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Professional Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science (non-tenured), July 2013—.

Director, Political Violence FieldLab, Yale University. September 2014—.

Faculty Associate, Institution for Social and Policy Studies. July 2009—.

Faculty Associate, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, July 2010—.

Faculty Associate, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies. July 2009—.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2010–June 2013.

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Science, Yale University. August 2009–June 2010.

Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. July 2005–July 2009.

Instructor of Politics and International Affairs, Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. July 2004–June 2005.

Education

Ph.D. Government, Cornell University, 1998–2005.

Dissertation: Paths of Ruin: Why Revisionist States Arise and Die in World Politics.

Committee: Peter Katzenstein (chair), Valerie Bunce, Matthew Evangelista, and Christopher Way.

Award: APSA's Helen Dwight Reid Prize for Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics, 2007.

Award: Esman Prize for Best Dissertation in Government Department, Cornell, 2006.

B.A. History and Political Science (Double Major), Simon Fraser University, 1998.

Fields of Interest

International Security, Dynamics of Violence, Identity, Causal Inference, Russia and Afghanistan

Additional Professional Experience

Technical Advisor, Measuring Impact of Stabilization Initiatives (MISTI), USAID (Afghanistan), April 2012—.

Counterinsurgency Leaders' Course XXIII–Afghanistan (CLC-A), Camp Julien, Afghanistan, July 2009.

Postdoctoral Fellow in National Security, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University. July 2007–July 2008.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University. July 2004–July 2005 (declined).

Columbia–Cornell Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), July–August 2003.

Exchange Scholar, Government Department and the Davis Center, Harvard University, 2003, 2001.

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science and Sociology, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, September 2001–December 2001.

Research

Books

Paths of Ruin: Explaining Military Effectiveness in Modern War. In progress.

Death from Above: The Effects of Airpower in Small Wars. In progress.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"From Cell Phones to Conflict? Reflections on the Emerging ICT–Political Conflict Research Agenda," *Journal of Peace Research*, forthcoming 2015. With Allan Dafoe. Concluding article for special issue on "Information and Communication Technology and Political Conflict."

"Comparing and Combining List and Endorsement Experiments: Evidence from Afghanistan." *American Journal of Political Science*, 58:4 (October 2014), 1043–1063. With Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai.

"Explaining Support for Combatants During Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan." *American Political Science Review*, 107:4 (November 2013), 679–705. With Graeme Blair and Kosuke Imai.

"Are Co-Ethnics More Effective Counter-Insurgents? Evidence from the Second Chechen War." *American Political Science Review*, 104:1 (February 2010), 1–20.

"Do Democracies Make Inferior Counterinsurgents? Reassessing Democracy's Impact on War Outcomes and Duration." *International Organization*, 64:1 (Winter 2010), 167–92.

"Does Indiscriminate Violence Incite Insurgent Attacks? Evidence from Chechnya." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 53:3 (June 2009), 331–362.*

* Reprinted in Erica Chenoweth, Editor, *Political Violence*, Volume 4, New York: SAGE Publications, 2013.

"Rage Against the Machines: Explaining Outcomes in Counterinsurgency Wars." *International Organization*, 63:1 (Winter 2009), 67–106. With Lt. Colonel Isaiah Wilson, III.*

* Reprinted in Erica Chenoweth, Editor, *Political Violence*, Volume 3, New York: SAGE Publications, 2013.

"Pocket Protests: Rhetorical Coercion and the Micropolitics of Collective Action in Semiauthoritarian Regimes." *World Politics* 58:3 (2006), 378-412.

Other Writings

"Process-Tracing, Causal Inference, and Civil War" for *Process Tracing in the Social Sciences: From Metaphor to Analytic Tool*, eds. Andrew Bennett and Jeffrey Checkel (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Strategies for Social Inquiry Series, 2014), 186-208.

"Afghanistan's Lost Decade," *Foreign Affairs*, 15 December 2011.

Work Under Review

"Can Civilian Attitudes Predict Insurgent Violence?" With Kentaro Hirose and Kosuke Imai. *R&R*.

"Why Armies Break: Explaining Mass Desertion in Conventional War."

"Bombing to Lose? Airpower and the Dynamics of Violence in Counterinsurgency Wars."

"Coethnic Bias and Wartime Informing." With Yuki Shiraito and Kosuke Imai.

Work in Progress

"Wartime Prisoner of War (POW) Abuse and the Rise of Postwar Insurgencies." With Geoffrey Wallace.

"The Wages of War: Revisiting the Opium-Violence Nexus in Afghanistan."

"Predicting Insurgent Violence Using Panel Survey Data: Evidence from Afghanistan." With Kosuke Imai and Kentaro Hirose. IRB protocol #1305011985.

"Civilian Casualties, Radicalization, and the Role of Humanitarian Assistance in Wartime Settings: Evidence from a Nested Natural Experiment." IRB protocol #1211011138.

"Unemployment and Insurgent Violence: Evidence from Afghanistan." With Kosuke Imai and Yang-Yang Zhou.

Datasets

Air Operations Over Iraq, 2006-09. Combines declassified and open source material to identify nearly 13,000 USAF airstrikes and shows of force over Iraq, 2006-09. Includes data on location, platform, date, and satellite imagery for target type.

Air Operations Over Afghanistan, 2006-11. Combines declassified and open source material to identify nearly 23,000 USAF airstrikes and shows of force over Afghanistan, 2006-11. Includes data on location, platform, date, and satellite imagery for target type.

Correlates of Insurgency. Records outcomes and duration for 286 insurgencies between 1800-2005. Also includes new measures of mechanization for all state combatants since 1917.

Conventional Wars Dataset. New dataset of 250 conventional wars (1800-2011) with new measures of war- and battlefield-level outcomes, including desertion, defection, and coercion against one's own soldiers ("duress")

The Chechen Insurgency. New data collection effort consisting of 3000 insurgent attacks mapped at the village level; a new GIS template of all known populated centers in Chechnya; and a dataset of 800+ Russian- and Chechen-led sweep operations (2000-05).

Honors & Awards

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association. (For "Measuring Support for Combatants in Wartime"). 2013.

Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association. (For "How Ethnicity Shapes Insurgent Violence"). 2009.

Ralph O. Glendinning University Preceptorship, Princeton University. 2009-2012 (declined).

APSA Helen Dwight Reid Prize for Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics. 2007.

Stanley Kelley, Jr., Teaching Award, Politics Department, Princeton. 2007.

Esman Prize for Best Dissertation, Government Department, Cornell. 2006.

Joshua Aron '94 Fellow, John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell. 2004.

Mellon Foundation Completion Fellowship, 2003-04.

Graduate School International Travel Grant, 2002.

Luigi Einaudi Dissertation Fellowship, Cornell, 2001-02.

Kahin Prize in International Relations for "most promising dissertation in IR," Department of Government, Cornell, 2001.

MacArthur Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, 2001.

MacArthur Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2000.

Michele Sicca Summer Grant, Institute for European Studies, 2000.

Peace Studies Program Graduate Summer Fellowship, 1999.

Russell Sage Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1998-1999.

Mackenzie King Traveling Fellowship (declined), 1998-1999.

Delivered first Graduand Address at Simon Fraser University, 1998.

Grants

External Grants

Air Force Office of Scientific Research, "Assessing the Coercive Effects of Advanced Weaponry in Civil Wars and Asymmetric Conflicts," #13-005025-001. \$1.8 million, June 2014-June 2017.

Air Force Office of Scientific Research ("Minerva Initiative"), "Terrorism, Development, and Governance," #FA9550-09-1-0314. \$1.2 million, February 2009-February 2014.

United States Institute of Peace Unsolicited Grant, "The Dynamics of Violence in Russia's Northern Caucasus," USIP-042-06F. \$50,000, September 2007-July 2008. Principal Investigator.

Internal Grants

Yale

Director's Award, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies, 2014-15.

Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund for conference "Communication Technology and Political Conflict," November 2013. With Allan Dafoe (Yale) and Nils Weidmann (University of Konstanz).

ISPS Field Experiment Initiative Grant, for "Coethnicity and Information-Sharing in Wartime: A Survey Experiment in Afghanistan," August 2011.

Macmillan Center Faculty Research Grant, for "Changing Patterns of Warfare," July 2011.

ISPS Field Experiment Initiative Grant, for "Blame Attribution and Wartime Political Attitudes: Evidence from an Experiment in Afghanistan," July 2010.

Princeton

University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Grant (UCRHSS), Princeton, for "Explaining Noncombatant Fatalities in Iraq, 2003-07," Fall 2008.

UCRHSS Faculty Grant, Princeton, for "Mapping the Iraqi Insurgencies," Fall 2006.

UCRHSS Faculty Grant, Princeton, for "Pocket Protests," Fall 2005.

Invited Presentations

Georgetown University, "Foreign Aid and Government Legitimacy" Workshop, April 2015.

University of Denver, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, April 2015.

London School of Economics, Political Science and Political Economy Seminar, March 2014.

Boston College, "Afghanistan after 2014" Speaker Series, January 2014.

USAID Mission, Kabul, Afghanistan, November 2013.

USAID Stabilization 6th M&E Summit, Kabul, Afghanistan, November 2013.

University of Michigan, Seminar on Disaggregated Conflict Studies, November 2013 (Skype).

Yale University, Seventh Annual India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program, June 2013.

Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz, Germany, June 2013.

USAID Stabilization 4th M&E Summit, Kabul, Afghanistan, May 2013.

UCLA, Department of Political Science, May 2013.

Columbia University, International Politics Seminar, May 2013.

Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, November 2012.

Princeton University, Experimental Research Workshop, September 2012.

Yale University, Sixth Annual India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program, June 2012.

University of Toronto, International Relations Seminar, March 2012.

MIT-PRIO Workshop on Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism, November 2011.

Cornell University, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, October 2011.

University of Virginia, Lansing-Lee/Bankard Seminar in Global Politics, October 2011.

Princeton University, International Relations Colloquium, September 2011.

University of British Columbia, Liu Institute for Global Affairs, September 2011.

Simon Fraser University, Simons Lecture in Dynamics of Conflict, September 2011.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), University of Chicago, July 2011.
 Air Force Office of Scientific Research, "Effects to Influence" Workshop, June 2011.
 Harvard University, National Security Studies Program, April 2011.
 University of Washington, International Security Colloquium, April 2011.
 Columbia University, "Human Rights in the Post-Communist World" Lecture Series, April 2011.
 Juan March Institute, Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences (CEACS), Madrid, March 2011.
 UC-San Diego, International Relations Workshop, February 2011.
 University of Pennsylvania, Browne Center for International Politics, February 2011.
 PRIO, Social Dynamics of Civil War Workshop, Oslo, Norway, February 2011.
 Duke University, Security, Peace and Conflict Workshop, January 2011.
 Ohio State University, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, November 2010.
 Columbia University, Harriman Institute, October 2010.
 George Washington University, Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Workshop, October 2010.
 Wesleyan University, Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research, September 2010.
 Yale University, Fourth Annual India-Yale Parliamentary Leadership Program, May 2010.
 Harvard University, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, May 2010.
 University of Ottawa, Centre for International Policy Studies, February 2010.
 Emory University, Department of Political Science Speaker's Series, January 2010.
 Social Science Research Council, Eurasia Program, December 2009.
 Georgetown University, International Theory and Research Seminar, December 2009.
 Harvard University, Second Annual Columbia-Harvard Russia/Eurasia Forum, October 2009.
 UC-San Diego, Governance, Development, and Political Violence Workshop, June 2009.
 Columbia University, Workshop on Civil War Data, May 2009.
 Dartmouth College, International Relations/Foreign Policy Working Group, April 2008.
 University of Chicago, Program on International Security Policy (PISP), February 2008.
 Cornell University, Peace Studies Program, February 2008.
 Harvard University, Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop, February 2008.
 Harvard University, Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, October 2007.
 US Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), Component Commanders' Conference, June 2007.
 University of Maryland, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), May 2007.
 Defense Science Board, April 2007.
 U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Social Sciences Department, March 2007.
 Columbia University, International Politics Seminar, November 2006.
 Yale University, Comparative Politics Seminar, November 2006.

Conference Presentations

(P)aper, (C)hair, (D)iscussant, (R)oundtable

2014 ISA (P), APSA (C/D, D)
 2013 ISA (D), Midwest (P), APSA (P,P)
 2012 ISA (P,C)
 2010 APSA (P,D)
 2009 APSA (C,D), ISA (C, C/D, R), ASN (C/D).
 2008 APSA (D), ASN (P), MPSA (P,P), ISA (P,C,D).
 2007 APSA (D), ISA (P).

2006 APSA (P), MPSA (P), ISA (P).
 2005 APSA (D).
 2004 APSA (P), Harvard Identity Project (D), Conference on Secession and Inter-Ethnic Cooperation and Conflict, Cornell University (P).
 2003 APSA (P), ISA (P).
 2002 Council for European Studies (P).
 2001 AAASS Mid-Atlantic Conference (P).

Teaching & Advising

(U)ndergraduate, (G)raduate, Enrollment (110)

Courses Taught (Yale)

Approaches to International Security (U): Fall 2014 (22)
 Development Under Fire (U): Spring 2013 (121), Spring 2015 (x)
 International Relations II: Research Design (G): Spring 2013 (11), Spring 2015 (x)
 International Security Field Seminar (G): Spring 2011 (4)
 Special Topics in International Security (U): Spring 2011 (18)

Courses Taught (Princeton)

Introduction to International Relations (U): Spring 2006 (110), Spring 2007 (150), Fall 2008 (240).
 National Security (U): Spring 2005 (118), Fall 2005 (127), Fall 2006 (92).
 Junior Workshop: Order and Change in World Politics (U): Fall 2004 (7).
 Junior Taskforce (WWS): The Chechen Wars (U): Fall 2005 (8).
 The Dynamics of Violence in Civil Wars (U): Fall 2008 (14).
 Emerging National Security Challenges (G): Spring 2005 (12).
 Readings and Field Examination on Civil Wars (G)

Ph.D. Committees

Yale

Francesca Grandi (current)
 Michael Kalin (current)
 Jiyoung Ko (Chair, current)
 William Nomikos (current)
 Niloufer Siddiqui (current)
 Louis Wasser (current)
 Andres Vargas (current)
 Shivaji Mukherjee (University of Toronto—Mississauga, 2013)

Princeton

Jeanne Hull (CENTCOM, 2014)
Andrea Everett (University of Georgia, 2012)
Eva Kaye (Occidental College, 2011)
Christopher Darnton (Catholic University of America, 2009)
Lyudmila Krytynskaia (Independent Analyst, London, 2008)
Matthew Zais (current)

External Reviewer

Cyrus Samii, Columbia University, 2011

Departmental and University Service

Yale

Department of Political Science Faculty Reappointment Committee, 2014.
James Gordon Bennett Prize in International Relations Committee, Department of Politics, Spring 2013.
International Relations Field Coordinator, Spring 2013.
Pierson College Freshmen Advisor, 2012—.
Senior Service College Military Fellow Faculty Mentor, 2011—.
Jackson Institute Global Affairs Selection Committee, 2011.
OCV Fellowship Selection Committee, 2011.
Director of Undergraduate Studies for the International Studies Major, 2010-11.
Political Science—Jackson Institute International Relations Junior Search Committee Member, 2010-11.
Committee for the Creation of a Global Affairs Major, 2010.
Henry Hart Rice Prize Committee, 2010-11.
IR Graduate Field Examination Committee: Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015.
Ph.D. Examiner, 2010—.
Pierson College Fellow, 2010—.
Senior Advising, 2010—.

Princeton

Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Politics, September 2006-July 2007.
Faculty Committee, Princeton Russian and Eurasian Studies Center, September 2006-July 2009.
Woodrow Wilson School Undergraduate Committee, September 2006-July 2007.
Thesis Advisor, Department of Near East Studies, Princeton, September 2005-July 2009.
Whig-Clio Society, 2005-2009.
Field I Committee, Woodrow Wilson School, September 2004-July 2009.
Butler College Faculty Fellow, 2008-09.
Senior Thesis Advisor (14).

Professional Activities

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Harry Guggenheim Foundation, Harvard University Press, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Politics*, National Science Foundation, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, *Security Studies*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Swiss National Science Foundation, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *World Politics*, and Yale University Press.

Associate Editor, *World Politics*, August 2005-July 2009.

Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS)-*Journal of Strategic Studies* Graduate Paper Prize Committee, 2008-09.

Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS) Program Officer, 2009-2011 (APSA and ISA).

External Memberships

American Political Science Association.

Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Senior Affiliate.

International Studies Association.

Non-Resident Fellow, Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Princeton University.

Peace Science Society.

CSCW-PRIO Social Dynamics of Civil War Working Group.

Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS).

Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP).

Additional Research Skills

Language: Russian (Proficient), French (Reading), Nokhchiin/Chechen (Novice), Persian/Dari (Novice).

Software: R, STATA, ArcGIS 10+, Wordstat and other CATA software.

Field Research:

Russia: July 2000, September-December 2001, September 2002-February 2003, August 2005

Afghanistan: July-August 2009, August 2010, September 2011, April 2012, October 2012, May 2013, November 2013.

Qatar: October 2011