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Education

Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, 2017.

Dissertation: “Civilian Participation in Politics and Violent Revolution: Ideology, Networks, and Action in Peru and India”

Committee Members: Charles King (Chair), Daniel Nexon, Emmanuel Teitelbaum (GWU)

Major Field: Comparative Government | Minor Field: International Relations

Research Interests: political mobilization and civil conflict in developing societies; political violence; post-war politics and memory; state formation; epistemology.

Primary Regions: Latin America and South Asia

Passed with Distinction: Comparative Government Comprehensive Exam

M.A. International Studies, University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, 2009.

Field: Comparative Politics; Concentrations: International Security; Human Rights

M.A. Thesis: “Transformation of Rebel Movements into Political Parties in Transitions from Civil Conflict: A Study of Rebels’ Decision-making amid Violence in El Salvador and Zimbabwe.”

Thesis Advisor: Timothy D. Sisk

B.A. Political Science, Duke University, 2004.

Academic Employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia. Jan. 2017-present.

Pre/Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Dec. 2014-Dec. 2016.

Research

Articles in Journals

“International Authority, Deliberative Legitimacy, and the Responsibilities of States.” *Global Governance* 16(4). Autumn 2010.

“Bonded Labor in India.” In “Topical Research Digest: Human Rights and Contemporary Slavery.” *Human Rights and Human Welfare*. May 2008.

Other Publications

“Following the Shining Path of Peru to the Road Not Taken in Colombia.” Mellon Selected Working Paper Series. Durham: Duke University Press. May 2004.

Ongoing Research Projects

Constructing memory and citizenship from mass graves in Latin America: a comparative study of post-war forensic politics in Peru and Colombia

How communities and companies negotiate to address local mining conflicts in Peru: the roles of local politics and international norms (with Deborah Avant and Tricia Olsen)

“Humanizing the Enemy”: How Colombian citizens and demobilized combatants understand and practice trust in behavioral games (with Sebastián Bitar, Angelika Rettberg, and Michael Weintraub)

How forensic investigations after wartime violence contribute to building spaces for transnational memory and activism (chapter in edited volume *Agency in Transnational Memory Politics: A Framework for Analyzing Practice*)

Rebels’ networks and practices: ideology, praxis, and peasant mobilization in Telangana, India (1946-1951)

Civilian protection and aid delivery during civil war: the politics of early warning of mass atrocities in Sri Lanka, 2000-2009 (chapter author and co-editor of volume edited with Andrew Bennett)

Selected Conference Presentations

“The strategic ambiguity of citizens’ participation during and after war: interpreting political agency in Hualla, Ayacucho.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Congress, Lima, Peru, Apr. 2017.

“The ambiguity of participation in political violence: rebellion and resistance in Hualla, Ayacucho, in the early 1980s.” ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore, Feb. 2017.

Ideological Roots of Mobilization in India: The Effect of Praxis on Civilian Participation in the Telangana Peasant Movement.” ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore, Feb. 2017.

“Civilian Participation in Violence and Politics: Ideology, Networks, and Action in Peru, 1980-1992.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, New York City, May 2016.

“Rebel-civil society collaboration: organizing political action during civil war.” International Studies Association Annual Convention (ISA), Atlanta, Mar. 2016.

“Radical politics in the context of state formation: How participation in peasant struggle, nationalism and armed rebellion intersected in Andhra Pradesh.” Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) Security Studies Workshop, U. Penn, Apr. 2016.

“Participation in Politics and Revolution: Civilian Support for Insurgencies in Democratic States.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2013.

“Civilian Participation in Insurgency and Electoral Politics: Comparative Maoist Movements in South Asia and Latin America.”

International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, April 2012.

Awards and Fellowships

University of Denver PROF Faculty Research Grant (with Deborah Avant), Apr. 2016, \$18,000.

Pre/Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, September 2014-2016.

Short-term Research Scholarship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Sept.-Oct. 2014.

Dissertation Research Award, Georgetown University Department of Government, Summers 2013 and 2014.

Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Georgetown University, Nov. 2012.

Selected as GU participant in The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) of the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Maxwell School of Syracuse University, June 2012.

Georgetown University Center for Latin American Studies Research Grant, Summer 2012.

“Distinction” on Comparative Government Comprehensive Examination, Fall 2011.

Critical Language Scholarship (Bengali), U.S. State Department. Summer 2011, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Georgetown University Department of Government Graduate Fellowship, May 2009. \$22,000 per year.

Professional Affiliations

Member, International Studies Association (ISA); Member, Human Rights Section

Member, American Political Science Association (APSA)

Member, Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Member, Peru Section

Teaching and Research Assistance

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá

Professor: The Politics of Peacebuilding (MA and advanced undergraduate course), Fall 2017.

Georgetown University Department of Government

Teaching Assistant: Comparative Political Systems: Prof. Matthew Carnes, Fall 2013.

Research Assistant: Prof. Sara Wallace Goodman (UC-Irvine), Spring 2013.

Teaching Assistant: International Relations: Prof. Andrew Bennett, Fall 2012.

Teaching Assistant: International Relations: Prof. Kier Lieber, Spring 2012.

Research Assistant: Prof. Daniel Nexon, Spring 2012.
Research Assistant: Prof. George Shambaugh, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.
Teaching Assistant: Comparative Political Systems: Prof. Thane Gustafson, Spring 2010.
Research Assistant: Prof. Harley Balzer, Fall 2009.

United States Institute of Peace, Jennings Randolph Fellowship Program

Research Assistant: Caroline Hartzell, September 2010-July 2011.
Research Assistant: Andries Odendaal, September 2009-February 2010.

U. Denver Josef Korbel School of International Studies

Research Assistant: Dean Tom Farer, September 2007-June 2008.
Teaching Assistant: Global Governance and International Law: Visiting Prof. Richard Falk, Nov. 2007-May 2008.

Employment

Political Instability Task Force, Jun. 2013-Jul. 2014, casebook research on mass atrocity prevention.
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, Sept. 2009-Jul. 2011, Research Assistant.
Department of Political Affairs, United Nations, Americas and Europe Division, Sept.-Dec. 2008.
United States Embassy, Lima, Peru, June-August 2008.
The International Budget Partnership of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Jan.-Oct. 2006.
The Inter-American Dialogue, Reporter and Asst. Editor, June 2004-April 2006.

Service and Leadership

Reviewer, *Democratization*.
Officer, Graduate Political Science Association, Georgetown University, Fall 2010-Spring 2012.
Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Advanced International Studies*, 2010-2013.
Coordinator, Georgetown Univ. Govt. Dept. DC Area Graduate Student Conference, 2010-2011.
Symposium Coordinator, Center on Rights Development (CORD), U. Denver, May 2008-June 2009.
Volunteer, Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement Program, Denver, Sept. 2007-Sept. 2008.
Vice-President, Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF), Washington, DC, May 2005-July 2007.

Related Skills

Proficient in Spanish; conversant in Bengali/Bangla
Extensive research and work-related travel in Peru, Nepal, and India.