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Curriculum Vitae

University of Virginia
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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University, August 2016-Present
On research leave for AY 2016-2017

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Department of Politics, University of Virginia 2016-2017

Brookings Institute Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, 2015-2016

Education

Ph.D., Government, Georgetown University (April 2016)

Dissertation: "The Determinants of Rebel Public Goods Provision," **Defended with Distinction.**

Committee: Daniel Byman (chair), Desha Girod, Daniel Nexon

Additional Training: ICPSR Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan, Summer 2012

Courses: Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Advanced Regression, Statistical Computing

M.A. in passing, Government, Georgetown University, 2012

Fields: International Relations, Methodology

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Politics and Journalism, New York University, 2010

Honors Thesis: "Egypt on the Brink: The 2011 Parliamentary Elections"

Publications

"Do Good Borders Make Good Rebels? Foreign Territorial Control and Civilian Casualties" [with Yu-Ming Liou]. Forthcoming at *Journal of Politics*.

"Mass Protests and the Resource Curse: The Politics of Demobilization in Rentier Autocracies" [with Desha Girod and Meir Walters]. Forthcoming at *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

In Review

“Civil War as State-Building: The Determinants of Rebel Public Goods Provision” Revise & Re-Submit at *International Organization*.

“Urban Concentration and Civil Wars: Population Distribution and Civil War Intensity” [with Dani Nedal and Michael Weintraub]. *Under review*.

Works in Progress

Governing for Revolution. Book Manuscript.

“Women in War: The Post-Conflict Consequences of Women’s Participation in Civil War” [with Shirley Adelstein and Alexis Henshaw].

“How Do Rebel Groups Gain Support? Evidence from Survey Experiments in the U.S. and India” [with D.J. Flynn].

Policy Publications

“The Global-Theater Security Cooperation Management Information System: Assessment and Implications for Strategic Users.” *RAND Report RR-1680-DSCA*. Forthcoming.

“Why the Islamic State is so Bad at Being a State.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. 22 December 2015.

“What’s So New About the Islamic State’s Governance?” *Project on Middle East Political Science, POMEPS Studies 9*, October, 2014. Also featured in an October 7, 2014 post on the *Monkey Cage*.

“Case Study on Rwandan Genocide,” Political Instability Task Force Casebook on Genocide.

“Case Study on Haitian Political Violence (1991-1994),” Political Instability Task Force Casebook on Genocide.

Grants, Scholarships, and Other Awards

Dickey Center Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2016-2017 (Declined)

Graduate School Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University, 2015 (\$5,000)

Qualtrics Behavioral Research Grant [with DJ Flynn] (\$2,520)

Edwin J. Beinecke, Jr. Scholarship in International Affairs, Harry Truman Foundation, 2015-2016 (\$2,500)

Graduate Scholarship, Georgetown University, AY 2014-2015

Summer Research Award, Georgetown University, 2014 (\$5,000)

Graduate Scholarship through IARPA Open-Source Initiative Grant, Georgetown University, AY 2013-2014

Finalist, Primary Investigator for Minerva Research Grant, FY 2013 (\$227,903)

Elected Chair, Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Spring 2013

Elected Vice Chair, Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Fall 2012

Graduate Scholarship through IARPA Open-Source Initiative Grant, Georgetown University, AY 2012-2013

Summer Methods Training Grant (\$3,000), Georgetown University, Spring 2012

Elected At-Large Board Member, Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Spring 2012

Graduate Scholarship, Georgetown University, AY 2011-2012

Elected Treasurer, Graduate Political Science Association, Georgetown University, Spring 2011

Phi Beta Kappa, Spring 2010

John Peter Zenger Excellence in Writing Award, New York University, Spring 2010

June Schlesinger Katz International Research Scholar Award (\$1,750), New York University, Winter 2010

Presidential Honors Scholar, New York University, 2007-2010

Invited Presentations

Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference, Notre Dame, June 2016.
Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Workshop on Conceptualizing Women Combatants, American University, May 2016.
Paper Presentation: "Civil War, Women and Post-Conflict Development"

Yale University Order, Conflict and Violence Workshop, February 2016.
Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building"

Geneva Call and Protect Education in Insecurity and Armed Conflict, "Education and Armed Non-State Actors: Towards a Comprehensive Agenda" Workshop, June 2015

American University Political Violence Research Workshop, March 2015
Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building: The Causes of Rebel Public Goods Provision"

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, October 2014
"Introduction to R."

CRITICS, Georgetown University, April 2014
Paper Presentation with Desha Girod: "Repression and Backlash: Evidence from a Global Data Set."

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, October 2013
"Introduction to R."

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, December 2012
"Non-Parametric Models, The Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test."

Conference Presentations

Peace Science Society Conference, October 2016

Paper Presentation: "How Do Rebel Groups Gain Support? Evidence from Survey Experiments in the U.S. and India."

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2016

Paper Presentation: "How Do Rebel Groups Gain Support? Evidence from Survey Experiments in the U.S. and India."

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2016

Paper Presentation: "Women Insurgents: Neither Victims Nor Combatants."

Chair: Panel on Rebel Diplomacy.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2015

Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building: The Causes of Rebel Public Goods Provision."

New York University Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, May 2015

Paper Presentation: "Do Good Borders Make Good Rebels? Foreign Territorial Control and Civilian Casualties."

Junior Scholars Symposium. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 2015

Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building: The Causes of Rebel Public Goods Provision."

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2014

Paper Presentation with Desha Girod: "Repression and Backlash: Evidence from a Global Data Set."

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014

Paper Presentation with Desha Girod: "The Causes of Protest Backlash."

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2013

Paper Presentation: "Good Neighbor Rebels? Foreign Territorial Control and Civilian Casualties: Results from a Natural Experiment."

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, April 2013

Paper Presentation: "Estimating the Effects of the Withdrawal of State Sponsorship of Rebel Groups: Results from a Quasi-Natural Experiment."

Teaching and Research Assistantships

Research Assistant to Daniel Nexon, Georgetown University, Spring 2015.

Teaching Assistant to Desha Girod, Civil War in Developing Countries, Georgetown University, Fall 2014.

Instructor. International Relations, Georgetown University, Summer 2013 and 2014.

Faculty Mentor. Georgetown Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Georgetown University, Spring 2014.

Research Assistant to Desha Girod (Primary Investigator), IARPA Open-Source Initiative Grant, Georgetown University, Fall 2012-Spring 2014.

Sub-Contractor to Andrew Bennett (Primary Investigator), Genocide Prevention Casebook (Writing Rwanda Case), Political Instability Task Force, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.

Teaching Assistant to Thane Gustafson, Comparative Political Systems, Georgetown University, Spring 2012.

Service

Professional

Reviewer: *Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions*

Departmental

Women's Caucus At-Large Member, Chair of Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Vice Chair of Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Vice President of the Graduate Political Science Association, Treasurer of the Graduate Political Science Association

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Women in Conflict Studies

Research and Technology Skills

Languages: Media-level Arabic, proficient in Spanish and French, basic knowledge of Czech.

Research Skills: Statistical methods, creating and analyzing datasets, in-depth interviews and field research experience in Cairo, Egypt and Beirut, Lebanon.

Technology Skills: R, Stata and L^AT_EX

Travel Experience: East Timor, Australia, Jordan, Lebanon, Peru, India, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Spain, France, United Kingdom, Hungary, Ireland, Mexico.

Non-Academic Employment

Intern, The Agenda Project, New York, NY, 2010.

Intern, Prague Daily Monitor, Prague, Czech Republic, 2009.

Intern, World News Tonight, ABC News, New York, NY, 2008.

Freelance Reporter/Intern, Politicker.com, Observer Media Group, New York, NY, 2008.

Intern, Metro Newspaper: New York, New York, NY, 2007.