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EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Expected Spring 2019

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign-Urbana, IL

Major Field: International Relations. *Minor Field:* Comparative Politics.

Dissertation: “Dangerous Neighborhoods: Alternatives to Intervention in Nearby Civil Wars.”

Committee: Paul Diehl (chair), Sarah Hummel, Carol Leff, John Vasquez

M.A., Political Science, 2011

Utah State University, Logan, UT

Thesis: “Rhetoric versus Reality: Russian Words and Wars in Chechnya and Georgia.”

B.S., Political Science, 2009: *summa cum laude*

Utah State University, Logan, UT

Minor Fields Russian, Latin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor

- Introduction to Global Studies. LAS Global Studies. University of Illinois. Spring 2019, Fall 2018.
- Public Speaking. Department of Communications. University of Illinois. Fall 2017.
- Introduction to International Relations. University of Illinois. Fall 2016.
- Peace Operations. LAS Global Studies. University of Illinois. Fall 2015.
- Introduction to Political Science. University of Illinois. Summer 2015, Spring 2015.
- Introduction to International Relations (online). University of Illinois. Fall 2014.
- Foundations of Political Science (online). University of Illinois. Spring 2014.

Teaching Assistant

- Governing Globalization. University of Illinois. Spring 2018.
- Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear War, and Arms Control. Physics/Global Studies. University of Illinois. Spring 2017.
- Introduction to International Relations. University of Illinois. Fall 2013.

Certifications

- Dr. Sandra J. Finley Teacher Scholar Certificate. University of Illinois. Spring 2016.
- Graduate Teacher Certificate. University of Illinois. Spring 2015.
 - The certification program at the University of Illinois affords graduate students and faculty opportunities to develop their teaching skills by engaging with all aspects of the teaching process. Among other requirements for the certificates, I solicited and implemented feedback from students as well as classroom observers, engaged in service to the university by serving as a presenter at teaching workshops, engaged with scholarly literature on pedagogy, and attended workshops on a wide variety of teaching-related topics.

Employment

- Graduate Affiliate. Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning. University of Illinois. 2016-2019.
- Academic Coach. Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. University of Illinois. 2017-2018.

PUBLICATION

“Crossing the Red Line: International Legal Limits on Policy Options.” 2014. With Paul Diehl and Todd Robinson. *Yale Journal of International Affairs* 9(1): 58-67.

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

My dissertation considers how states respond to civil war violence in a neighboring state. More specifically, I study the effect of nearby civil conflict on leader survival, the determinants of external involvement, and the effect of both internal and external factors on choosing a side to support. Unlike traditional studies of civil war intervention, which tend to focus primarily on the external interventions of powerful states into the conflict, I focus on neighbor state responses. The neighbors of civil war states are both uniquely vulnerable to civil war externalities and uniquely capable of responding with a diverse range of policy choices. Those policy choices are not limited to external intervention, as many responses to civil war violence nearby involve adjustments in domestic policy.

My project presents a theory of leader survival, threat perception, and civil war response. I look at the unique threats to regime survival experienced by civil war neighbors in an attempt to better understand both the policy options available to such leaders as well as whether internal policies, external policies, or a combination of both are chosen in response to the conflict. I test my theory using a mixture of quantitative analysis of civil war neighbors from 1945 to 2010 and qualitative case studies of selected states responses to nearby civil conflict.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant: for Paul Diehl. University of Illinois. Summer 2015.

Areas of specialization: Civil war, international conflict, conflict management, democracy and authoritarianism, political violence

HONORS AND AWARDS

Marvin G. Weinbaum Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching 2018
Department of Political Science
University of Illinois

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent Spring 2018
Fall 2017, Spring 2017
Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Spring 2015, Fall 2013
University of Illinois

Schroeder Summer Fellowship Summer 2017
Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois

Political Science Travel Award Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2014
University of Illinois

Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Achievement Spring 2012
University of Illinois

Illinois Distinguished Fellowship Fall 2011 - Summer 2016
University of Illinois

Political Science Student of the Year Fall 2008 - Spring 2009
Utah State University

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Member of American Political Science Association.

Member of International Studies Association

Reviewer for *International Interactions*

Presenter for Graduate Academy for College Teaching. 2015-2018. University of Illinois.

Discussant for Shambaugh Conference on Civil War. September 2015. University of Iowa.

Discussant for Comparative Politics Workshop Series. March 2013. University of Illinois.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Nearby Conflict and Leader Survival” International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2018

“Nearby Civil War and Power Consolidation.” International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2017.

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Nearby Civil Wars and Challenges to Leader Survival.”
International Studies Association Annual Convention. Baltimore, MD. 2017

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Nearby Civil Wars and Challenges to Leader Survival.”
Graduate Student Speaker Series. University of Iowa. 2016

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Alternatives to Intervention in Nearby Civil Wars.” Program
in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security (ACDIS) Speaker Series.
University of Illinois. 2016.

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Alternatives to Intervention in Nearby Civil Wars.”
International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2015.

“Choosing to Compel: First Movers in Coercive Diplomacy.” Midwest Political Science
Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. 2014.

“Rhetoric versus Reality: Russian Words and Wars in Chechnya and Georgia.” Western
Political Science Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX. 2011.

TRAINING AND RELEVANT SKILLS

Statistics/Programming
Languages

R, OLS, Network Analysis
Russian (advanced)