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BACKGROUND & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Political Violence; Democratization; Human Rights & the Rule of Law.
Quantitative Data Analysis; Qualitative Fieldwork; Dataset Management.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Harvard University

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative 2023-
- Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Relations 2020-2023

University of Connecticut

- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Human Rights Institute 2021-2023

EDUCATION

University of Denver, PhD, International Studies

- Committee: Erica Chenoweth (chair), Cullen Hendrix, Marie Berry 2021

Uppsala University, MSc, Peace and Conflict Studies

- Thesis supervisor: Allan Dafoe 2012

Hanover College, BA, International Studies

- Thesis supervisor: Larry T. Thornton 2009

RESEARCH & WRITING

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- "Swords into Ploughshares? Why Human Rights Abuses Persist After Resistance Campaigns." *Journal of Peace Research*, 2023. [\[Link\]](#)
- "Updating Nonviolent Campaigns: Introducing NAVCO 2.1," with Erica Chenoweth. *Journal of Peace Research*, 2022. [\[Link\]](#)
- "Glee and Grievance: Emotive Events and Campaign Size in Nonviolent Resistance," with John Gledhill and Allard Duursma. *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 2022. [\[Link\]](#)

Book Project (In Progress)

- *Violence After Victory: Explaining Variation in State Repression Following Contentious Politics*. [\[Link\]](#)

Manuscripts Under Review

- "Into the Fray: Explaining State Support for Foreign Nonviolent Resistance Movements," with Maria Lotito and Michael Rubin. *International Studies Quarterly*, R&R.
- "Trials and Affirmations: When Transitional Prosecutions Improve the Rule of Law." *Journal of Politics*, under review. [\[Link\]](#)
- "Forgive and Forget? Why victims need and demand retributive justice after mass violence," with Phuong Pham and Patrick Vinck. *Journal of Peace Research*, under review.

- “When Do Reparations Repair? Explaining the conditions under which reparations programs improve or harm victims’ perceptions of the state,” with Phuong Pham and Patrick Vinck. *International Studies Quarterly*, under review.

Working Papers

- “Strange Bedfellows: Why security defections undermine prospects for liberalization after successful nonviolent campaigns.”
- “Due Diligence: Presenting the Post-Regime Change Transitional Trials Dataset,” with Louis Pascarella.
- “At What Cost: Do War Crimes Indictments Endanger Peacekeepers?,” with Joakim Kreutz and Anders Themnér.

Other Publications

- “The Long-term Consequences of Violent Versus Nonviolent Rebellion.” *Civil War Paths*, 10 March 2023. [\[Link\]](#)
- “Putting on a Show Can Be Revolutionary—Here’s Why,” with John Gledhill & Allard Duursma. *Political Violence at a Glance*, 6 October 2022. [\[Link\]](#)
- “India: Naxalites,” Armed Conflict Survey, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2020.
- “This may be the largest wave of nonviolent mass movements in world history. What comes next?” with Erica Chenoweth, Sirianne Dahlum, Sooyeon Kang, Zoe Marks, and Tore Wig. *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, November 16, 2019. [\[Link\]](#)
- “India: Naxalites,” Armed Conflict Survey, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2019.
- “India: Naxalites,” Armed Conflict Survey, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2018.
- “India: Naxalites,” Armed Conflict Survey, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2017.
- “The Naxalite conflict: heating up or fading away?” International Institute for Strategic Studies, 3 May 2017. [\[Link\]](#)
- “Expansion of Mining Risks a Naxalite Resurgence in India’s Red Corridor.” International Institute for Strategic Studies, 4 May 2016.
- “The Jevons Paradox and the Economy of Drone Strikes.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, 24 June 2016. [\[Link\]](#)

DATA COLLECTION

Fieldwork Experience

- Nepal (August - September 2019)
Conducted over 40 Semi-structured Elite Interviews with security personnel (active and retired), former rebels, government officials, NGO representatives, journalists, and activists in Kathmandu.

Datasets (Completed)

- Post-Regime Change Trials (PRCT), with Louis Pascarella [\[Link\]](#)
Identifies all formal prosecutions undertaken against former government officials in the wake of a regime death, 1974-2010. Critically, the PRCT provides information about the quality of prosecutions, assessing them to be either free and fair or flawed. These data are temporarily embargoed, but may be shared upon request.

- Nonviolent and Violent Campaigns and Outcomes 2.1, with Erica Chenoweth [\[Link\]](#)
Identifies and tracks over 380 violent insurgencies and nonviolent mass movements, 1945-2013. Campaign attributes like participation size, institutionalization, and government repression are provided at the campaign-year level.
- Social and Economic Rights (SERF) Index (2023 update, 2022 update), with Susan Randolph [\[Link\]](#)
The SERF index relies on economic development data to measure states' efforts to provide six fundamental social and economic rights to citizens (e.g., the rights to food, shelter, and healthcare) for all countries, 1997-2021. Critically, scores are assessed with reference to states' capabilities. SERF scores therefore show when and whether states effectively leverage available resources to fulfill their obligations. SERF scores are expanded and fully updated annually.
- Emotive Events Database (EED), with John Gledhill and Allard Duursma [\[Link\]](#)
The EED adds three new variables to a subset of NAVCO 2.1 (all nonviolent campaign-years, 1985-2013), quantifying the prevalence of 'emotive events' organized by campaigns on a yearly basis. These tactics (e.g., concerts, plays, and mass singing) evince positive emotions in participants who are physically present.

Datasets (In Progress)

- Nonviolent and Violent Campaigns and Outcomes 2.2, with Erica Chenoweth
Significantly builds on previous iterations of NAVCO, primarily by expanding the study period from 1945-2013 to 1945-2020. Campaign attributes like participation size, institutionalization, and government repression will be provided at the campaign-year level.

RESEARCH POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 2023- [\[Link\]](#)
- Civil War Paths Project, Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War, York University, 2022-2023 (non-resident). [\[Link\]](#)
- Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, 2021-2023 [\[Link\]](#)
- International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Relations, Harvard Kennedy School, 2020-2023 [\[Link\]](#)

Predoctoral Fellowships

- Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, 2018-2020
- Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School, University of Denver, 2014-2021

Professional Positions

- Conflict Analyst (consulting), International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2015-2020
- Research Assistant (full-time), Uppsala Conflict Data Program, Uppsala University Department of Peace and Conflict Research, 2012-2014

Affiliations

- Transitional Justice Evaluation Tools (TJET)
- Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI)

GRANTS & AWARDS

SHARE Virtual Research Apprenticeship Program Grant, 2023

- The SHARE Program (based at the University of Connecticut) awarded me 2,800 USD to hire (and mentor) two research assistants to complete the Post-Regime Change Trials (PRCT) Project.

Research Assistance Grant, Josef Korbel School, 2019

- I was awarded this competitive grant (3,000 USD) to assist with my doctoral field research in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Methods Training Grant, Josef Korbel School PhD Program, 2018

- I was awarded this competitive grant (3,000 USD) to fund my tuition and travel for the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks and Workshops

- Peace Research Institute Oslo, Mobilization, Conflict, & Democratization Workshop, 18-19 Nov 2023
 - "State Support for Violent and Nonviolent Resistance Movements Abroad."
- Uppsala University, Department of Government, Statsvetenskapliga Seminar, 30 May 2023.
 - "Trials and Affirmations: When Transitional Prosecutions Improve the Rule of Law."
- Harvard University, Weatherhead Center Political Violence Workshop, 21 March 2023.
 - "State Support for Violent and Nonviolent Resistance Movements Abroad."
- Harvard University, Belfer Center ISP Seminar, 24 March 2022 [\[Link\]](#)
 - "Violence After Victory: Explaining Human Rights Outcomes After Conflict Termination"
- Harvard University, Belfer Center ISP Seminar, 3 December 2020 [\[Link\]](#)
 - "Violence After Victory: Explaining Human Rights Outcomes After Conflict Termination"
- Harvard University, Weatherhead Center Political Violence Workshop, 6 October 2020
 - "Fight or Flight? Explaining the Resolve of Peacekeeping Contributors"

Academic Conferences

- Peace Science Society Annual Meeting: 2022
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting: 2017
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting: 2017-2020, 2022
- Conflict Research Society Conference Annual Meeting: 2016, 2018
- Four Corners Conflict Network Annual Meeting: 2017-2021

TEACHING

Independent Instructor (University of Denver)

- INTS 1700 – Intro. to International Politics (undergraduate) Winter 2019, Spring 2021

Teaching Fellow (Harvard Kennedy School)

- IGA 222M – War: Causes, Dynamics, and Resolution (MPP course) Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant (University of Denver)

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| · INTS 2975 – Global Issues Research Practicum (Prof. Kate Tennis) | Spring 2018, Spring 2019 |
| · INTS 1700 – Intro. to International Politics (Prof. Jonathan Moyer) | Fall 2018 |
| · INTS 4517 – Politics of Deeply Divided Societies (Prof. Tim Sisk) | Winter 2017 |
| · INTS 4501 – Comparative Politics in the 21st Century (Prof. Tim Sisk) | Winter 2017 |
| · INTS 4900 – International Politics (Prof. Jack Donnelly) | Fall 2016, Fall 2017 |

SERVICE

Department and University Service

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| · PhD Student Government Representative, University of Denver | 2018-2019 |
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Advising & Mentoring

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| · SHARE Research Apprentice Mentor, University of Connecticut | 2023 |
| · Outdoor Educator (Crew Leader), Student Conservation Association | 2012 |

Referee

- *American Political Science Review; European Journal of International Relations; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Peace Research; Mobilization; World Politics*

RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages

- Swedish (advanced)

Software Programs

- Stata, R, Excel, ArcGIS, Fire Effects Monitoring and Inventory System

Quantitative Skills

- Linear Modeling, Non-Linear Modeling, Survival (Duration) Analysis, Multi-Level Models (Linear Hierarchical Models), Mediation Analysis, Difference-in-Differences Analysis

Qualitative Skills

- Semi-Structured Interviews, Process Tracing, Structured Focused Comparison, Symbolic Logic

Other Skills

- Type II Wildland Firefighter (Arduous-rated), Leave No Trace Master Educator

REFERENCES

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