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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2017-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2013-2017

Brookings Institution Fellow, 2012-2013

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Foreign Policy Program

Visiting Pre-Doctoral Scholar, Fall 2011

Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Uppsala Sweden

EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park

Ph.D. in Government and Politics, 2013

Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

Dissertation: *Leader Incentives and the Termination of Civil War*

Committee: Paul Huth (chair), William Reed, Sarah Croco, Kanisha Bond, and Laura Dugan

M.A. in Government and Politics, December 2008

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana

B.A. in Political Science and History, 2004

Magna cum Laude, with Honors in Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES:

“Led Astray? Leaders and Civil War Duration.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. (Online first version published December 2016).

“Third Party Actors and the Intentional Targeting of Civilians in War.” With Benjamin Appel. (with Benjamin Appel). *British Journal of Political Science*. (Forthcoming).

“The (In)compatibility of Peace and Justice? The International Criminal Court and Civil War Termination.” *International Organization*. (Forthcoming).

“Leader Incentives and Civil War Outcomes.” 2016. *American Journal of Political Science*. 60(1):70-84.

“International Law and the Consolidation of Peace Following Territorial Changes.” (with Paul Huth). 2015. *Journal of Politics* 77(1): 161-174.

“Compliance with International Humanitarian Law: Democratic Third Parties and Civilian Targeting in Interstate War” (with Benjamin Appel). 2014. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 54(4): 713-740.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Introductory Chapter” (with T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell), forthcoming. *What do we Know about Civil Wars?*, ed. Mason and Mitchell. Rowman and Littlefield.

“The Conduct and Consequences of War Updated.” (with Paul Huth), 2012. *Guide to the Scientific Study of International Processes*, ed. Paul Diehl, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, and James Morrow. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing.

“The Conduct and Consequences of War” (with Paul Huth), 2010. *The International Studies Encyclopedia, Volume I*, ed. Robert Denemark. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW & WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Building Reputation: Leader Change and Combatant Behavior in Civil War.” (with Sojeong Lee). *Under Review*.

“Not Too Distant: Grievance, Opportunity, and the Onset of Civil War.” (with Benjamin Appel).

“Revisiting the Sustainable Settlement of Civil Wars: Leaders and the Implementation of Peace Agreements.” (with Deniz Cil)

“Does the ICC have an Africa Problem? Understanding the Determinants of International Criminal Court Investigations.” (with Benjamin Appel)

“Surrender or Fight? Explaining Variation in the Fates of Individuals wanted by the ICC.”

Leaders and the Resolution of Civil War (book manuscript).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Summer Small Grant Award, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa (\$2500) (2016)

Summer Small Grant Award, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa (\$2500) (2015)

Curriculum Development Grant, International Programs, University of Iowa (\$4000) (2014)

Old Gold Summer Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa (\$6000) (2014)

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Foreign Policy Program, Brookings Institution (2012-2013)

American Political Science Association Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$200) (2012)

Don Piper Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics (2011)

Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland Graduate School (\$400) (2011)

Methods Training Funding, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (\$2000) (2008)

Methods Training Grant, International Relations Subfield, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (two awards totaling \$2750) (2007)

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (2006-07)

INVITED TALKS

2016

The Impact and Effectiveness of the International Criminal Court, Security Studies Colloquium of the Center for International Security Studies (CISS), Princeton University April 14.

2014

“The Future of Human Rights Research in Political Science,” UI Center for Human Rights 15th Anniversary Conference “The Future of Human Rights in the Academy and the Community”, University of Iowa, Nov. 15, 2014

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

2016

“Revisiting the Sustainable Settlement of Civil Wars: Leaders and the Implementation of Peace Agreements.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta March 16-19, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia Sept. 1-4, and Peace Science Society Annual Conference, Notre Dame Oct. 21-22.

“Surrender or Fight? Explaining Variation in the Fates of Individuals wanted by the ICC.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta March 16-19. AND Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago April 8-11.

2015

“The (In)compatibility of Peace and Justice? The International Criminal Court and Civil War Termination.” George Washington University Virtual Workshop on Intrastate Conflict and Violence, April 16, 2015.

“Building Reputation: Leader Change and Combatant Behavior in Civil War” International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans Feb. 18-21.

“Led Astray? Leaders and Civil War Duration.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans Feb. 18-21.

2014

“Windows of Opportunity: Leader Change and Negotiations During Civil War.” Peace Science Society Annual Convention, Philadelphia PA Oct. 10-11.

“Does the ICC have an Africa Problem? Understanding the Determinants of ICC Involvement.” American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Washington DC Aug. 28-31.

“Leader Incentives and the Termination of Civil War.” Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, April 2.

“International Law and the Consolidation of Peace Following Territorial Change.” (with Paul Huth). International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto March 26-29.

“Led Astray? Leaders and Civil War Duration and Settlement.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto March 26-29.

2013

“The (In)compatibility of Peace and Justice? The International Criminal Court and Civil War Termination.” Peace Science Society Annual Convention, Knoxville TN Oct. 25-26.

“Leader Incentives and the Termination of Civil War.” American Political Science Association Annual Convention, Chicago IL Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

“International Law and the Consolidation of Peace Following Territorial Change.” (with Paul Huth). International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco CA April 3-6.

“Leader Incentives, the ICC, and Civil War Termination.” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco CA April 3-6.

“Leader Incentives and the Termination of Civil War.” Invited presentation for Senior Fellows, Brookings Institution Foreign Policy Program, Washington DC January.

2012

“Leader Incentives and Civil War Termination: Culpability and Outcomes” American Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans August 2012. (cancelled due to weather)

“International Law and the Consolidation of Peace Following Territorial Changes” (with Paul Huth). International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego CA April 1-4.

2011

“Not Too Distant: Understanding How Opportunity and Grievance Jointly Determine the Onset of Civil War” (with Benjamin Appel). Invited talk at Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research Seminar, Uppsala Sweden Fall 2011.

“International Law and the Consolidation of Peace Following Territorial Changes” (with Paul Huth). American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle WA Aug. 1-4.

“A Theory of Reputation in Security Disputes: An Application to International Humanitarian Law and the Intentional Targeting of Civilians in Interstate War” (with Benjamin Appel). International Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec Canada March 16-19.

“Not Too Distant: Understanding How Opportunity and Grievance Jointly Determine the Onset of Civil War” (with Benjamin Appel). International Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec Canada March 16-19.

2010

“Credible Commitments and the Escalation of Civil Conflicts” (with Benjamin Appel). Peace Science Society Annual Conference, University of North Texas October.

“Aiding or Impeding Atrocities? Third party intervention and civilian targeting in civil wars.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago 2010.

2009

“First Response or Final Solution? The Timing of Genocide Onset during Civil War.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York Feb. 15-18.

2008

“Still More Murder in the Middle? A Reassessment of Repression in Mixed Regimes.”
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2008.
and American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2008.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Civil War (Graduate)
International Conflict (Undergraduate)
Civil Wars (Undergraduate)
Domestic Politics in International Relations (Undergraduate)
Non-state Violent Actors in International Politics (Undergraduate)

Other Teaching

The Causes, Conduct, and Consequences of Civil War, (University of Maryland
College Park)
Civil Wars: Causes, Duration, and Resolution (TA, UMD)

Additional Research Experience

Alert List 2012 Project, Lead Data Analyst. United States Agency for International
Development (USAID), (contracted through CIDCM), 2012

Research Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park
For Paul Huth, Department of Government and Politics, 2007-2012

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/SERVICES & AFFILIATIONS

Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*

American Political Science Review

Civil Wars

Comparative Political Studies

Conflict Management and Peace Science

Foreign Policy Analysis

International Interactions

International Organization

International Studies Quarterly

International Studies Review

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Peace Research

Journal of Politics

Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics

Political and Military Sociology

Terrorism and Political Violence

World Politics
Swiss National Science Foundation (grant reviewer)

Memberships:

American Political Science Association member, 2006-present
Conflict Processes Section member (2013-present)
International Studies Association member, 2009-present
Scientific Study of International Processes Section member (2013-present)
Peace Science Society International member, 2010-present

Departmental and University Service:

Distance Education Committee, AY2016-17
Committee for Visiting Speakers, AY2013-present
International Relations Subfield Qualifying Exam Committee, 2014, 2015, and 2016
Co-organizer, Shambaugh Conference on Civil War, September 2014 (with Sara Mitchell)
Organizer, Political Science Modeler's Workshop, AY2014-15
Executive Committee Member, AY2014-15

Service to the Discipline:

APSA Conflict Processes Section Lifetime Achievement Award Committee 2016-17

REFERENCES

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