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About me —

I am a Professor in the Department of Government and Politics and a research fellow in the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) at the University of Maryland. My research interests include mathematical and statistical models of international conflict and cooperation, disputes over natural resources/territory, and experimental studies of conflict bargaining.

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[Education]

- PhD Florida State University, 1998.
- MA Florida State University, 1996.
- · BA Emory University, 1992.

Professional Experience

- · University of Maryland, Professor 2017-
- International Relations Field Editor, Journal of Politics 2015-2019
- University of Maryland, Associate Professor 2009-2017
- University of Maryland, Research Associate | CIDCM 2009-
- · Rice University, Associate Professor 2005-2009
- · Rice University, Assistant Professor 2002-2005
- University of Houston, Center for Public Policy 2006-2010
- Visiting Scholar, Political Science, University of Michigan 2002
- Michigan State University, Assistant Professor 1999-2002
- SUNY Buffalo, Visiting Assistant Professor 1998

[Additional Professional Training]

• Big-10 NRMN-CAN Facilitating Mentor Training, Spring 2019

Teaching Interests

- International Politics
- Formal Models of Conflict
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Politics of the United Nations
- · International Relations Problems
- · Best Practices for International Relations Research
- International | Civil Conflict
- · Applied Game Theory | Regression | Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Current Projects

- The Biology of Rebellion
- · The Political Economy of Civil War
- Empirical | Experimental Analysis of Bargaining Explanations of Conflict
- Theoretical | Empirical Implications of Foreign Policy Substitution

Grants

- Department of the Army: Biophysiological and Social Predictors of Political Violence, 2016-2019. (with Katherine Sawyer)
- University of Maryland, seed grant for Experimental Analysis of the Commitment Problem, 2010-2011.
- National Science Foundation (BCS-0904908): Experimental Analysis of Alternative Models of Conflict Bargaining, 2009-2011.
- City of Houston, Texas: Statistical Analysis of the Use of CEDs, 2007-2008.
 National Science Foundation (SBR-9730407): Dissertation Improvement Grant, 1997-1998.

Publications

- J. Thomas, W. Reed, and S. Wolford, "The Rebels' Credibility Dilemma," International Organization, vol. 70, no. 3, pp. 477–511, 2017.
- W. Reed, D. Clark, T. Nordstrom, and D. Siegel, "Bargaining in the Shadow of a Commitment Problem," Research and Politics, vol. 3, no. 3, 2016.
- K. Sawyer, K. Cunningham, and W. Reed, "The Role of External Support in Civil War Termination," Journal of Conflict Resolution, 2015.
- D. Chiba, C. Machain, and W. Reed, "Major Powers and Militarized Conflict," Journal of Conflict Resolution, vol. 58, no. 6, pp. 976–1002, 2014.
- S. Kastner, P. Chen, and W. Reed, "Mostly Bark, Little Bite? Modeling U.S. Arms Sales to Taiwan and the Chinese Response," Issues and Studies, vol. 49, no. 3, 2013.
- K. Sieberg, D. Clark, C. Holt, T. Nordstrom, and W. Reed, "An Experimental Analysis of Asymmetric Power in Conflict Bargaining," Games, vol. 4, no. 3, pp. 375–397, 2013.
- W. Reed and D. Chiba, "Decomposing the Relationship Between Contiguity and Militarized Conflict," American Journal of Political Science, vol. 54, no. 1, pp. 61–73, 2010.
- D. Clark, T. Nordstrom, and W. Reed, "Substitution is in the Variance: Resources and Foreign Policy," American Journal of Political Science, vol. 52, no. 4, pp. 763–773, 2008.
- W. Reed, D. Clark, T. Nordstrom, and W. Hwang, "War, Power, and Bargaining," Journal of Politics, vol. 70, no. 4, pp. 1–14, 2008.
- W. Clark, E. Duchesne, and W. Reed, "Strategic Interaction and Trade Policymaking: Formal Analysis and Simulation," The World Economy, vol. 29, no. 4, pp. 507–520, 2006.
- D. Clark and W. Reed, "The Strategic Sources of Foreign Policy Substitution," American Journal of Political Science, vol. 49, no. 3, pp. 609–624, 2005.
- W. Reed, "Information, Power, and War," American Political Science Review, vol. 97, no. 4, pp. 633–641, 2003.
- D. Clark and W. Reed, "A Unified Model of War Onset and Outcome," Journal of Politics, vol. 65, no. 1, pp. 69–91, 2003.
- W. Reed, "Information and Economic Interdependence," Journal of Conflict Resolution, vol. 47, no. 1, p. 54, 2003.
- W. Reed, "Selection Effects and World Politics Research," International Interactions, vol. 28, no. 1, pp. 1–3, 2002.
- W. Reed and D. Clark, "Toward a Multiprocess Model of Rivalry and the Democratic Peace," International Interactions, vol. 28, no. 1, pp. 77–92, 2002.
- D. Lemke and W. Reed, "The Relevance of Politically Relevant Dyads," Journal of Conflict Resolution, vol. 45, no. 1, p. 126, 2001.
- D. Lemke and W. Reed, "War and Rivalry among Great Powers," American Journal of Political Science, vol. 45, no. 2, pp. 457–469, 2001.
- W. Reed and D. Clark, "War Initiators and War Winners: The Consequences of Linking Theories of Democratic War Success," Journal of Conflict Resolution, vol. 44, no. 3, p. 378, 2000.
- W. Reed, "A Unified Statistical Model of Conflict Onset and Escalation," American Journal of Political Science, vol. 44, no. 1, pp. 84–93, 2000.
- R. Hart and W. Reed, "Selection Effects and Dispute Escalation: Democracy and Status Quo Evaluations," International Interactions, vol. 25, no. 3, pp. 243–63, 1999.
- D. Lemke and W. Reed, "Power Is Not Satisfaction: A Comment on de Soysa, Oneal, and Park," Journal of Conflict Resolution, vol. 42, no. 4, pp. 511–516, 1998.

- W. Reed, "Alliance Duration and Democracy: An Extension and Cross-Validation of 'Democratic States and Commitment in International Relations'," American Journal of Political Science, vol. 41, no. 3, pp. 1072–1078, 1997.
- D. Lemke and W. Reed, "Regime Types and Status Quo Evaluations: Power Transition Theory and the Democratic Peace," International Interactions, vol. 22, no. 2, pp. 143–164, 1996.

Chapters and Other

- · W. Reed and K. Sawyer, "The Bargaining Theory of War," Oxford Bibliographies Online, 2013.
- K. Cunningham and W. Reed, "Arming Syrian Rebels May Make Peace Elusive: Research on Civil Wars Shows Outside Assistance Only Increases the Bloodshed," Baltimore Sun, 11, 2013.
- W. Reed, "Power and War," in Programming for Peace: Computer-Aided Methods for International Conflict Resolution and Prevention (Advances in Group Decision and Negotiation) (R. Trappl, ed.), Springer-Verlag New York, Inc. Secaucus, NJ, USA, 2006.
- · W. Reed, "Review of All International Politics is Local," Armed Forces and Society, 2003.
- W. Reed, "Review of The Origins of Major War," American Political Science Review, 2001.

Recent Conference Presentations

- W. Reed, K. Sawyer, and T. Ventura, "Have no Faith in Constitutions?" To be Presented to the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC 2019.
- W. Reed, T. Nordstrom, and M. Wyant, "A Complete Explanation for Alliance Formation." Presented to the MidWest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois 2019.
- W. Reed and K. Saywer, "Political Rebels." Presented to the International Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Austin, Texas, 2018.

Invited Presentations

- · Miami Political Science Department, Florida International University 2015
- Princeton Department of Government, Princeton University 2015
- · Austin Department of Government, University of Texas 2014
- Copenhagen Department of Political Science University of Copenhagen 2014
- Davis Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis 2012
- Princeton Department of Government, Princeton University 2012
- Washington Quantitative Models Working Group, Georgetown University 2012
- Uppsala Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University 2010
- · College Park Department of Politics and Government, University of Maryland 2009
- · Oxford Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford University 2009
- Buffalo Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo 2008
- Houston Chairs Lunch, Department of Political Science, Rice University 2008
- Merced Social Science Division, University of California, Merced 2008
- Riverside Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside 2008
- Oslo Peace Research Institute Oslo 2007
- Tallahassee Department of Political Science, Florida State University 2007
- New York Department of Political Science, Columbia University 2006
- Binghamton Workshop on Strategic Interaction, Binghamton University 2004
- Pittsburgh New Methods Speaker Series, University of Pittsburgh 2004
- · London Conference on International Trade, University of Western Ontario 2003
- · London Political Science & Economics Workshop, University of Western Ontario 2003
- Binghamton Dean's Seminar Series, Binghamton University 2002
- Davis Seminar on Modeling Violence, University of California, Davis 2002
- Oslo International Politics Methodology Workshop, Peace Research Institute Oslo 2002
- Vienna Austrian Research Institute for Artificial Intelligence 2002
- · Atlanta Seminar on New Conflict Research, Emory University 2001
- Binghamton Department of Political Science, Binghamton University 2001
- College Station Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University 2001
- Uppsala Department of International Politics, Uppsala University 2001

- Urbana Department of Political Science, University of Illinois 2001
- East Lansing Applied Methods Workshop, Michigan State University 2000
- Houston Department of Political Science, Rice University 2000
- Seattle Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences, University of Washington 2000
- College Station Political Methodology Conference, Texas A&M University 1999
- East Lansing Department of Political Science, Michigan State University 1998
- San Diego Political Methodology Conference, University of California at San Diego 1998

Frequent Referee

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press

Other Professional Service

- · Journal of Politics, Field Editor 2015-2019
- · Foreign Policy Analysis. Editorial Board 2009-
- · International Interactions, Editorial Board 2008-
- · Southern Political Science Association, Malcolm Jewell Award Committee 2011
- Peace Science Society Dissertation Award Committee, Chair 2010
- Southern Political Science Association, Best Paper Committee 2008
- Peace Science Society International, Councilor 2007-2010
- International Studies Association, Workshop Grant Selection Committee 2006-2007
- Society for Political Methodology, Long Term Planning Committee 2006-2007
- American Political Science Association, Discussant & Section Organizer 2006
- Midwest Political Science Association, Best Graduate Student Paper Committee 2006
- Conflict Processes Section of APSA, Councilor 2005-2009
- International Studies Association, Councilor 2005-2007
- International Studies Association, Dina Zinnes Paper Award Committee 2005
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Section Organizer 2004

PhD Committees

- Benjamin Appel, Associate Professor, Michigan State University.
- Jacob Aronson, Post Doctoral Researcher, University of Maryland.
- Joe Braun, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska.
- · Jamie Carson, Professor, University of Georgia.
- · Ping-Kuei Chen, Assistant Professor, National Chengchi University.
- · Daina Chiba, Assistant Professor, University of Essex.
- Deniz Cil, Post Doctoral Researcher, University of Maryland.
- Justin Conrad, Associate Professor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Emma Davies, Assistant Professor, RAND.
- Erik Herron, Professor, West Virginia University.
- David Lektzian, Associate Professor, Texas Tech University.
- Victor Marin, Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency.
- Ted Plettner, Research Associate, Johns Hopkins University.
- David Prina, PhD Candidate, University of Maryland.
- · Alyssa Prorok, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois.
- Katherine Sawyer, Assistant Professor, SUNY Stony Brook.
- Burcu Savun, Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh.
- · Mark Souva, Professor, Florida State University.
- Felipe Westhelle, PhD Candidate, University of Maryland.
- · Peter White, Assistant Professor, Auburn University.

University Service

- · Faculty Senate 2019-
- University Promotion Committee for Professional Track Faculty, 2019
- Divisional Adviser, Sid Richardson College 2005-2009

- Model United Nations, Faculty Advisor 2005-2009
- President's Council for Diversity and Minority Affairs 2005-2009
- University SAC Accreditation Review Committee 2005-2006
- Gardner Dissertation Award Committee 2005
- University Affirmative Action Committee 2005

Departmental Service

- · Graduate Admissions Committee 2010-
- Methods Field, Chair 2012-2014
- Executive Committee 2011-2013
- Formal Theory Field, Chair 2010-2012
- International Relations Search Committee 2010
- Merit Committee 2010, 2014, 2017
- Methods Field, Co-Chair 2009-2012
- Diversity Committee 2007-2008
- International Politics Search Committee 2007-2008
- Rankings and Standings Committee 2007-2008