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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, San Diego

- Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for Peace and Security Studies 2018-

EDUCATION

Columbia University

New York, NY

- *Ph.D., Political Science* 2018

- Fields of Study: International Relations, Comparative Politics

- Dissertation:

“Rebel Territorial Control, Governance, and Political Accountability in Civil War: Evidence from the Communist Insurgency in the Philippines.”

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

- *M.Phil., Political Science* 2014

- *M.A., Political Science* 2012

Emory University

Atlanta, GA

- *B.A. (High Honors), Political Science* 2010

- Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “Don’t Bite the Hand that Feeds: Rebel Funding Sources and the use of Terrorism in Civil Wars,” (with V. Page Fortna and Nicholas Lotito). 2018. *International Studies Quarterly*, Volume 62, Issue 4.

Under Review

- “Rebel Territorial Control and Civilian Collective Action in Civil War: Evidence from the Philippines.”
- “Regime Types and Terrorism Revisited: The Institutional Determinants of Terrorism,” (with Richard K. Morgan).
- “Terrorism in Armed Conflict (TAC): Introducing a New Data Set on Terrorism in Civil War, 1970-2012,” (with V. Page Fortna and Nicholas Lotito).

Working Papers and Works in Progress

- Named Entities in the Social Sciences (NESS)-Nonstate Actors: A Global Dataset of Nonstate Political Actors.
- “State Support for Rebel Groups in the Context of Gray Zone Conflict: Interstate Security Networks and the Market for Sponsorship.”
- “Concede with Caution: How Concessions Affect Rebel Group Cohesion,” (with Nora Keller).

OTHER WRITING

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

Fellowships

- Emory University QuanTM Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Spring 2016

Research Grants

- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2015-2016
- Weatherhead East Asian Institute, PhD Training Grant 2015
- Columbia Univ. Political Science Dept. Dissertation Development Grant 2015
- Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity,
Earth Institute, Columbia Univ. Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2014-2015
- Harriman Institute, PepsiCo Research Travel Award 2015

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- UCLA Dept. of Political Science, December 5, 2017.
- Vanderbilt University Dept. of Political Science, November 1, 2017.
- Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC), Princeton University, October 10, 2017.
- Univ. of Connecticut Political Economy Workshop, December 9, 2016.
- Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University, October 10, 2016.
- QuanTM Visiting Fellows Speaker Series, Emory University, April 27, 2016.
- Sie Center Research Seminar, Univ. of Denver, January 15, 2015.

Workshops

- 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, Denver University, April 2015.

Academic Conferences

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

FIELDWORK

Philippines Fieldwork

July-Aug. 2014, Sept.-Dec. 2015

- Barangay-level Key Informant Interviews
 - Subjects include village leaders in 75 randomly sampled villages within three conflict-affected provinces: Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental, and Agusan del Sur.
- Semi-structured Elite Interviews
 - Subjects include government officials, NGO representatives, military and police personnel, and activists in the Bangsamoro and CPP-NPA peace processes.

Kosovo Fieldwork

June 2015

- Structured Interviews in Pristina, Kosovo
 - Subjects include former KLA members, government officials, and NGO representatives in Kosovo.

DATASETS/DATA COLLECTION PROJECTS

Named Entities in the Social Sciences (NESS)-Nonstate Political Actors

2018-

- A Global Dataset of Nonstate Political Actors based on Wikidata.
We link existing social science datasets to their Wikidata items and use the information from the datasets and Wikidata/Wikipedia in a Latent Variable Model to measure the extent to which each of the approximately 51 million Wikidata items fits our definition of Nonstate Political Actor. The sample will be used for further data collection and will be useful for researchers investigating questions related to political competition and conflict.

Terrorism in Armed Conflict (TAC)

2012-2018

- Assigns specific attacks recorded in the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) to rebel organizations included in the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP)/Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Armed Conflict Data (ACD). Provides a structured, flexible coding system for assigning attacks to specific actors in order to accommodate a broad range of researcher definitions of terrorism as well as levels of uncertainty associated with identifying the attack perpetrator.

Research Assistant

- Professor V. Page Fortna 2012-2015
- Professor Massimo Morelli 2013-2014

TEACHING

Courses Taught (Columbia Univ.)

- POLS S1601–International Politics Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant (Columbia Univ.)

- POLS UN1611–International Politics Spring 2017 & Spring 2018
 - Professor Robert Jervis
- POLS W4911–Analysis of Political Data Spring 2015
 - Professor Robert Shapiro
- POLS V1601–International Politics Fall 2014

- Professor Kimberly Marten
- POLS W3720–Scope and Methods Spring 2013
 - Professors Shigeo Hirano and Dorian Warren
- POLS W4895–War, Peace, and Strategy Fall 2012
 - Professor Richard K. Betts

SERVICE

Referee

- *American Journal of Political Science* (2017); *American Political Science Review* (2018); *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (2018); *International Studies Quarterly* (2018); *Journal of Human Rights* (2017); *Political Science Quarterly* (2018).

SKILLS

Statistical and Mapping Packages

- R, Stata, ArcGIS

REFERENCES

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