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BACKGROUND & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Conflict Processes: Political Violence; Terrorism; Rebel Governance & Territorial Control.
International Security; Political Economy of Conflict & Development; Human Rights.

Quantitative Data Analysis; Fieldwork in Conflict Zones.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Connecticut

Asst. Research Professor, Human Rights Institute

2020-

University of California, San Diego

Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for Peace and Security Studies

2018-2020

EDUCATION

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

Committee: V. Page Fortna, 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

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. Forthcoming, *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.
 - APSA 2020 Conflict Processes Best Paper Award
- “Rebel Territorial Control and Governance,” w/ MA Stewart.
- “Revolt and Rule: Learning about governance from rebel groups,” w/ CE Loyle, JM Braithwaite, KG Cunningham, R Huang, RJ Huddleston, and DF Jung.

Works in Progress

- “Forced Displacement and Ethnic Enclaves in Armed Conflict,” w/ SR Schwartz.
- “Terrorism and Territorial Control in Civil Conflict.”

- “Government Repression and Rebel Organizations’ use of Terrorism,” w/ VP Fortna.
- “Concede with Caution: Government Concessions and Self-Determination Movement Fragmentation.”
- “Named Entities in the Social Sciences (NESS)–Political Organizations: Introducing a New Dataset,” w/ RW Douglass, and TL Scherer.

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.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND AFFILIATIONS

Research Grants

- Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University 2019-2020; 2020-2021
 - “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.

Awards and Fellowships

- APSA 2020 Conflict Processes Best Paper Award
 - “Social Cohesion and Community Displacement in Armed Conflict.”
- 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

Affiliations

- Core Faculty, UConn [Engineering for Human Rights Initiative](#)
- Faculty Affiliate, UConn [Business and Human Rights Initiative](#)
- Faculty Affiliate, [Research Program on Economic and Social Rights](#)

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

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

- Terrorism in Armed Conflict (TAC) [[GitHub Page](#)]
 - Assigns attacks recorded in the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) to rebel organizations included in the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP) family of 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.

TEACHING

UConn

- Human Rights and Armed Conflict (Planned) Fall 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

Advising & Mentoring

- Brandon Turner (Morehouse College, 2021) Summer 2019
 - UCSD’s Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS) program.
- Nathan Felmus (Bronx Science Academy, 2019) AY 2017-2018
 - 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

- 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

REFERENCES

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