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Academic Appointments

- **University of Texas at Dallas**
 - Assistant Professor (Beginning August 2023)
- **The Horizons Project**
 - Director of Research (September 2022 – Present)
- **George Washington University**
 - Lecturer (August 2022 – May 2023)
- **United States Institute of Peace**
 - Senior Researcher, Program on Nonviolent Action (December 2020 – September 2022)
 - Program Officer, Program on Nonviolent Action (December 2019 – December 2020)
- **Norwegian University of Technology and Science**
 - Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (March 2018 – December 2019)
- **Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO)**
 - External Research Associate (March 2018 – December 2019)
- **University of Denver**
 - Research Fellow and Adjunct Professor, Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy (2014-2018)

Education

- **PhD** University of Denver (Denver, CO), International Studies, June 2014 - March 2018
Examination Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics (both with distinction).
- **MA** University of Denver (Denver, CO), International Studies, September 2012 - June 2014
- **BA** Gordon College (Wenham, MA), International Affairs, September 2004 - May 2008

Books

- 2020. *From Dissent to Democracy: The Promise and Perils of Civil Resistance Transitions*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022. "Moral Logics of Support for Nonviolent Civil Resistance: Evidence From a Cross-National Survey Experiment." *Comparative Political Studies* (OnlineFirst). With Sirianne Dahlum and Tore Wig.

- 2022. “Friday on my Mind: Re-Assessing the Impact of Protest Size on Government Concessions.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(7-8): 1320-1355. With Charles Butcher
- 2022. “Organizations, Resistance and Democracy: How Civil Society Organizations Impact Democratization.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1) 1-14. With Charles Butcher and Jessica Maves Braithwaite.
- 2022. “When the Levee Breaks: An Ensemble Forecasting Model of Violent and Nonviolent Dissent.” *International Interactions* (OnlineFirst). With Babak RezaeeDaryakenari.
- 2022. “Introducing the Anatomy of Resistance Campaigns Dataset.” *Journal of Peace Research* 59(3): 449-460. With Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Charles Butcher, Eirin Haugseth, Ingrid Vik Bakken, and Marius Swane Wishman
- 2021. “Close but Not Too Close: Opposition Network Strategy and Democratization in Zambia.” *Social Movement Studies* (OnlineFirst).
- 2021. “Activists Against Autocrats: TSMO Networks and Democracy Diffusion.” *Frontiers in Political Science* 92. With John Joseph Chin
- 2021. “Tangled Up in Blue: The Effect of UN Peacekeeping on Nonviolent Protests in Post-Civil War Countries.” *International Studies Quarterly* 65(1): 1-15. With Margherita Belgioioso and Jessica di Salvatore.
- 2021. “Nonviolent Resistance and the Quality of Democracy.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 38(5): 503-523. With Felix Bethke.
- 2020. “Sickness or Silence: Social Movement Adaptation to COVID-19.” *Journal of International Affairs* 73(2): 23-42. With Miranda Rivers.
- 2020. “Curving the Resource Curse: Negative Effects of Oil and Gas Revenue on Nonviolent Resistance Campaign Onset.” *Research & Politics* 7(2)
- 2018. “Days of Rage: Introducing the NAVCO 3.0 Dataset.” *Journal of Peace Research* 55(4): 534-544. With Erica Chenoweth and Orion Lewis.
- 2015. “Collecting Data on Nonviolent Action: Lessons Learned and Ways Forward,” *Journal of Peace Research*, 52(1):129-133. With Joel Day and Erica Chenoweth.

Book Chapters

- 2022. “Civil Resistance: Theorizing the Force of Nonviolent Action.” in *Routledge Handbook of Social Change*, ed. Richard Ballard and Clive Barnett. New York, NY: Taylor & Francis.
- 2021. “Nonviolent Resistance, Social Justice, and Positive Peace.” in *The Springer Handbook of Positive Peace* ed. by Katerina Standish, Heather Devere, Rachel Rafferty, and Adan Suazo. New York, NY: Springer Publishing.

- 2020. “Donning the Velvet: Nonviolent Resistance in the 2018 Armenian Revolution.” in *Armenia’s Velvet Revolution: The Decline and Defeat of Authoritarianism* ed. By Anna Ohanyan and Laurence Broers. London, UK: I.B. Tauris.
- 2016. “Best Practices in Unarmed Civilian Protection in Israel/Palestine.” in *Wielding Nonviolence in the Midst of Violence: Case Studies of Good Practices in Unarmed Civilian Protection* ed. by Ellen Furnari. Wahlenau, Institute for Peace Work and Nonviolent Conflict Transformation. With Eli McCarthy.
- 2015. “Insurgency,” in James D. Wright, ed. *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences* 2nd Edition (Elsevier) With Erica Chenoweth.

Peer-Reviewed Reports

- 2022. “Promoting Democracy and Preventing Violence in Transitions After Nonviolent Action.” *Peaceworks*. Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace.
- 2022. “Nonviolent Action in the Era of Digital Authoritarianism: Hardships and Innovations.” *Special Report*. Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace. With Matthew Cebul.
- 2021. “Motives, Benefits, and Sacred Values: Examining the Psychology of Nonviolent Action and Violent Extremism.” *Peaceworks*. Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace. With Michael Niconchuk and Sarah Ryan.
- 2021. “Precarity and Power: Reflections on Women and Youth in Nonviolent Action,” *Peaceworks*. Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace. With Miranda Rivers.
- 2021. “Digital Authoritarianism and Nonviolent Action: Challenging the Digital Counterrevolution,” *Special Report*. Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace. With Matthew Cebul.
- 2021. “Nonviolent Action and Transitions to Democracy: The Impact of Inclusive Dialogue and Negotiation,” *Peaceworks*. Washington, DC: US Institute of Peace. With Veronique Dudouet.
- 2021. “How to Win Well: Civil Resistance Breakthroughs and the Path to Democracy.” *Special Report*. Washington, DC: International Center on Nonviolent Conflict.
- 2020. “Setting the Stage for Peace Processes: The Role of Nonviolent Movements.” in *Accord 29: Pioneering Peace Pathways – Making Connections to End Violent Conflict*. London, UK: Conciliation Resources
- 2018. *When Civil Resistance Succeeds: Building Democracy After Popular Nonviolent Uprisings*. Washington, DC: International Center on Nonviolent Conflict.
- 2017. “Struggles from Below: Literature Review on Human Rights Struggles by Domestic Actors.” With Erica Chenoweth, Kyleanne Hunter, Pauline Moore, Tricia Olsen, and Heidi Reynolds-Stenson. Washington, DC: United States Agency for International Development Democracy Fellows and Grants Program.

- 2016. *Making or Breaking Nonviolent Discipline: How Nonviolent Commitment is Created and Sustained by Civil Resistance Movements*. Washington, DC: International Center on Nonviolent Conflict

Awards and Grants

- 2022. Principal Investigator. “Mapping Pillars of Support for Authoritarianism.” Democracy Fund Just and Inclusive Society Program (\$50,000).
- 2022. Principal Investigator. “Countering Autocratization Through Support for Nonviolent Action.” Inter-Agency Agreement, United States Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, 2022-2024 (\$998,000).
- 2020. Principal Investigator, “New Frontiers in the Study of Nonviolent Action.” Inter-Agency Agreement, United States Agency for International Development Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) center, 2020-2022 (\$999,702).
- 2019. Principal Investigator, “The Power of Protest” Norwegian University of Science and Technology Strategic Research Grant (150,000 NOK).
- 2017. International Center on Nonviolent Conflict PhD Fellowship (\$10,245).
- 2016. Co-Investigator, “Human Rights and ‘Pressure from Below’” (With Erica Chenoweth, Kyleanne Hunter, Pauline Moore, Tricia Olsen, and Heidi Stetson-Reynolds) United States Agency for International Development Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) Research and Innovation Grants (\$52,000).
- 2015. Principal Investigator, “Explaining Nonviolent Discipline in Civil Resistance Campaigns” International Center on Nonviolent Conflict Research Monograph Grant (\$5,000).
- 2015. Co-Investigator, “Best Practices in Unarmed Civilian Protection in Israel/Palestine,” (with Eli McCarthy) Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy (\$3,800).
- 2014. PhD Fellowship, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.
- 2012. Sie Cheou-Kang Fellowship, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.

Manuscripts in Progress (Selected)

- “Inclusive Democratization in the Aftermath of Nonviolent Resistance.” With Subindra Bogati, Titik Firawati, and Ches Thurber (under review)
- “How Civil Resistance Works: A Randomized Controlled Trial of Training in Nonviolent Action and Peacebuilding.” With Consuelo Amat and Jawhara Kanu.
- “Gender on the Frontlines of Nonviolent Dissent: A Series of Survey Experiments on Women’s Participation in Civil Resistance.” With Erica Chenoweth, Matthew Cebul, Zoe Marks, and Miranda Rivers

- “Can Nonviolent Action Substitute for Violent Extremism? Evidence from Two Cross-National Survey Experiments.” With Matthew Cebul
- “Did the Women’s March Work? Re-Evaluating the Political Efficacy of Protest.”
- “Talking to the Other Side: Nonviolence, Dialogue and Negotiation, and Democratic Support.” With Roman-Gabriel Olar

Research Experience

- Director of Research, The Horizons Project,
 - Principal Investigator: Combatting Authoritarianism – Pillars research project (September 2022 – Present)
- Research Lead, Program on Nonviolent Action, United States Institute of Peace
 - Principal Investigator: Civic Mobilization in Civil Resistance Transitions Project (October 2020 – September 2022)
 - Principal Investigator: Women and Youth in Nonviolent Action Campaigns Project (October 2020 – September 2022)
 - Principal Investigator: Neuroscience of Resistance and Violent Extremism Project (February 2020 – September 2022)
 - Principal Investigator: Emergent Technology and Nonviolent Action Project (October 2020 – March 2022)
 - Principal Investigator: People Power, Peace Processes, and Democratization Project (2019 – 2021)
- Research Fellow, Anatomy of Resistance Campaigns Project, Norwegian University of Technology and Science (2018 – 2019).
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Warwick (January 2018).
- Research Assistant and Fellow, Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy (2012 – 2018).
 - Co-Investigator, USAID “Human Rights Struggles From Below” Project.
 - Project Supervisor, NAVCO 3.0 Data Project.
 - Project Supervisor, Social Conflict Analysis Database (SCAD) Project.
 - Team Member, NAVCO 2.1 Data Project.

- Team Member, Major Episodes of Contention (MEC) Data Project.
- Interview-based and archival field research in Nepal, Zambia, and Brazil for “Between Liberation and Freedom” Project (2016-2017).
- Interview-based field research in Israel-Palestine for Unarmed Civilian Protection Project (2015).

Teaching and Supervision

Courses Taught

- George Washington University (September 2022 – Present)
 - Special Topics: Nonviolent Resistance (Spring 2023)
 - Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2022)
- University of Denver (2016-2018)
 - Nonviolent Resistance in Global Politics (Winter 2018)
 - Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Winter 2018)
- Teaching Assistant, University of Colorado: Denver. (2016)
 - Introduction to International Relations with Dr. Thorsten Spehn (2016).
- Teaching Assistant, University of Denver. (2015-2016)
 - Crime and International Relations with Dr. Kevin Archer (2016).
 - US Foreign Policy with Dr. Kevin Archer (2015, 2016).

Doctoral Dissertation Advising

- Internal Committee Member
 - Naela Elmore (University of Texas at Dallas), 2023 – Present
- External Committee Member
 - Pryanka Peñañiel-Cevallos (University of Massachusetts Boston), 2023 – Present
- External Reviewer
 - Brandon Sims (American University)

Professional Service

- Professional Development Committee, International Studies Association, 2021 – present.
- LGBTQ+ Employee Resource Group, United States Institute of Peace, 2021 – 2022.
- Anti-Racism Coalition Accomplice, United States Institute of Peace, 2020 – 2022.
- Student mentorship program, United States Institute of Peace. 2020 – 2022.

- PhD Student Government Representative, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, 2015-2017.
- Member, University of Denver Chancellor's Transformative Directions Advisory Group, 2014-2015.
- Search Committee Member, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, 2014.
- Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Mobilization*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Oxford University Press*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *International Security*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Political Science Review*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Columbia University Press*, *Journal of Pacifism and Nonviolence*.

Datasets

- 2020. *Dialogue and Negotiation Processes in Civil Resistance Transitions*. Harvard Dataverse. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ZKDLMZ>
- 2017. *The Civil Resistance Transitions Dataset*. Unpublished Database..
- 2014. *The Civil Resistance Mechanisms of Success Dataset*. Unpublished Database.

Conference Presentations

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2016 – 2023.
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting. 2015 – 2023.
- European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018.
- Mobilization Conference on Social Movements, 2017, 2019, 2023.
- Conflict Research Society Annual Meeting. 2013, 2019, 2021.
- Network of European Peace Scientists Annual Conference. 2019.
- Geneva Peace Week. 2020, 2021.
- PeaceCon. 2020, 2021.

Other Publications (Selected)

- 2022. "In the Struggle for Peace, Four Lessons From a Leader." *The Olive Branch* (May 5).
- 2022. "Young People are Overcoming Political Polarization." *The Forge* (January 20). With Maha Mirza and Miranda Rivers.

- 2021. “Four Takeaways on the Intersection of Nonviolent Action and Peace Processes.” *USIP Analysis and Commentary* (May 13) With Miranda Rivers, Tabatha Thompson, and Adam Gallagher
- 2021. “Can Civil Resistance Breakthroughs Advance Democracy?” *USIP Analysis and Commentary* (April 13)
- 2021. “Myanmar in the Streets: A Nonviolent Movement Shows Staying Power.” *USIP Analysis and Commentary* (March 31). With Zarchi Oo and Billy Ford.
- 2021. “2021 Will See More Global Protest: Can it Remain Peaceful?” *USIP Analysis and Commentary* (January 21). With Emmanuel Davalillo Hidalgo.
- 2020. “When the World Moves On: What’s Next for Nigeria’s EndSARS Movement?” *USIP Analysis and Commentary*. With Erin Zamora.
- 2020. “Mali’s Coup: Harbinger of Hope or Uncertainty.” *USIP Analysis and Commentary* (September 10). With Anushka Bose.
- 2020. “What’s Next for the Peaceful Uprising in Belarus?” *USIP Analysis and Commentary* (August 27). With Anushka Bose.
- 2020. “Nonviolent Action in the Time of Coronavirus.” *USIP Analysis and Commentary* (March 25). With Miranda Rivers.
- 2020. “Nonviolent Action and Peacebuilding: Contradictory or Complementary?” *The Olive Branch* (January 27). With Maria J. Stephan.
- 2019. “Can Hong Kong’s Extradition Protesters Succeed Without a Leader?” *South China Morning Post* (June 15).
- 2018. “Lessons on Building Democracy after Nonviolent Revolutions.” *Waging Nonviolence* (November 13).
- 2018. “New Data Offers Insights Into the Dynamics of Nonviolent Resistance.” *Waging Nonviolence* (May 12). With Erica Chenoweth.
- 2018. “Five Nonviolent Resistance Movements to Watch in 2018.” *Political Violence at a Glance* (January 12).
- 2017. “In Trump’s America, who’s protesting and why? Here’s our February Report.” *The Monkey Cage* (*Washington Post*) (April 5).
- 2017. Review of Adam Burgos, *Political Philosophy and Political Action: Imperatives of Resistance* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016), *Global Change, Peace & Security* 29(2). pp 205-208.
- 2016. “Why do Peaceful Protests “Turn Violent?” *Political Violence At a Glance* (October 25).

- 2015. Review of Brian Martin, *Nonviolence Unbound* (Irene Publishing, 2015), *Journal of Peace Research* (August).
- 2015. “Why This Week’s Coup in Burkina Faso Might Not Last.” *Foreign Policy Democracy Lab* (September 18).
- 2014. “What Next for the Lwili Revolution? What the History of Successful Nonviolent Movements Teaches us About the Political Transition in Burkina Faso.” *Foreign Policy Democracy Lab* (November 18).

Invited Talks and Workshop Participation (Selected)

- 2023 (January) Panel discussion, “Nonviolent Action During Democratic Transitions.” United States Institute of Peace
- 2022 (December) Online panel, “How Civic Mobilizations Grow in Authoritarian Contexts.” Freedom House
- 2022 (August) Invited talk (virtual), “Promoting Democracy and Preventing Violence in Transitions After Nonviolent Action Campaigns.” USAID Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance evidence and learning lecture series.
- 2022 (July) Invited talk (virtual), “The Power of Nonviolent Action for Peace and Democracy.” International Solidarity Forum on #GotaGoHome Campaign in Sri Lanka.
- 2022 (June) Invited talk (virtual), “Frontiers in Nonviolent Action.” USAID Center for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance annual learning conference.
- 2022 (June) Discussant for “From Tweets to the Streets: Nurturing a Symbiotic Relationship between Hashtag Movements and Traditional Civil Society Organizations.” National Endowment for Democracy.
- 2022 (May) Invited talk (virtual), “Mediation and Nonviolent Action.” United Nations Mediation Support Unit.
- 2022 (April) Invited talk (virtual), “Democratization and Civil Resistance.” Harvard University.
- 2022 (March) Invited Talk (virtual), “Emergent Technology and Nonviolent Action.” United States Agency for International Development center on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Annual Learning Forum.
- 2021 (December) Online panel, “Safeguarding Democracy in West Africa.” United States Institute of Peace.
- 2021 (May) Online panel, “Nonviolent Action and Minority Inclusion.” United States Institute of Peace.

- 2021 (April) Online panel, “Civil Resistance Transitions: Dialogue, Trust and Democracy.” United States Institute of Peace.
- 2021 (March) Online panel, “Nonviolent Action and Civil War Peace Processes.” United States Institute of Peace.
- 2021 (March) Invited talk (virtual), “Advancing Civic Space and Protecting Human Rights.” United States Agency for International Development center on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance Annual Learning Forum.
- 2021 (February) Online panel, “Mediation in Nonviolent Action Campaigns.” United States Institute of Peace
- 2021 (February) Invited talk (virtual), “Synergizing Nonviolent Action and Peacebuilding.” Conflict Research Group, Norwegian University of Science and Technology.
- 2021 (February) Invited talk (virtual) “Dialogue Promotion – New Frontiers, Opportunities, and Challenges.” United Nations Development Program.
- 2021 (January) Online workshop on “Precursors to Civic Mobilization under Authoritarianism.” Freedom House.
- 2021 (January) Online Panel, “Defiance and Democracy: Understanding the Thai Protest Movement.” United States Institute of Peace
- 2020 (December) Invited Talk (virtual), “Trends in Nonviolent Resistance Success and Democratization.” Eaton Vance Asset Management. Boston, MA.
- 2020 (November) Online panel, “Introducing the Politics of Protest.” Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs.
- 2020 (October) Online workshop on “New Research in People Power, Peace Processes, and Democratization,” United States Institute of Peace.
- 2020 (August) Invited talk (virtual), “Lessons on Nonviolent Resistance for the Democracy Movement in Venezuela.” Venezuela Affairs Unit, US Department of State.
- 2020 (August) Invited talk (virtual), “Principles of Nonviolent Action.” United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Office of Transitional Initiatives.
- 2020 (July) Book Launch Webinar, “From Dissent to Democracy,” United States Institute of Peace.
- 2020 (July) Online Workshop on “Media, Race, and Policing.” Facebook Core Data Science Team.
- 2019 (September) Invited talk, “Lessons on Nonviolent Resistance and Democratization” The Ukraine Action Institute. Kiev, Ukraine.

- 2019 (September) Invited talk, “Repression and Nonviolent Discipline” The Ukraine Action Institute. Kiev, Ukraine.
- 2019 (September) Invited talk, “The Historical Record of Nonviolent Resistance” The Ukraine Action Institute, Kiev. Ukraine.
- 2019 (January). Workshop on “Experimental Methods in the Study of Nonviolent Resistance.” University of Essex, Colchester, UK.
- 2018 (December). Workshop on integrating Micro and Meso-level data in conflict research. Trondheim, Norway.
- 2018 (November). Workshop for “Securing the Victory” Research Project. Trondheim, Norway.
- 2018 (October). Invited Talk, “When Civil Resistance Succeeds.” Baha’i Chair for World Peace, University of Maryland.
- 2018 (September) Workshop on new data in Transnational Social Movement Organizations. University of Pittsburgh.
- 2018 (June) Workshop on Good Practices in Unarmed Civilian Protection, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2018 (May). Invited Talk, “From Dissent to Democracy,” Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).
- 2018 (April). Invited Talk, “Nonviolent Resistance and Democratization.” Uppsala University.
- 2017 (December) Workshop on Measuring Inclusion. University of Denver Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy.
- 2017 (November) Workshop on Networks of Resistance Movements, Peace Science Society Annual Conference.
- 2017 (September) Invited Talk, “Nonviolent Resistance in Trump’s America” Democratic Party of Denver, House District 6 Meeting.
- 2017 (May). Workshop on Rethinking Revolutions. London School of Economics.
- 2017 (January). Webinar. “Making or Breaking Nonviolent Discipline in Civil Resistance Movements.” International Center on Nonviolent Conflict.
- 2016 (June). Workshop for Emerging Scholars in the Study of Civil Resistance. Tufts University, Fletcher School for Law and Diplomacy.
- 2015 (September). Invited Talk, “Civil Resistance in Iran: History of Resistance and Potential for Reform.” Colorado State Red Cross.
- 2015 (April). Workshop on Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Setting. University of Denver Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy.

- 2014 (November). Workshop on External Support for Nonviolent Campaigns. University of Denver Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy.

References

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