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BACKGROUND & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Civil Wars; Conflict Processes & Political Violence; International Security; Human Rights.
Quantitative Data Analysis; Fieldwork in Conflict Zones; Archival Research.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Connecticut

Asst. Professor in Residence, Human Rights Institute 2023-
Asst. Research Professor, Human Rights Institute 2020-2023

University of California, San Diego

Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for Peace and Security Studies 2018-2020

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Political Science: PhD (2018), M.Phil (2014), M.A. (2012)

Emory University, Political Science: B.A. (2010). High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH & WRITING

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- "Foreign Sponsorship of Armed Groups and Civil War," with I Malone. Forthcoming, *International Studies Quarterly*.
- "They're Still There, He's all Gone: American Fatalities in Foreign Wars and Right-Wing Radicalization at Home," with RJ McAlexander and R Williams. First View, *American Political Science Review*.
- "Social Cohesion and Community Displacement in Armed Conflict," with DY Arnon and RJ McAlexander. *International Security*, Vol. 47, No. 3 (Winter 2022/23): 52-94.
- "Rebel Territorial Control and Governance," with MA Stewart. In Loyle, CE, JM Braithwaite, KG Cunningham, R Huang, RJ Huddleston, DF Jung, and MA Rubin, "Forum: Revolt and Rule: Learning about governance from rebel groups," *International Studies Review*, Vol. 24, Issue 4, December 2022.
- "Terrorism in Armed Conflict: New Data Attributing Terrorism to Rebel Organizations," with VP Fortna and NJ Lotito. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Vol. 39, Issue 2 (2022): 214-236.
- "Terrorism and the Varieties of Civil Liberties," with RK Morgan. *Journal of Global Security Studies*, Vol. 6, Issue 3 (2021).
- "Rebel Territorial Control and Civilian Collective Action in Civil War: Evidence from the Communist Insurgency in the Philippines." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 64, Issue 2-3 (2020): 459-489.
- "Don't Bite the Hand that Feeds: Rebel Funding Sources and the use of Terrorism in Civil Wars," with VP Fortna and NJ Lotito. *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 62, Issue 4 (2018): 782-794.

Working Papers Under Review and In Preparation

- "Measuring territorial control in armed conflict," with A Halterman, N McMurry, and B Radford.
- "Terrorism and Territorial Control in Armed Conflict."
- "State Support for Nonviolent Resistance Movements Abroad," with MA Lotito and CW Shay.

- “Communities in Conflict in Mandate Palestine,” with DY Arnon and RJ McAlexander.
- “Government Repression and Rebel Organizations’ use of Terrorism,” with VP Fortna.

Book Project (work in progress)

- *Territorial Control in Civil Wars*

Book Chapters

- “Nonstate actors, civil wars, and other units of analysis.” Chapter 19 in *Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations*, edited by RJ Huddleston, T Jamieson, and P James, Edward Elgar Publishing (2022): pgs 329-349.

Public Engagement

- “Palestine 1948 and Its Lessons for Displacement Today,” with DY Arnon and RJ McAlexander. *Lawfare*, Foreign Policy Essay, June 4, 2023.

Book Reviews

- *Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves*, by Oliver Kaplan. Winter 2018-2019. *Political Science Quarterly*, Volume 133, Issue 4.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Research Grants

- Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University 2019-2020; 2020-2021
 - Project Title: “Govt. Repression and Rebel Terrorism,” w/ VP Fortna.
- Center for Israel Education 2019-2020
 - Project Title: “Communities in Conflict in Mandate Palestine,” w/ DY Arnon and RJ McAlexander.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2015-2016
 - Project Title: “Rebel Territorial Control, Governance, and Political Accountability in Civil War”(Doctoral Dissertation)
- Weatherhead East Asian Institute, PhD Training Grant 2015
 - Project Title: “Rebel Territorial Control, Governance, and Political Accountability in Civil War”(Doctoral Dissertation)
- Columbia Univ. Political Science Dept. Dissertation Development Grant 2015
 - Project Title: “Rebel Territorial Control, Governance, and Political Accountability in Civil War”(Doctoral Dissertation)
- Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4), Earth Institute, Columbia Univ. 2014-2015
 - Project Title: “Rebel Territorial Control, Governance, and Political Accountability in Civil War”(Doctoral Dissertation)
- Harriman Institute, PepsiCo Research Travel Award 2015
 - Project Title: “Rebel Territorial Control, Governance, and Political Accountability in Civil War”(Doctoral Dissertation)

Awards

- APSA 2020 Conflict Processes Section Best Paper Award
 - “Social Cohesion and Community Displacement in Armed Conflict.”

AFFILIATIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Affiliations

- [Human Rights Research and Data \(HuRRD\) Hub](#), Director.
- [Engineering for Human Rights Initiative](#), Steering Committee Member, Faculty Affiliate.
- [Business and Human Rights Initiative](#), Steering Committee Member, Faculty Affiliate.
- [Research Program on Economic and Social Rights](#), Faculty Affiliate.
- American Political Science Association, Member.
- International Studies Association, Member.
- Peace Science Society, Member.

Fellowships

- Emory University QuanTM Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Spring 2016
- Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4),
Earth Institute, Columbia Univ. Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2014-2015

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- Univ. of Miami Dept. of Political Science, Dec. 3, 2021.
- Univ. of Pennsylvania, Middle East Center (MEC), Oct. 26, 2021.
- Univ. of Southern California (USC), Korean Studies Institute (KSI), Jan. 30, 2020.
- UC-Riverside Dept. of Political Science, May 13, 2019.
- UCLA Dept. of Political Science, Dec. 5, 2017.
- Vanderbilt University Dept. of Political Science, Nov. 1, 2017.
- Princeton University, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC), Oct. 10, 2017.
- Univ. of Connecticut Political Economy Workshop, Dec. 9, 2016.
- Yale University, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, Oct. 10, 2016.
- Emory University, QuanTM Visiting Fellows Speaker Series, Apr. 27, 2016.
- Univ. of Denver, Sie Center Research Seminar, Jan. 15, 2015.

Invited Workshops

- Human Rights Measurement Workshop. Center for Nonviolence & Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island, May 5-6, 2023.
- Civilians in Conflict Workshop. Peace Science Society 2019, Nov. 7, 2019.
- Functional Governance/Welfare Non-state Workshop. Univ. of Toronto, Oct. 4-5, 2019
- Ostrom Workshop-Rebel Governance and Legitimacy, Indiana University, May 23, 2019.
- Rebel Governance Network Workshop. Peace Science Society 2018, Univ. of Texas, Nov. 8, 2018.
- The Welfare Non-State. University of California, San Diego, June 7-9, 2018.
- Non-State Actors and Governance. Peace Science Society 2016, Notre Dame University, Oct. 2016.
- Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Settings Workshop. Sie Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Univ. of Denver, Apr. 2015.

DATA COLLECTION

Fieldwork

- Philippines (July-Aug. 2014, Sept.-Dec. 2015)

- Key Informant Interviews with village leaders in 75 randomly sampled villages within three conflict-affected provinces, Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental, and Agusan del Sur. Semi-structured Elite Interviews with government officials, NGO representatives, military and police personnel, and activists in the Bangsamoro and CPP-NPA peace processes.
- Kosovo (June 2015)
 - Interviews with former KLA members, govt. officials, and NGO representatives.

Datasets

- Terrorism in Armed Conflict (TAC) [[GitHub Page](#)], with VP Fortna and NJ Lotito
 - Assigns attacks recorded in the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) to rebel organizations included in the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP) family of datasets.
- Subnational Nonstate Actor Governance (SNAG), with A Halterman and N McMurry. In Progress.
- Communities in Conflict in Mandate Palestine, with DY Arnon and RJ McAlexander. [[Harvard Data-verse](#)]

TEACHING

UConn

- HRTS 3460/5460–Human Rights and Armed Conflict
- HRTS 3401–Applied Research in Human Rights
- HRTS 3540–Topics in Human Rights Practice: Research Practicum

Columbia University

Instructor

- POLS S1601–International Politics Summer 2015

Teaching Assistant

- POLS UN1611–International Politics (Prof. Robert Jervis) Spring 2017 & Spring 2018
- POLS W4911–Analysis of Political Data (Prof. Robert Shapiro) Spring 2015
- POLS V1601–International Politics (Prof. Kimberly Marten) Fall 2014
- POLS W3720–Scope and Methods (Profs. Shigeo Hirano & Dorian Warren) Spring 2013
- POLS W4895–War, Peace, and Strategy (Prof. Richard Betts) Fall 2012

SERVICE

Department and University Service

- [Human Rights Research and Data Hub](#), Director Fall 2021-present
- Human Rights Institute Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Fall 2022-present
- [Business and Human Rights Initiative](#), Steering Committee Fall 2020-present
- [Engineering for Human Rights](#), Steering Committee Fall 2020-present
- Human Rights Institute Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Award Committee Spring 2022
- Human Rights Institute Dissertation Research Fellowship, Award Committee Spring 2022
- Human Rights Institute Faculty Small Grants Program, Award Committee Spring 2022
- UConn Human Rights Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship Search Committee Spring 2021

Advising & Mentoring

- Postdoctoral Fellow Supervisor, Human Rights Research and Data Hub Fall 2021-present
- Faculty Mentor, UConn Office of Undergraduate Research Summer 2023
Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Research Experience (SHARE) Program
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor AY 2022-2023
- Graduate Assistant Supervisor, Human Rights Research and Data Hub AY 2021-2022
- Mentor, UCSD Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS) program Summer 2019
- Advisor, Regeneron Science Talent Search program (Bronx Science Academy student) AY 2017-2018

Referee

- *American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Civil Wars; Comparative Political Studies; Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Interactions; International Politics; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; International Studies Review; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Security Studies; World Politics.*

SKILLS

- Programs: R, Excel
- Statistics & Data Analysis: Linear Modeling, Non-Linear Modeling & Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Time Series & Panel Data Analysis, GIS & Spatial Data Analysis, Bayesian Data Analysis
- Qualitative Research: Fieldwork in Conflict Settings, Archival Research

REFERENCES

- **Prof. V. Page Fortna.** Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University.
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- **Prof. Jack L. Snyder.** Dept. of Political Science, Columbia University.
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- **Prof. Erik Gartzke.** Dept. of Political Science, University of California San Diego.
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