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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Santa Barbara

Assistant Professor, Department of Global Studies, 2018 –
Affiliated Faculty, Latin American and Iberian Studies; Political Science

Previous

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

2019. “Reflexivity and Temporality in Researching Violent Settings: Problems with the
Transparency and Replicability Regime,” *Geopolitics*, forthcoming.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2019.1643721>.
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

2019. “Roundtable 11-3 on *Ethnic Politics and State Power in Africa: The Logic of the Coup–Civil War Trap*.” *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable* 11(3): 12-16.
- 2018 “Correspondence: Ideological Extremism in Armed Conflict,” *International Security*, 43(1): 186-190 (with Jonathan Leader Maynard)
- 2016 “How Do Rebels Rule When They Win?” *Centerpiece* 31(1): 10-12 (Weatherhead Center)
- 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

Report

- 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)

WORKING PAPERS

- “Civil Resistance in the Shadow of the Revolution: Historical Framing in Nicaraguan’s Sudden Uprising” (with Eric Mosinger, Diana Paz García, and Charlotte Fowler) (*under review*)
- “Civil Wars as Critical Junctures: Theoretical Grounding and Empirical Applications”
- “Delegation, Sponsorship, and Autonomy: Logics and Consequences of Armed Group-State Relationships” (*under review*)
- “Disentangling African Insurgent Ideologies” (with Jason Warner)
- “Ideology, Perception, and Strategic Decision-Making in a Revolutionary State: Mistakes and Adjustment in FSLN Security Policy in Nicaragua”
- “Levels of Analysis and Theories of Violence in Civil Wars: Ideology and Contestation in Nicaragua”
- “The Paradox of Revolutions: How Can We Isolate the Causal Effects of Transformative Events?” (with Marika Landau-Wells)
- “Left-Wing Authoritarianism: The Marxists and the Machiavellians” (with Dan Slater)
- “Rebel Mobilization through Pandering: Insincere Leaders and Exploitation of Popular Grievances” (*under review*)
- “Threat Perception, Security Apparatus Structure, and Military Effectiveness after Revolution”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- When the Rebels Win: State Power and Public Interests after Civil Wars* (book manuscript)

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 (WCFIA) Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University
- 2015 Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2015 WCFIA Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University
- 2014 WCFIA 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 DGARQ/FLAD Investigation Fellowship, Portuguese Directorate General of Archives and Luso-American Development Foundation

MAJOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- African Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2016-2018
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013-2019, 2020 (scheduled)
- European Conference on African Studies: 2017
- European Consortium for Political Research General Conference: 2009, 2011, 2015, 2020 (scheduled)
- International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2014-2019, 2020 (cancelled)
- International Security Studies Section/International Security Annual Conference 2019
- Latin American Studies Association: 2018-2019
- Network of European Peace Scientists Jan Tinbergen Conference: 2017

TEACHING AND ADVISING

University of California, Santa Barbara

- Global 120*: Global Ideologies and World Order, fall 2019, winter 2020
- Global 197*: Conflict and Violence in Global Perspective, winter 2020
- Global 224* (graduate): Research Methods, fall 2019
- Global 596* (graduate): Directed Reading: Global Security Studies, winter 2020
- MA Committee Member*: Taylor Horton (2019), Molly O'Hagan (2020, expected)

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)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND SYMPOSIA

- 2020 “COVID-19 in an Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Nicaragua” [online], Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa
- 2020 “Contextualising Conflict: Comparison, Specificity, and Public Engagement in Conflict & Violence Research,” Department of Methodology, London School of Economics
- 2019 “Levels of Analysis and Theories of Violence in Civil Wars: Ideology and Contestation in Nicaragua,” Conference on Ideology and Political Violence, Texas A&M University
- 2019 “Armed Group-State Relationships in World Politics,” Global Studies Colloquium Series, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 “Rebel Victories and Comparative Perspectives on the Nicaraguan Revolution,” Nicaragua 1979-2019: The Sandinista Revolution After 40 Years, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
- 2019 “Resistance and Repression: One Year on From Nicaragua’s Civil Uprising,” DRCLAS Seminar on Latin American Politics, Harvard University
- 2019 “Decolonizing Scholarship on Africa” [roundtable], Conference on Sustainable Development in Africa, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
- 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

- 2020 “Nicaragua is Stumbling into a Coronavirus Disaster.” *Foreign Policy*, 17 April.
- 2019 “Violence is Sometimes the Answer.” *Foreign Policy*, 5 December.
- 2019 “Repression and Resilience in Nicaragua: How Daniel Ortega Weathered 2018 Storm...and What Comes Next.” *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin American Studies* (Spring/Summer), 28 August (with Eric Mosinger).
- 2019 “Authoritarian Resilience: Why Bouteflika and Bashir Fell, but Ortega Remains,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 30 April.
- 2019 “Flying Blind in Crisis Time: The US Strategic and Human Foreign Policy Deficit,” *Duck of Minerva*, 28 February.
- 2019 “Resisting Democratic Erosion in Latin America and Beyond,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 15 January. Republished by LAC Perspectivas (Korbel School Latin America Center).
- 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,” *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

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS

- 2020 Infobae (Argentina, 19 January), *CQ Researcher* (5 March), *La Presse* (Canada, 21 April), The World Unpacked podcast (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 30 April)
- 2019 Radio-Canada (3 May)
- 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

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Civil Wars, Comparative Politics, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of Development Research, European Journal of International Relations, Foreign Policy Analysis, Genocide Studies International, International Studies Quarterly, International Security, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Mixed Methods Research, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics, Palgrave-Macmillan, Public Administration Review, Revista de Ciencia Política (Chile), Third World Quarterly, World Politics

University Service

2020 – Advisory Board and Diversity Officer, Program in Latin American and Iberian Studies, UCSB

2019 – Consultative Council, Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, UCSB

2020 Judge, UCSB Library Award for Undergraduate Research

Department Service

2020 – Undergraduate Committee

2019-20 Graduate Committee, Committee on Non-FTE Recruitment

2019 Search Committee, Global Race/Ethnicity and Inequality

Conference/Workshop Organization and Discussion

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, 2019; European Conference on African Studies, 2017; ISA Annual Convention, 2015 (2x), 2018, 2019

Conference panel discussant, APSA Annual Meeting 2018, ISA Annual Meeting 2020 (scheduled)

Coordinator, Harvard Political Violence Workshop, 2013–15; Harvard Comparative Politics Speaker Series, 2014-15

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)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Freedom House, Africa civil liberties and press freedom analyst, 2013-2018

Consultant, Handicap International, project on impacts of armed violence, 2011-12

Researcher, Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town, 2010–11

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

REFERENCES

Steven Levitsky

Professor
Department of Government
Harvard University

Robert H. Bates

Professor Emeritus
Department of Government
Harvard University

Elisabeth Jean Wood

Franklin Muzzy Crosby Professor
of the Human Environment
Department of Political Science
Yale University

Marie Berry

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Josef Korbel School of International Studies
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