is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Colgate University, in Hamilton, NY. Her research focuses on the role of individual leaders in international security. More specifically, she is interested in how the behavior and characteristics of individuals affect the onset of interstate conflict. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University in 2014. She also earned an M.A. in Political Science from Duke University in 2011 and a B.A. in Political Science from Furman University, where she graduated summa cum laude and was the recipient of the S. Sydney Ulmer Political Science Medal and the Duke Scholar Fellowship. During her graduate studies at Duke, Danielle was the recipient of multiple fellowships, including a Summer Research Fellowship from the Robert K. Steel Family Graduate Fellowship Endowment, a Summer Fellowship from the Duke Program for Study of Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy (DIPE), and the Hartman Center Internship in the David M. Rubenstein Library. She is also the double recipient of the Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Fellowship and is a two-time Bradley Fellow. In addition to these fellowships, Danielle received research grants from both the Duke Program for Study of Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy and the Duke University Social Science Research Institute. Danielle also received the Alona Evans International Law and International Relations Award in 2012. Most recently in April 2015, Danielle received a travel grant from the Eisenhower Foundation to conduct research for her manuscript, entitled Leaders, Perceptions, and Reputations for Resolve. Danielle has presented her research at annual meetings for the American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, and Peace Science Society, among others. At Colgate University, Danielle teaches courses in international relations and American Foreign Policy, and she accentuates to her students the importance of leaders to the conduct of international affairs.

Abstract:
Danielle Lupton’s dissertation, entitled Leaders, Perceptions, and Reputations for Resolve, investigates whether individual leaders develop reputations for resolute behavior based on their actions while in office. Lupton theorizes that leaders will look to each other’s past actions when making assessments of resolve and that early interactions with other leaders while in office will be most influential to reputation development. Using a multi-methods approach consisting of experiments, a large-N observational study, and historical case studies, Lupton finds both a leader’s actions and statements contribute to leader-specific reputations for resolve. Furthermore, these reputations are path-dependent as actions early during a leader’s tenure are most influential to reputation development. These findings illuminate how leaders communicate their intentions as well as which types of signals most effectively convey these intentions. Lupton’s work demonstrates the behavior of leaders is critical to the conduct of international events.