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## Academic Positions

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

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

## Education

**University of Maryland at College Park**  
Ph.D., Government and Politics, 2013  
Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics  
M.A., Government and Politics, 2008.

**University of Notre Dame**  
B.A., Political Science and History, 2004  
Magna cum Laude, with Honors in Political Science

## Publications

“Selling Out or Standing Firm? Explaining the Design of Civil War Peace Agreements.” (with Deniz Cil). 2020 (Online First Version). *International Studies Quarterly*.

“Third Party Actors and the Intentional Targeting of Civilians in War.” (With Benjamin Appel). 2019. *British Journal of Political Science*. 49(4): 1453-1474.

“Led Astray? Leaders and Civil War Duration.” 2018. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(6): 1179-1204.

“The (In)compatibility of Peace and Justice? The International Criminal Court and Civil War Termination.” 2017. *International Organization* 71(2): 213-243.

“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.

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- Publications  
Cont.
- “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.
- “The Conduct and Consequences of War” (with Paul Huth). 2019. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*.
- “Introductory Chapter” (with T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell). 2017. *What do we Know about Civil Wars?*, ed. Mason and Mitchell. Rowman and Littlefield.
- “The Conduct and Consequences of War.” (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 in  
Progress
- “Cheap Talk or Costly Commitment? Leader Statements and the Implementation of Civil War Peace Agreements.” (with Deniz Cil). R&R at JPR.
- “Battles and Bargains: Escalation, Commitment, and Negotiations in Civil War.” (with Elizabeth Menninga). Under Review at ISQ.
- “Not Too Distant: Grievance, Opportunity, and the Onset of Civil War.” (with Benjamin Appel and Caleb Lucas). Under Review at CMPS.
- “Assessing the Autonomy of International Courts: Situation Selection and Advancement at the ICC.” (with Ben Appel and Shahryar Minhas). Under Review.
- “Leader Punishment in Civil War.”
- “Rethinking the Conflict Trap: Understanding the Multiple Pathways to Civil Conflict Recurrence.”
- “Building Reputation: Leader Change and Combatant Behavior in Civil War.” (with Sojeong Lee).
- Fellowships,  
Grants,  
and Awards
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Advanced Study, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (AY 2020-21) (\$12,000)
- Principal Investigator, DoD Army Research Office Grant (with Elizabeth Menninga (Co-PI)), “Tainting the Well or Priming the Pump? The Dynamics of Cooperation in Civil War” (2020-2021) (\$358,199)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards Cont.

Co-Principal Investigator, Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Grant (with Elizabeth Menninga (Co-PI)), “Negotiation Dynamics: Evaluating the Cumulative Effects of Negotiations in Civil War Resolution” (2020) (SEK \$264,673 (USD \$28k))

David F. Linowes Fellowship, Cline Center for Advanced Social Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (AY 2019-2020) (\$5,000)

Principal Investigator, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Research Board Grant, “Rethinking the Conflict Trap” (2019) (\$23,699). *\*Received Arnold O. Beckman Award for special distinction or promise*

Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Working Group member, 2018–Present

Robert and Mildred Rosenthal Memorial Fund Grant Development Award, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois (2018) (\$2,000)

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois (2017, 2018)

Small Grant Awards, Political Science, University of Iowa (2015-16) (\$5,000)

Curriculum Development Grant, International Programs, University of Iowa (2014) (\$4,000)

Old Gold Summer Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa (2014) (\$6,000)

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Foreign Policy Program, Brookings Institution (AY 2012-2013) (\$32,000)

APSA Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$200) (2012)

Visiting Pre-Doctoral Scholar, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University (Fall 2011)

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 (2011) (\$400)

Methods Training Funding, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (2008) (\$2,000)

Methods Training Grant, International Relations Subfield, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (2007) (\$2,750)

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland (AY 2006-2007)

## Invited Talks

“Tainting the Well or Priming the Pump? The Dynamics of Cooperation in Civil War.” Workshop on Conflict, Michigan State University April 20, 2018.

“Tainting the Well or Priming the Pump?” Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop. San Francisco, CA April 8-9, 2018.

“Understanding the Determinants of ICC Involvement: Legal Mandate, Power Politics, and the Quest for Legitimacy.” Frontiers of Human Rights Research Conference, University of Michigan April 2, 2018.

“Explaining the Design and Implementation of Civil War Peace Agreements.” Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop on Peacebuilding after Armed Conflict. Bogota, Colombia Nov. 27-29, 2017.

“The Impact and Effectiveness of the International Criminal Court.” Security Studies Colloquium of the Center for International Security Studies (CISS), Princeton University April 14, 2016.

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.

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.

“Leader Incentives and the Termination of Civil War.” Brookings Institution Foreign Policy Program, Washington DC January 2013.

“Not Too Distant: Understanding How Opportunity and Grievance Jointly Determine the Onset of Civil War.” Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research Seminar, Uppsala Sweden Fall 2011.

## Conference Presentation

“Revealed Sincerity and Negotiations in Civil War.” (with Elizabeth Menninga). ISA Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, March 25-28, 2020 (cancelled), and APSA Annual Convention, Washington, DC, Aug. 28-31, 2019.

“Leader Punishment in Civil War.” ISA Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI, March 25-28, 2020. (Cancelled)

“Negotiation Dynamics: Evaluating the Cumulative Effects of Negotiations in Civil War Resolution.” (with Elizabeth Menninga). ISA Midwest, St. Louis, MO, Nov. 16-18, 2018.

“Selling Out or Standing Firm? Explaining the Design of Civil War Peace Agreements.” (with Deniz Cil). Online Peace Science Colloquium Dec. 14, 2018, and APSA Annual Convention, Boston, MA Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2018.

- Conference Presentation Cont. “Understanding the determinants of ICC Involvement and Escalation.” (with Benjamin Appel). ISA Annual Conference, Baltimore Feb. 22-25, 2017.
- “Revisiting the Sustainable Settlement of Civil Wars: Leaders and the Implementation of Peace Agreements.” (with Deniz Cil). ISA Annual Conference, 2017 and 2016, APSA Annual Conference, Philadelphia Sept. 1-4, 2016, and Peace Science, Notre Dame Oct. 21-22, 2016.
- “Surrender or Fight? Explaining Variation in the Fates of Individuals wanted by the ICC.” ISA, Atlanta March 16-19, 2016, and MPSA, Chicago April 8-11, 2016.
- “Building Reputation: Leader Change and Combatant Behavior in Civil War” ISA Annual Conference, New Orleans Feb. 18-21, 2015.
- “Led Astray? Leaders and Civil War Duration.” ISA Annual Conference, New Orleans Feb. 18-21, 2015 and ISA Annual Conference, Toronto March 26-29, 2014.
- “Windows of Opportunity: Leader Change and Negotiations During Civil War.” Peace Science Annual Convention, Philadelphia PA Oct. 10-11, 2014.
- “Does the ICC have an Africa Problem? Understanding the Determinants of ICC Involvement.” APSA Annual Convention, Washington DC Aug. 28-31, 2014.
- “Leader Incentives and the Termination of Civil War.” Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, April 2, 2014 and APSA Annual Convention, Chicago IL Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2013.
- “International Law and the Consolidation of Peace Following Territorial Change.” (with Paul Huth). ISA Annual Conference, Toronto March 26-29, 2014, ISA San Francisco CA April 3-6, 2013, ISA San Diego CA April 1-4, 2012, and APSA Annual Conference, Seattle WA Aug. 2011.
- “The (In)compatibility of Peace and Justice? The International Criminal Court and Civil War Termination.” Peace Science Annual Convention, Knoxville TN Oct. 25-26, 2013.
- “Leader Incentives, the ICC, and Civil War Termination.” ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco CA April 3-6, 2013.
- “A Theory of Reputation in Security Disputes” (with Benjamin Appel). ISA Annual Conference, Montreal, March 16-19, 2011.
- “Not Too Distant: Understanding How Opportunity and Grievance Jointly Determine the Onset of Civil War” (with Benjamin Appel). ISA Annual Conference, Montreal, March 16-19, 2011.

## Teaching

**Students**

PhD Committee Co-Chair: Julian Scheirer (in progress)  
 PhD Committee Co-Chair: Navida Wang (in progress)  
 PhD Committee Member: Hyun Joo Cho (in progress)  
 PhD Committee Member: Tyler Pack (2019)  
 PhD Committee Member: Sojeong Lee (2018)  
 PhD Committee Member: Rouxi Du (in progress)  
 PhD Committee Member: Kieun Sung (2015)  
 Undergrad Thesis Advisor: Ljubica Basica (2017-18)

**Courses Taught at University of Illinois**

Civil War (Graduate)  
 Civil Wars (Undergraduate)  
 International Conflict (Undergraduate)  
 Non-State Violent Actors (Undergraduate)

**Courses Taught at University of Iowa**

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

Professional  
Activities

**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, Political Research Quarterly, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Politics, Swiss National Science Foundation (grant reviewer)*

**Memberships**

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

**Service to the Discipline, University, and Department**

Section Chair, MPSA Annual Convention (IOs and Cooperation Section), AY2019-20  
 Department Advisory Committee (UIUC Poli Sci), AY2018-19 and AY2019-20  
 Department Awards Committee (UIUC Poli Sci), AY2019-20  
 Department Grant Review Committee (UIUC Poli Sci), AY2019-20  
 UIUC Fulbright Application Reviewer, 2019  
 Comprehensive Exam Committee (U Illinois), Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019  
 IR Search Committee (U Illinois), Fall 2018

Professional Activities Cont.    Instructional Programs and Internship Committee (U Illinois), AY2017-18  
APSA Conflict Processes Lifetime Achievement Award Committee 2016-17  
Distance Education Committee (U Iowa), AY2016-17  
Committee for Visiting Speakers (U Iowa), AY2013-17  
IR Subfield Qualifying Exam Committee (U Iowa), 2014, 2015, and 2016  
Co-organizer, Shambaugh Conference on Civil War (U Iowa), September 2014  
Organizer, Political Science Modeler's Workshop (U Iowa), AY2014-15  
Executive Committee Member (U Iowa), AY2014-15