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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019–                      University of Southern California  
                                Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics
- 2018–2019              Stanford University  
                                Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation
- 2017–2018              Dartmouth College  
                                Postdoctoral Fellow, John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D.                    University of California, Berkeley (2017)  
                                DISSERTATION: “Resilience Beyond Rebellion: How Wartime Organizational Structures Affect Rebel-to-Party Transformation”  
                                *Winner of the 2018 United States Institute of Peace Dissertation Prize*
- M.A.                    University of California, Davis: Political Methodology (2011)  
                                MASTER’S THESIS: “Nuclear Aspirants and Nuclear Abstinence: or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Model the Bomb”
- B.A.                    Rutgers University: Political Science and Psychology (2006)

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2018                    “Militant and Rebel Organization(s).”  
                                (with Sarah E. Parkinson) *Journal of Comparative Politics*. 50(2): 271–290.
- 2017                    “Relationships Among Rivals: A Framework for Analyzing Contending Hypotheses in Process-Tracing Research.” *Political Analysis*. 25(3): 344–362.
- 2016                    “Process Tracing Progress and Pitfalls: The State of the Art of Qualitative Research Methods.” In *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in Political Science*, eds. Hans Kerman & Jaap J. Woldendorp. Northhampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

## OTHER WRITING

- 2017                    “Evaluating ‘Competing’ Explanations’ in *Economic Interdependence and War*” *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*. 15(2): 40-44.
- 2017                    “Having Your Cake and Eating it Too? The Conflicting Principles at Issue in the Masterpiece Cakeshop Case” (with Seth Masket) *Vox*. December 8, 2017.  
Online: <https://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2017/12/8/16750960/masterpiece-cakeshop-conflicting-rights>

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Do we know it when we see it? (Re-)Conceptualizing Rebel-to-Party Transformation”  
*Under Review.*

“Resilience Beyond Rebellion: How Wartime Organizational Structures Affect Rebel-to-Party Transformation” *Book Manuscript in Preparation*

“Resilience Beyond Rebellion: An Organizational Theory of Rebel-to-Party Transformation”  
*Article Manuscript in Preparation*

“Testing Your Rivals: A Case Selection Framework for Testing Competing Hypotheses.”  
(with Melissa A. Carlson) *Article Manuscript in Preparation*

“Voting for Parties or Voting for Peace? The Link between Wartime Violence and Short-term Electoral Success” *Data Collection in Progress*

“Under my Umbrella: How Geographical Variation in FMLN Wartime Structures affected Post-conflict Vote Share” *Data Collection in Progress*

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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| 2018 | <b>Resilience Beyond Rebellion: How Wartime Organizational Structures Affect Rebel-to-Party Transition</b><br>Center for International Security and Cooperation Research Seminar: Stanford University |
| 2017 | <b>Resilience Beyond Rebellion: How Wartime Organizational Structures Affect Rebel-to-Party Transition</b><br>The Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence: Yale University                           |
| 2015 | <b>Resilience Beyond Rebellion: An Organizational Approach to Rebel-to-Party Transformations</b><br>Dynamics of Party Politics After War: Bergen, Norway                                              |
| 2013 | <b>APSA Short Course 1</b><br>Co-teaching Short Course 1 on Multimethod Research                                                                                                                      |
| 2012 | <b>Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research</b><br>Co-teaching Course on Multimethod Research and Causal Inference with Jason Seawright                                                     |
| 2011 | <b>APSA Short Course 1</b><br>Co-teaching Short Course 1 on Multimethod Research                                                                                                                      |
| 2011 | <b>The War in Afghanistan: Analyzing the Options</b><br>Institute of Governmental Affairs (with Miroslav Nincic): University of California, Davis                                                     |

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016      **Rival Hypotheses and Mechanisms in Process Tracing**  
APSA: Mechanisms and Process Tracing: “What are we actually tracing?”
- 2015      **New Directions in Multi-Method Research**  
APSA: Roundtable on Methodology and Causal Inference
- 2014      **Rethinking Designing Social Inquiry: Views from the Second Generation**  
APSA: Roundtable on Methodology and Causal Inference
- 2012      **Relationships Among Rivals: Analyzing Contending Hypotheses with a New Logic of Process Tracing**  
APSA: Panel on Methodology and Causal Inference
- 2010      **Strange Bedfellows in Humanitarian Interventions: How International Networks Explain Who Intervenes Together and Why**  
Poster Presented at the 2010 Peace Science meeting

## GRANTS and AWARDS

- 2018      United States Institute of Peace: Best Dissertation in Peace Science
- 2016–2017      Institute for International Studies: Simpson Fellowship
- 2015–2016      Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation: Herbert York Global Security Fellow
- Spring 2015      U.C. Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time to Completion Fellowship
- Summer 2011      Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grant

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Graduate

Multi-Method Research  
Maximum Likelihood Estimation  
Matrices and OLS Regression  
Probability Theory

### Undergraduate

Intro to Comparative Politics  
Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods  
Intro to Cognitive Science (CS Department)  
Intro to International Relations  
Russian Politics

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

### Substantive

Comparative Politics  
Civil War, Ethnic Conflict, Political Violence  
Political Parties & Social Movements

### Methodological

Research Design  
Multi-method Research  
Quantitative Methods

## COMPUTER SKILLS

R, Stata, Java, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Filemaker, Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro

## REFERENCES

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