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Background and Research Expertise

Political Violence; Human Rights; Nonviolent Resistance; Conflict Processes; International Security.

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

Academic Appointments

University of Connecticut Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Human Rights Institute	2021-
Harvard University Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Relations	2020-
Harvard University Research Fellow, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy	2018-2020

Non-Academic Appointments

International Institute for Strategic Studies Conflict Analyst, Consulting Research Assistant	2015-2020
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Education

University of Denver

PhD in International Studies

Committee: Erica Chenoweth, Cullen Hendrix, Marie Berry
Examination fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Uppsala University

MA in Politics and International Studies

Thesis Supervisor: Allan Dafoe

Hanover College

BA in International Studies

Thesis Supervisor: Larry T. Thornton

Research and Writing

Articles

- *Glee and Grievance: Emotive Events and Campaign Size in Nonviolent Resistance* (with Allard Duursma and John Gledhill), *Journal of Global Security Studies* 7, no. 4 (July 18, 2022): ogac011. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogac011>.
- *Updating Nonviolent Campaigns: Introducing NAVCO 2.1* (with Erica Chenoweth), *Journal of Peace Research* (forthcoming)

Articles Under Review

- *Swords Into Ploughshares? Why Human Rights Abuse Persist After Resistance Campaigns* (invited to revise and resubmit to the *Journal of Peace Research*, April 2022)

Working Papers

- *Curbing the Killing: Transitional Trial Competence and State Repression* (presented at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs International Security Seminar, March 2022)
- *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)

Book Project

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

Other Publications

- *India: Naxalites*. Chapter in *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?* *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, November 16, 2019 (with Erica Chenoweth, Sirianne Dahlum, Sooyeon Kang, Zoe Marks, and Tore Wig)
- *India: Naxalites*. Chapter in *Armed Conflict Survey*, International Institute for Strategic Studies (2019)
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- *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).

Conference Presentations

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2017)
- Conflict Research Society Conference Annual Conference (2016, 2018)
- Four Corners Conflict Network Annual Meeting (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
- International Studies Association Annual Conference (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022)

Data Collection

Fieldwork

Nepal (August – September, 2019)

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

Datasets

Nonviolent and Violent Campaigns and Outcomes (NAVCO) 2.1 Dataset [[Harvard Dataverse Site](#)] (with Erica Chenoweth)

Identifies and tracks over 380 violent and nonviolent insurgencies, 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) [[SERF official site](#)] (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 provide these rights.

The Emotive Events Database (forthcoming) (with Allard Duursma and John Gledhill)

The Emotive Events Database (EED) adds three new variables to a subset of NAVCO 2.1 (all nonviolent campaign-years, 1985-2013). The first two, *spectacles* and *participatory performative acts*, indicate the extent to which campaign organizers rely on activities that evince positive emotions in attending participants, such as concerts, plays, and mass singing. The third variable, *mass protest*, measures the regularity with which campaigns gather participants in place to undertake campaign activities.

Datasets in Progress

Nonviolent and Violent Campaigns and Outcomes (NAVCO) 2.2 Dataset

Will extend the temporal coverage of *NAVCO 2.1* through 2017.

Post-conflict and Transitional Trials Dataset (PCATT)

Identifies all formal prosecutions undertaken against government officials in the wake of conflict termination and political transitions, 1980-2010. Critically, PCATT codes prosecutions by the quality of their implementation, assessing programs to be either free and fair or flawed.

Teaching Experience

Adjunct faculty:

University of Denver	2019, 2020
Introduction to International Politics (student evaluations available)	

Teaching assistant:

University of Denver	2016 – 2019
Introduction to International Politics (for Jonathan Moyer)	
Research Methods (for Katherine Tennis)	
International Politics (MA level) (for Jack Donnelly)	
Comparative Politics in the Twenty-first Century (MA level) (for Tim Sisk)	

Service

Referee

Journal of Peace Research, European Journal of International Relations

PhD Student Government Representative

Josef Korbel School of International Studies	2018 – 2019
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Research and Technical Skills

Language Skills:

- Swedish (advanced)

Statistical and GIS Software Competence

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

Quantitative Skills:

- Dataset development and management
- OLS and multivariate regression analysis
- Survival (time-to-event) Analysis
- Linear hierarchical models (multi-level models)
- GIS Mapping

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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