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## BACKGROUND & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

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Conflict Processes; Political Violence; Rebel Governance & Territorial Control; Human Rights; International Security; Insurgency/Counterinsurgency; Terrorism/Counter-Terrorism.

Quantitative Data Analysis; Fieldwork in Conflict Zones.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### University of Connecticut

Asst. Research Professor, Human Rights Institute

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### University of California, San Diego

Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for Peace and Security Studies

2018-2020

## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**, Political Science: PhD (2018), M.Phil (2014), M.A. (2012)

Committee: V. Page Fortna (Sponsor), Jack L. Snyder, Massimo Morelli (Bocconi), Macartan Humphreys, and Zachariah Mampilly (Vassar).

**Emory University**, Political Science: B.A. (2010): High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

## RESEARCH & WRITING

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “Terrorism and the Varieties of Civil Liberties,” w/ RK Morgan. Forthcoming, *Journal of Global Security Studies*.
- “Terrorism in Armed Conflict: New Data Attributing Terrorism to Rebel Organizations,” w/ VP Fortna and NJ Lotito. Conditionally Accepted, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.
- “Rebel Territorial Control and Civilian Collective Action in Civil War: Evidence from the Communist Insurgency in the Philippines.” 2020. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 64(2-3): 459-489.
- “Don’t Bite the Hand that Feeds: Rebel Funding Sources and the use of Terrorism in Civil Wars,” w/ VP Fortna and NJ Lotito. 2018. *International Studies Quarterly*, 62(4): 782-794.

### Under Review and Working Papers

- “Social Cohesion and Community Displacement in Armed Conflict,” w/ DY Arnon and RJ McAlexander.
- “Revolt and Rule: Learning about governance from rebel groups,” w/ CE Loyle, JM Braithwaite, KG Cunningham, R Huang, RJ Huddleston, DF Jung, and MA Stewart. Under Review.

### Works in Progress

- “Forced Displacement and Ethnic Enclaves in Armed Conflict,” w/ SR Schwartz.
- “Terrorism and Liberalization.”
- “Concede with Caution: Government Concessions and Self-Determination Movement Fragmentation.”
- “Government Repression and Rebel Organizations’ use of Terrorism,” w/ VP Fortna.

- “Does Rebel Service Provision Enable Terrorism?”
- “Named Entities in the Social Sciences (NESS)–Political Organizations: Introducing a New Dataset,” w/ RW Douglass, and TL Scherer.
- “Predicting Terror,” w/ RJ McAlexander.

### Book Chapters

- “Data Sets II: Nonstate actors, civil wars, and other units of analysis.” In *Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations*, RJ Huddleston, T Jamieson, and P James, eds. Edward Elger Publishing. Manuscript in Progress.

### Book Reviews

- *Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves*, by Oliver Kaplan. Winter 2018-2019. *Political Science Quarterly*, Volume 133, Issue 4.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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### Research Grants

- Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University 2019-2020
  - “Govt. Repression and Rebel Terrorism,” w/ VP Fortna
- Center for Israel Education 2019-2020
  - Palestine Village Files Project, w/ DY Arnon and RJ McAlexander.
  - Translation and coding of Israeli paramilitary archival material.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2015-2016
  - Philippines Fieldwork: Interviews with village elders, government and military.
- Weatherhead East Asian Institute, PhD Training Grant 2015
  - Philippines Fieldwork.
- Columbia Univ. Political Science Dept. Dissertation Development Grant 2015
  - Philippines Fieldwork.
- Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4), Earth Institute, Columbia Univ. 2014-2015
  - Philippines Fieldwork.
- Harriman Institute, PepsiCo Research Travel Award 2015
  - Kosovo Fieldwork.

### Fellowships

- Emory University QuanTM Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Spring 2016
- Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4), Earth Institute, Columbia Univ. Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2014-2015

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

- Univ. of Southern California (USC), Korean Studies Institute (KSI), Jan. 30, 2020.
- UC-Riverside Dept. of Political Science, May 13, 2019.
- UCLA Dept. of Political Science, Dec. 5, 2017.
- Vanderbilt University Dept. of Political Science, Nov. 1, 2017.
- Princeton University, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC), Oct. 10, 2017.

- Univ. of Connecticut Political Economy Workshop, Dec. 9, 2016.
- Yale University, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Oct. 10, 2016.
- Emory University, QuanTM Visiting Fellows Speaker Series, Apr. 27, 2016.
- Univ. of Denver, Sie Center Research Seminar, Jan. 15, 2015.

### **Invited Workshops**

- Civilians in Conflict Workshop. Peace Science Society 2019, Nov. 7, 2019.
- Functional Governance/Welfare Non-state Workshop. Univ. of Toronto, Oct. 4-5, 2019
- Ostrom Workshop-Rebel Governance and Legitimacy, Indiana University, May 23, 2019.
- Rebel Governance Network Workshop. Peace Science Society 2018, Univ. of Texas, Nov. 8, 2018.
- The Welfare Non-State. University of California, San Diego, June 7-9, 2018.
- Non-State Actors and Governance. Peace Science Society 2016, Notre Dame University, Oct. 2016.
- Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Settings Workshop. Sie Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Univ. of Denver, Apr. 2015.

### **Academic Conferences**

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting: 2015-2019
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting: 2015-2018, 2020
- Peace Science Society Annual Meeting: 2014, 2016-2019

## **DATA COLLECTION**

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### **Fieldwork**

- Philippines (July-Aug. 2014, Sept.-Dec. 2015)
  - Key Informant Interviews with village leaders in 75 randomly sampled villages within three conflict-affected provinces, Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental, and Agusan del Sur.
  - Semi-structured Elite Interviews with government officials, NGO representatives, military and police personnel, and activists in the Bangsamoro and CPP-NPA peace processes.
- Kosovo (June 2015)
  - Interviews with former KLA members, govt. officials, and NGO representatives.

### **Datasets**

- Named Entities in the Social Sciences (NESS)-Political Organizations
  - A global dataset of nonstate political organizations extracted from Wikidata using weak supervision machine learning techniques.
- Terrorism in Armed Conflict (TAC)
  - Assigns specific attacks recorded in the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) to rebel organizations included in the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP) family of datasets.

## **TEACHING**

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### **UConn**

- Topics in Human Rights Practice: Impact Assessment in Conflict Settings (Planned)      Spring 2021

### **Columbia University (Instructor)**

- POLS S1601–International Politics      Summer 2015

## Columbia University (Teaching Assistant)

- POLS UN1611–International Politics (Prof. Robert Jervis) Spring 2017 & Spring 2018
- POLS W4911–Analysis of Political Data (Prof. Robert Shapiro) Spring 2015
- POLS V1601–International Politics (Prof. Kimberly Marten) Fall 2014
- POLS W3720–Scope and Methods (Profs. Shigeo Hirano & Dorian Warren) Spring 2013
- POLS W4895–War, Peace, and Strategy (Prof. Richard Betts) Fall 2012

## SERVICE

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### Advising & Mentoring

- Brandon Turner (Morehouse College, 2021) Summer 2019
  - Advising and mentoring as part of the Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS) program at UCSD.
- Nathan Felmus (Bronx Science Academy, 2019) AY 2017-2018
  - Advising and mentoring Nathan in conducting his research project through the Regeneron Science Talent Search program.

### Referee

- *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Human Rights*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Science Quarterly*.

## SKILLS

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- Programs: R, Stata, ArcGIS, Excel
- Statistics & Data Analysis: Linear Modeling, Non-Linear Modeling & Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Time Series & Panel Data Analysis, GIS & Spatial Data Analysis, Bayesian Data Analysis
- Qualitative Research and Fieldwork in Conflict Settings
- Research Project Management

## REFERENCES

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### Prof. V. Page Fortna

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