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## BACKGROUND & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

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Conflict Processes; Nonviolent Resistance; Democratization; Human Rights; Transitional Justice.  
Quantitative Data Analysis; Qualitative Fieldwork; Dataset Management.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (IN RESIDENCE)

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### Harvard University

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

### University of Connecticut

Post-doctoral Research Associate, Human Rights Institute 2021-2023

## EDUCATION

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University of Denver, International Studies: PhD (2021)

Committee: Erica Chenoweth (chair), Cullen Hendrix, and Marie Elizabeth Berry.

Uppsala University, Peace and Conflict Studies: MSc (2012)

Thesis Supervisor: Allan Dafoe

Hanover College, International Studies: BA (2009)

Thesis Supervisor: Larry T. Thornton

## RESEARCH & WRITING

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

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

### Book Project (In Progress)

- *Violence After Victory: Explaining Variation in State Repression Following Contentious Politics*.

### Working Papers

- "Trials and Affirmations: When Transitional Prosecutions Improve the Rule of Law." (presented at the November 2022 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting.)
- "State Support for Violent and Nonviolent Resistance Movements Abroad," with Maria Lotito and Michael Rubin.

- “Fight or Flight? Explaining the Resolve of Peacekeeping Contributors,” with Michael Harsch and Tyler Headley. (Presented at the Weatherhead Center’s Political Violence Workshop, October 2020.)

### **Other Publications**

- “The Long-term Consequences of Violent Vs. Nonviolent Rebellion.” *Civil War Paths*, 10 March 2023.
- “Putting on a Show Can Be Revolutionary—Here’s Why,” with John Gledhill & Allard Duursma. *Political Violence at a Glance*, 6 October 2022.
- “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.
- “India: Naxalites,” Armed Conflict Survey (Chapter), International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2019.
- “India: Naxalites,” Armed Conflict Survey (Chapter), International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2018.
- “India: Naxalites,” Armed Conflict Survey (Chapter), International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2017.
- “The Naxalite conflict: heating up or fading away?” International Institute for Strategic Studies, 3 May 2017.
- “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.

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## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

### **Research Positions**

- Postdoc, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 2023-
- Fellow (non-resident), Civil War Paths Project, Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War, York University, 2022-2023
- Postdoc, Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut, 2021-2023
- Postdoc, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Relations, Harvard Kennedy School, 2020-2023
- Predoc, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, 2018-2020
- Conflict Analyst, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2015-2020
- Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School, University of Denver, 2014-2021

### **Affiliations**

- Human Rights Measurement Initiative
- Four Corners Conflict Network
- International Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Peace Science Society

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks and Workshops

- Uppsala University, Department of Government, Statsvetenskapliga Seminar, May 30, 2023
- [Harvard University, Belfer Center ISP Seminar](#), March. 24, 2022
- [Harvard University, Belfer Center ISP Seminar](#), Dec. 3, 2020
- Harvard University, Weatherhead Center Political Violence Workshop, Oct. 6, 2020
- University of Denver, Sié Center Research Seminar, Oct. 4, 2018

### Academic Conferences

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

## DATA COLLECTION

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### Fieldwork

- Nepal (Aug. - Sept. 2019)
  - Over 40 Semi-structured Elite Interviews with military and police personnel (active and retired), former rebels, government officials, NGO representatives, journalists, and activists in Kathmandu.

### Datasets

- [Nonviolent and Violent Campaigns and Outcomes 2.1](#), with Erica Chenoweth
  - 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](#) (2022 update), with Susan Randolph
  - 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.
- [Emotive Events Database \(EED\)](#), with John Gledhill and Allard Duursma
  - 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 attending participants.

### Datasets in Progress

- Nonviolent and Violent Campaigns and Outcomes 2.2, with Erica Chenoweth
  - NAVCO 2.2 will extend the temporal coverage of NAVCO 2.1 through 2017.
- Post-Regime Change Trials dataset (PRCT)
  - Identifies all formal prosecutions undertaken against government officials in the wake of a regime death, 1980-2005. Critically, PRCT codes prosecutions by the quality of their procedural implementation, assessing them to be either flawed or free and fair.

## TEACHING

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### University of Denver

#### Instructor

- INTS 1700 – Introduction to International Politics Winter 2019, Spring 2021

#### Teaching Assistant

- 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

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### Department and University Service

- PhD Student Government Representative 2018-2019

### Advising & Mentoring

- SHARE Research Apprentice Mentor, University of Connecticut Summer 2023
- Student Conservation Association Crew Leader Summer 2012

### Referee

- *Journal of Peace Research; European Journal of International Relations; American Political Science Review; Mobilization*

## RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Languages

- Swedish (advanced)

### 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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