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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)

B.A. Rutgers University (2006)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2020 “Updating Bayesians: A Critical Evaluation of Qualitative Bayesian Inference” (forthcoming). *Political Analysis*.

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. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Do we know it when we see it? (Re-)Conceptualizing Rebel-to-Party Transformation”
Invited to Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Peace Research

“Resilience Beyond Rebellion: An Organizational Theory of Rebel-to-Party Transformation”

“Resilience Beyond Rebellion: How Today’s Rebels become Tomorrow’s Parties” *Book Manuscript in Preparation*

“Organizational Origins: Tracing the Development and Evolution of Militant Organizational Structures.” (with Consuelo Amat) *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*

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>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 **Resilience Beyond Rebellion: How Wartime Organizational Structures Affect Rebel-to-Party Transition**
Center for International Security and Cooperation Research Seminar: Stanford University
- 2017 **Resilience Beyond Rebellion: How Wartime Organizational Structures Affect Rebel-to-Party Transition**
The Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence: Yale University
- 2015 **Resilience Beyond Rebellion: An Organizational Approach to Rebel-to-Party Transformations**
Dynamics of Party Politics After War: Bergen, Norway
- 2013 **APSA Short Course 1**
Co-teaching Short Course 1 on Multimethod Research
- 2012 **Institute for Qualitative and Multimethod Research**
Co-teaching Course on Multimethod Research and Causal Inference with Jason Seawright
- 2011 **APSA Short Course 1**
Co-teaching Short Course 1 on Multimethod Research
- 2011 **The War in Afghanistan: Analyzing the Options**
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, L^AT_EX, Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro

REFERENCES

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