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BACKGROUND & RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Political Violence; Nonviolent Resistance; Conflict Processes; Human Rights & State Repression; Transitional Justice; International Security.

Quantitative Data Analysis; Qualitative Fieldwork in Post-Conflict Countries; Dataset Management.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Connecticut

Post-doctoral Research Associate, Human Rights Institute

2021-

Harvard University

Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Relations

2020-

EDUCATION

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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- "Swords into Ploughshares? Why Human Rights Abuses Persist After Resistance Campaigns," *Journal of Peace Research* (Conditional Accept).
- "Updating Nonviolent Campaigns: Introducing NAVCO 2.1," with Erica Chenoweth. Forthcoming in *Journal of Peace Research*.
- "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." (To be presented at the 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

- [“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, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2019.
- “India: Naxalites,” Chapter in Armed Conflict Survey, International Institute for Strategic Studies, 2018.
- “India: Naxalites,” Chapter in 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.
- “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.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Fellowships

- Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Relations, Harvard University, 2020-2023
- Fellow, Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Sheffield, 2022-2023
- Fellow, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University, 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

Invited Talks and Workshops

- [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

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

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 – Introduction 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

- PhD Student Government Representative 2018-2019

Advising & Mentoring

- Student Conservation Association Crew Leader Summer 2012

Referee

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

RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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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