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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Santa Barbara

Assistant Professor, Department of Global Studies, 2018 – (on leave 2018-19)

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies

Postdoctoral Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy,
2018-19

EDUCATION

Harvard University PhD in Government, 2018

Dissertation: “From Insurgents to Incumbents: State Building and Service Provision after Rebel
Victory in Civil Wars”

Certificate in Latin American Studies, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

Harvard University AM in Government, 2015

University of Cape Town MSc in Sociology, 2011 (with distinction)

Yale University BA in Political Science, 2009 (*cum laude*, with distinction in the major)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

2018. “Has Liberia Turned a Corner?” *Journal of Democracy* 29(3): 156-170 (with Benjamin Spatz)

2017. “Nicaragua: A Return to Caudillismo.” *Journal of Democracy* 28(2): 157-169

2017. “Mixed Methods Research in the Study of Political and Social Violence and Conflict.”
Journal of Mixed Methods Research 11(1): 59-76

2016. “Dynamique et diversité des armées africaines: État des connaissances.” *Afrique
Contemporaine* 2016/4(260): 27-44 (with Jason Warner)

2014. “Socioeconomic Conditions and Violence in Cape Town, South Africa.” *Economics of Peace
and Security* 9(2): 34-42 (with Jeremy Seekings)

2012. “Ideology and Violence in Civil Wars: Theory and Evidence from Mozambique and
Angola.” *Civil Wars* 14(4): 546-567

2012. “Foreshadowing Future Slaughter: From the Indonesian Killings of 1965-66 to Genocide in
East Timor.” *Genocide Studies and Prevention* 7(2/3): 204-222

2009. “Avoiding the Abyss: Finding a Way Forward in Guinea-Bissau.” *Portuguese Journal of
International Affairs* 1(2): 3-14

Book Chapters

2019. “Mixed methods in violence studies,” in Walter S. DeKeseredy, Callie Marie Rennison, and
Amanda K. Hall-Sanchez (eds.) *The Routledge International Handbook of Violence Studies*,
pp.19-29 (New York: Routledge)

2018. “U.S. Action and Inaction in the Massacre of Communists and Alleged Communists in Indonesia,” in Samuel Totten (ed.), *Dirty Hands and Vicious Deeds: The US Government’s Complicity in Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide*, pp.23-69 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press)
2013. “Brazil, Biofuels, and Food Security in Mozambique,” in Renu Modi and Fantu Cheru (eds.), *Agricultural Development and Food Security in Africa: The Impact of Chinese, Indian and Brazilian Investments*, pp.145-158 (London: Zed Books)

Book Reviews and Correspondence

- Forthcoming Review of Philip Roessler, *Ethnic Conflict and State Power in Africa: The Logic of the Coup Civil War Trap* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016), *H-Diplo Roundtable Review*.
- 2018 “Correspondence: Ideological Extremism in Armed Conflict,” *International Security*, 43(1): 186-190 (with Jonathan Leader Maynard)
- 2015 Review of Stephen A. Emerson, *The Battle for Mozambique: The Frelimo-Renamo Struggle, 1977-1992* (Solihull, England: Helion & Company, 2014), *War in History* 22(4): 571-573

WORKING PAPERS

- “Civil Wars as Critical Junctures: Theoretical Grounding and Empirical Applications”
- “Delegation, Sponsorship, and Autonomy: Understanding State-Armed Group Relationships”
- “Disentangling Insurgent Ideologies” (with Jason Warner)
- “Patterns of Violence and Levels of Analysis: Explaining Spatial and Temporal Variation in Sandinista Violence and Restraint”
- “The Paradox of Revolutions: How Can We Isolate the Causal Effects of Transformative Events?” (with Marika Landau-Wells)
- “Post-Conflict State-Building and Electoral Democracy: The Liberian Case” (with Susanne Mulbah)
- “Rationality, Perception, and Strategic Decision Making in a Developing State: Mistakes and Adjustment in the Security Policy of Revolutionary Nicaragua”
- “Reflexivity and Temporality in Violent Settings: Problems with the Research Transparency and Replicability Regime” (*under review*)
- “Revolutionary Legacies and Threat Management: Security Apparatus Development in Revolutionary Nicaragua and Iran”
- “Strategic Pandering and Rebel Mobilization” (*under review*)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2017 Samuel P. Huntington Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2017 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS) Term-Time Grant, Harvard University
- 2016 Democracy Doctoral Fellowship, Ash Center for Democratic Governance, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2016 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFA) Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University
- 2015 Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2015 WCFA Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University
- 2014 WCFA Pre-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University
- 2014 National Security Graduate Research Fellowship, The Tobin Project
- 2013 DRCLAS Summer Research Grant, Harvard University

- 2013 National Security Graduate Research Fellowship, The Tobin Project
2011 Microcon Mobility Fund Grant
2010 Centre for Social Science Research Postgraduate Fellowship, University of Cape Town
2009 DGRQ/FLAD Investigation Fellowship, Portuguese Directorate General of Archives and Luso-American Development Foundation

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foreign Languages: Fluent Spanish; proficient French and Portuguese

Fieldwork: South Africa (2010), Nicaragua (2015, 2016, 2017), Liberia (2015), Uganda (2016)

Archival Research: Portugal (2008, 2009), Nicaragua (2013, 2015, 2017), USA (2014), Uganda (2016)

MAJOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

African Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2016-2018

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013-2018

European Conference on African Studies: 2017

European Consortium for Political Research General Conference: 2009, 2011, 2015

International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2014-2018, 2019 (scheduled)

Latin American Studies Association: 2018, 2019 (scheduled)

Network of European Peace Scientists Jan Tinbergen Conference: 2017

TEACHING AND ADVISING

University of California, Santa Barbara

Committee Member: Taylor Horton (MA in Global Studies)

Boston University

Lecturer, *International Relations 367/Political Science 360:* Latin American Politics and International Relations, Pardee School of Global Studies (half semester), fall 2017

Harvard University

Teaching Fellow

Government 62: Research Practice in Qualitative Methods, Gwyneth McClendon, spring 2015

Government 20: Foundations of Comparative Politics, Steven Levitsky, fall 2014

Government 1295: Comparative Politics of Latin America, Steven Levitsky, spring 2014

Senior Thesis Adviser: Ben Cashin (2017-18), Chloe George (2014-15), Hilary Higgins (2014-15), Jason Kwon (2015-16), Charles Orta (2015-16), Delany Sisiruca (2015-16)

Undergraduate Research Mentor, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2013-17

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND SYMPOSIA

2018 “Civil Wars as Critical Junctures: Theoretical Grounding and Empirical Applications,” Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, University of California, Santa Cruz

2018 “Strategic Pandering and Rebel Mobilization,” Korbel Research Seminar, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

2018 “When the Rebels Win: Power and Interests after Civil Wars,” Symposium: The Micro dynamics of Armed Conflict, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals

- 2018 “Nicaragua’s April Uprising: Understanding the Protests and Repression,” Roundtable, DRCLAS Special Event, Harvard University
- 2017 “When the Rebels Win: State Building and Service Provision in Revolutionary Nicaragua,” DRCLAS Seminar on Latin American Politics, Harvard University
- 2017 “When the Rebels Win: Leadership, Preferences, and State Building After Civil Wars,” Yale Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Yale University
- 2016 “Daniel Ortega and the Erosion of Democracy in Nicaragua,” DRCLAS Seminar on Latin American Politics, Harvard University
- 2013 “Revolutionary Regimes, Security, and Strategic Myopia: Mistakes in Military Development in Revolutionary Nicaragua and Iran,” Instituto de Historia de Nicaragua y Centroamérica, Universidad Centroamericana, Nicaragua (in Spanish)
- 2011 “Foreshadowing Future Slaughter: From the Indonesian Killings of 1965-66 to Genocide in East Timor.” International Workshop ‘Resisting the Path to Genocide: The Case of States and Societies,’ University of Southern California, Los Angeles
- 2011 “What are the strengths and limits of using survey data to examine participation in everyday violence?” Safety and Violence Initiative Colloquium, University of Cape Town
- 2010 “Revolutionary Restraint? Marxism-Leninism and Violence Against Civilians in Mozambique and Angola.” IPRI/LSE IDEAS Working Seminar, Lisbon, Portugal

PUBLIC WRITING

- 2019 “Resisting Democratic Erosion in Latin America and Beyond,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 15 January
- 2018 “Aid and Diplomacy, Not Tear Gas: How to Address the Central American Migrant Crisis,” *Duck of Minerva*, 27 November. Republished by *The Big Q* (New Zealand).
- 2018 “Peacekeeping’s Perverse Effects: Bolsonaro and Brazil’s Remilitarized Politics,” *Duck of Minerva*, 16 October
- 2018 “Repression, Regime Consolidation, and Latin America’s Authoritarian (Re)Turn,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 25 September
- 2018 “In massive street protests, Nicaraguans are using Ortega’s revolutionary symbols against him,” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage, 14 May (with Yerling Aguilera and Eric Mosinger)
- 2018 “A New Nicaraguan Revolution? Understanding This Week’s Popular Protests?” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 3 May (with Eric Mosinger)”
- 2018 “Nicaragua protests threaten an authoritarian regime that looked like it might never fall,” *The Conversation*, 2 May (with Eric Mosinger). Republished by PRI, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Pacific Standard*, and *San Antonio News-Express*
- 2016 “Hurricane Mary” [on urban politics, informality, and government cleanup efforts in Monrovia, Liberia]. *Roads and Kingdoms*, 17 February
- 2015 “Fifty years ago today, American diplomats endorsed mass killings in Indonesia. Here’s what that means for today.” *The Washington Post* Monkey Cage, 2 December
- 2012 *Armed Violence: The Untold Story* (with Rashmi Thapa). Brussels: Handicap International, 62pp. (Data manager and analyst for full report and author of Colombia and Haiti chapters)

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS

- 2018 BBC World News Today (3 June), France24 (17 July), *Gazeta do Povo* (Brazil, 27 July, 5 December)

FURTHER TRAINING

- 2015 Bridging the Gap New Era Foreign Policy Conference, Washington, DC
2010 Olympia Summer Seminars/Microcon Summer School, Cycle B–Advanced Research Methods in Conflict-Affected Countries, Olympia, Greece

VISITING AFFILIATIONS

- 2016 Makerere Institute of Social Research, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. January-June
2016 Centre for Basic Research, Kampala, Uganda. March-June
2011 Centro de Estudios sobre Desarrollo Económico, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia. June-August
2009 Portuguese Directorate-General of Archives (DGARQ), Lisbon, Portugal. June-August

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer:* British Journal of Political Science, Civil Wars, Comparative Politics, Foreign Policy Analysis, Genocide Studies International, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Mixed Methods Research, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African Politics, Palgrave-Macmillan, Public Administration Review
- Panel discussion organizer,* “Latin America’s Democratic Decline and Possibilities for Resistance,” January 2019, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
- Conference co-organizer,* “Research in Conflict Zones: The Untold Practices, Methods, and Ethics of Fieldwork,” February 2017, Harvard Kennedy School
- Conference panel organizer,* APSA Annual Meeting, 2016, 2018; European Conference on African Studies, 2017; ISA Annual Convention, 2015 (2x), 2018, 2019 (scheduled)
- Conference panel discussant,* APSA Annual Meeting 2018
- Coordinator,* Harvard Political Violence Workshop, 2013–15; Harvard Comparative Politics Speaker Series, 2014-15

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Consultant,* Freedom House, Africa civil liberties and press freedom analyst, 2013-2018
- Research Assistant,* Steven Levitsky, Harvard University & Lucan Way, University of Toronto, 2013-15
- Consultant,* Handicap International, project on impacts of armed violence, 2011-12
- Researcher,* Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town, 2010–11
- Research Assistant,* Elisabeth Jean Wood, Yale University, 2008-10

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, African Studies Association, Latin American Studies Association

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REFERENCES

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