

# C H E S T H U R B E R

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### Northern Illinois University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2016 - Present)

### University of Chicago

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Political Science (2015-2016)  
Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism

### Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs (2014-2015)

## EDUCATION

### Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

PH.D. | International Relations (2015)

Dissertation: "Between Mao and Gandhi: Strategies of Violence and  
Nonviolence in Revolutionary Movements"

Committee: Richard Shultz, Zeynep Bulutgil, Erica Chenoweth  
*Recipient of the 2015 Ackerman Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation*

M.A.L.D. | International Relations (2010)

### Middlebury College

B.A. | International Studies (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 2004)

## BOOK

2021. *Between Mao and Gandhi: the Social Roots of Civil Resistance*.  
Cambridge University Press.

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2020. "The Security Force Ethnicity (SFE) Project: Introducing a New Dataset," with  
Paul Lorenzo Johnson. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 37 (1): 106-129.

2019. "Social Ties and the Strategy of Civil Resistance." *International Studies Quar-*  
*terly* 63 (4): 974-986.

2018. "Ethnic Barriers to Civil Resistance." *Journal of Global Security Studies* 3 (3):  
255-270.

2014. "Militias as Sociopolitical Movements: Lessons from Iraq's Armed Shia Groups."  
*Small Wars and Insurgencies* 25 (5-6): 900-923.

## PEER-REVIEWED MONOGRAPH

2021. *From the Hills to the Streets to the Table: Civil Resistance and Peacebuilding in*  
*Nepal*, with Subindra Bogati. Washington, DC: ICNC Press.

EDITOR-  
REVIEWED  
ARTICLES

2011. "A Step Short of the Bomb: Explaining the Strategy of Nuclear Hedging." *Journal of Public and International Affairs* 22.

2011. "From Coexistence to Cleansing: The Rise of Sectarian Violence in Baghdad, 2003-2006" *al-Nakhlah: Journal of Southwest Asia and Islamic Civilization*.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal: Revolution in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Mahendra Lawoti and Anuk K. Pahari, in *Himalaya* 34, no. 1 (Spring 2014): 148-150.

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

"From Doctrine to Detonation: Ideology, Organization, and Terrorism in Mass Dissident Campaigns" with Margherita Belgioioso (Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Peace Research*).

"Military Ethnicity and Genocide," with Paul Lorenzo Johnson (Working Paper).

"Ethnicity and Defection during Uprisings from Below," with Paul Lorenzo Johnson, Theodore McLaughlin, and Julien Morency-Laflamme (Working Paper).

"Inclusive Democratization in the Aftermath of Civil Resistance," with Subindra Bogati, Titik Firawati, and Jonathan Pinckney (Working Paper).

"Ethnic Coalitions and the Trajectories of Resistance Campaigns," with Tanner Bivens (Working Paper).

"A Nod, a Nudge, a Push, and a Putsch: Civil-Military Relations in the Heat of Mass Uprisings," (Research in progress).

"Decade of Domination: How States Have Defeated Challengers Since the Arab Spring," (Research in progress).

FELLOWSHIPS,  
GRANTS &  
AWARDS

*Externally Funded Research Grants*

Novel Research on People Power, Peace Processes, and Democratization, U.S. Institute for Peace, Primary Investigator, \$28,000 (2020-2021).

Smith Richardson World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, \$7,500 (2014-2015)

Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation, \$2,000 (2013)

*Internally Funded Research Grants*

Great Journeys Grant, Northern Illinois University, \$15,000 (2020-2021)

Great Journeys Grant, Northern Illinois University, \$14,000 (2017-2018)

Summer Research and Artistry Grant, Northern Illinois University, \$13,500 (2017)

Student Engagement Fund Grant, Northern Illinois University, \$1,200 (2016-2017)

Fletcher School Summer Research Grants (2013, 2014)

*Fellowships and Awards*

Tobin Project National Security Fellowship, \$2,500 (2014-2015)

Eisenhower Foundation Clifford Roberts Fellowship \$10,000 (2012-2013)

Bradley Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (2010-2011)

American Academy of Diplomacy Leonard Marks Essay Contest Winner (2009)

- INVITED TALKS      “Between Mao and Gandhi: the Social Roots of Civil Resistance”  
                          University of Wisconsin-Madison (Invited February 2022)  
                          University of Chicago (Invited January 2022).  
                          Harvard Kennedy School (December 2014).
- “Ethnic Manipulation in Middle East Militaries: Manpower, Loyalty, and Implications  
                          for Coups”  
                          University of Chicago (May 2016).
- “Resistance Networks, Social Overlap, and the Choice of Violent Versus Nonviolent  
                          Strategies in Conflict,”  
                          University of Chicago (October 2015).
- CONFERENCE      “Ethnic Coalitions and the Trajectories of Mass Uprisings.”  
 PRESENTATIONS      *with Tanner Bivens*  
                          APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (Accepted for October 2021).  
                          ISA Annual Meeting, virtual format (April 2021).
- “A Nod, a Nudge, a Push, and a Putsch: Civ-Mil Relations in Mass Uprisings.”  
                          APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (October 2021).
- “Inclusive Democratization in the Aftermath of Civil Resistance.”  
                          *with Subindra Bogati, Titik Firawati, and Jonathan Pinckney*  
                          Conflict Research Society Annual Meeting, virtual format (September 2021).
- “Investigating Links between Ideology, Audiences, Fragmentation, and Terrorism in  
                          Campaigns of Mass Resistance”  
                          *with Margherita Belgioioso*  
                          ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (March 2019).  
                          APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (August 2019).
- “Ethnicity and Defection during Uprisings from Below: New Data and Analysis.”  
                          *with Paul Johnson, Theodore McLauchlin, and Julien Morency-LaFlamme*  
                          ISA Annual Meeting, virtual format (April 2021).  
                          ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (March 2019).  
                          APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (August 2019).
- “The Ethnic Barrier to Nonviolent Action”  
                          APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (August 2017).
- “Asymmetric Networks and the Breakdown of Civil Resistance: Evidence from Syria”  
                          ISA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (February 2017).  
                          *Mobilization* Conference on Nonviolent Strategies and the State, San Diego, CA  
                          (May 2017).
- “Social Roots of Revolution: Gandhians, Maoists, and Insurgent Strategy in Nepal”  
                          APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (September 2016).  
                          ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (March 2014)
- “The Strategic Utility of Diversity in Violent and Nonviolent Conflict”  
                          *with Ben Naimark-Rowse and Phoebe Donnelly*  
                          ISA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (March 2016).

“Military Composition and Coups in the Modern Middle East,”  
*with Paul Lorenzo Johnson*

ISA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (March 2016).

“Resistance Networks, Social Overlap, and Revolutionary Strategy,”

APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (September 2015)

MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2015)

Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, Cambridge, MA (April 2015)

ISA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (February 2015)

“Stacking to Repress: The Effect of Ethnic Manipulation in the Military on State Violence,” *with Paul Lorenzo Johnson*.

MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2015)

ISA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (February 2015)

“The Ethnic Composition of State Security Forces: Introducing a New Dataset”

*with Paul Lorenzo Johnson*.

MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2014)

ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (March 2014)

“Violence and Nonviolence in Revolutionary Movements”

ISA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (April 2013)

WPSA Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA (March 2013)

OTHER  
CONFERENCE  
APPEARANCES

*Invited Workshop / Roundtable Participant*

“Methods of Inquiry in the Study of Civil Resistance,” ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA (March 2019).

“What Do We Know About Networks of Resistance?,” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Tempe, AZ (November, 2017).

“Data and Measurement in Civil-Military Relations,” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, South Bend, IN (October 2016).

“Who Guards the Guardians? Leveraging New Data in Civil-Military Relations,” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (October 2014).

*Discussant / Chair*

“Relational Approaches to the Study of Conflict,” Chair, APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (Accepted September 2021).

“Social Organization in Regular and Irregular Armed Forces,” Discussant, APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (Accepted September 2021).

“New Research on Political Activism and Nonviolent Resistance,” Discussant, MPSA Annual Meeting, virtual format (April 2021).

“Dynamics of Civil Resistance and Mass Contention,” Discussant, ISA Annual Meeting, virtual format (April 2021).

“Insurgency,” Discussant, ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA (March 2019)

“Myanmar,” Chair, Conference on Rebel Law and Governance, University of Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL (October 2016).

“The Strategy of Nonviolence,” Discussant, APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (September 2016).

“New Quantitative Research on Nonviolent Resistance,” Discussant, ISA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (March 2016).

“International Dimensions of Nationalist Politics,” Discussant, Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, NY (April 2015).

## TEACHING

### **Northern Illinois University, Department of Political Science**

#### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to International Relations (Sp. 2022, Fall 2017, Sp. 2017, Fall 2016)

International Law and Organizations (Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2018)

International Security (Sp. 2022, Sp. 2020, Sp. 2017, Sp. 2018)

The Power of Protest in Global Politics (Sp. 2018, Sp. 2021)

#### *Graduate*

International Relations Theory (Fall 2017)

International Security (Fall 2020, Sp. 2019)

Introductory Analysis of Political Data (Fall 2021, Fall 2018)

Intermediate Analysis of Political Data (Sp. 2019, Sp. 2021)

Contentious Politics (Sp. 2022, Sp. 2020)

### **Tufts University, School of Arts and Sciences**

Theory and Practice of Nonviolent Resistance (Fall 2014)

## ADVISING

#### *Doctoral Dissertation Committee*

Annie Tong (Chair, in progress)

Anna Zapolska (Chair, in progress)

Titik Firawati (Chair, in progress)

Jim Godowic (2021)

Damir Kovacevic (Co-Chair, 2018)

Ilhan Aydemir (2018)

James Boesen (2017)

Martin Claar (2017)

#### *M.A. Thesis Committee*

Rithiya Serrey (2021)

Sarwar Minar (2021)

Peter Poterek (Chair, 2020)

Matthew Peerboom (Chair, 2020)

Dimitri Niforos (Co-Chair, 2018)

Medha Monjaury (2018)

#### *Undergraduate Independent Research*

Shelby Emery (2020-2021)

Samm Cottone (2020)

Thomas Phetmuengmay (2020)

Sean Lehning (2019-2020)

Timothy Johnson (2019-2020)

Zachary Tardio (2019)

Quinn Carolan (2018)

	<p>Jon Frejlich (2018)</p> <p>Matthew Holt (2017)</p> <p>Matthew Peerboom (2017)</p>
TRAINING	<p>Workshop on Framing Feedback, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2019)</p> <p>Engaged Learning, Teaching and Scholarship Conference, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2018)</p> <p>Workshop on Creating a More Inclusive Classroom, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2017)</p> <p>Workshop on Designing a Writing Infused Course, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2017)</p> <p>CFR College and University Educators' Workshop, New York, NY (2017)</p> <p>Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research, Syracuse, NY (2012)</p> <p>iTeach Workshop, eLearning and Distance Education, Fairbanks, AK (2012)</p>
SERVICE	<p><i>Department</i></p> <p>NIU Model United Nations Team Faculty Advisor (2016-Present)</p> <p>Committee on the Undergraduate Program (2016-2017, 2021-Present)</p> <p>Department Chair Search Committee (2019-2021)</p> <p>Committee on the Graduate Program (2016-2017)</p> <p><i>University</i></p> <p>Honors Program Committee (2020-Present)</p> <p>Dissertation Completion Fellowship Selection Committee (2021)</p>
COMMENTARY	<p>"Why Ethnic Cleavages Create Barriers to Civil Resistance," <i>Political Violence a Glance</i>, October 29, 2018.</p> <p>"Mao, Gandhi, and the Choice Between Violent and Nonviolent Action," <i>Political Violence a Glance</i>, September 11, 2017.</p> <p>"New Data Shows a Sharp Increase in U.S. Protest Activity in April," with Erica Chenoweth, Jeremy Pressman, and Evan Perkoski, <i>Washington Post</i>, "Monkey Cage" Blog, April 24, 2017.</p> <p>"In Trump's America, Who's Protesting and Why?" with Erica Chenoweth, David Prater, Jeremy Pressman, and Stephen Zunes, <i>Washington Post</i>, "Monkey Cage" Blog, April 24, 2017.</p>
MEDIA APPEARANCES	<p><i>WGN 9</i>, Aug. 16, 2021 (Television).</p> <p><i>WFIR 23</i>, Jan. 8, 2020 (Television).</p> <p><i>Radio Islam</i>, Feb. 19, 2019; May 4, 2018; Feb. 15, 2018 (Radio).</p> <p><i>Egypt Today</i>, September 14, 2017 (Online).</p> <p><i>WNIJ Northern Public Radio</i>, April 7, 2017 April 13, 2017 (Radio).</p> <p><i>The Fletcher Security Review</i>, February 2017 (Magazine).</p> <p><i>Australian Broadcast Corporation</i>, "Big Ideas," February 18, 2015 (Radio).</p>
PUBLIC TALKS	<p>"Nonviolent Action and Minority Inclusion," with Subindra Bogati and Titik Firawati. U.S. Institute of Peace, virtual format (May 2021).</p> <p>"From the Hills to the Streets to the Table," with Subindra Bogati and Veronique Dudouet. International Center for Nonviolent Conflict Webinar Series, virtual format (April 2021).</p>

	<p>“What Gandhi Can Teach Us About Political Organizing,” NIU Lifelong Learning Institute, DeKalb, IL (January 2021).</p> <p>“Can Civil Resistance End Civil Wars?” with Subindra Bogati. International Center for Nonviolent Conflict Webinar Series, virtual format (December 2018).</p> <p>“Civil Resistance and Peacebuilding Strategies in Nepal,” Alliance for Peacebuilding Nonviolent Action Working Group, virtual format (April 2018).</p> <p>“The Power of Nonviolence in Global Politics,” NIU Lifelong Learning Institute, DeKalb, IL (October 2017).</p> <p>“Civil Resistance in Divided Societies” International Center for Nonviolent Conflict Webinar Series, virtual format (March 2017).</p> <p>“Protest and Repression,” Nepal Armed Police Force School, Kathmandu, Nepal (June 2016).</p> <p>“Strategies of Violence and Nonviolence in Nepal’s Political Movements,” Martin Chautari Invited Speaker Series, Kathmandu, Nepal (July 2013).</p> <p>“Sadr, SCIRI, Scary? Iraq’s Armed Shia Groups,” Women in International Security, Fletcher Chapter, Medford, MA (February, 2010).</p>	
RESEARCH CONSULTING	<p>Restoring Syria’s Social Fabric, UNESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon (2020).</p> <p>Innovations in Peacebuilding, University of Denver, Denver, CO (2016).</p> <p>The Future of Authoritarianism Project, The Atlantic Council, Washington D.C. (2015).</p>	
REVIEWER	<p><b>Journals:</b> <i>American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of International Relations, Global Security and Intelligence Studies, International Area Studies Review, International Security, International Social Science Journal, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Middle Eastern Studies, Mobilization, Perspectives on Politics, Research and Politics, Security Studies.</i></p> <p><b>Grants:</b> Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Israel Science Foundation</p> <p><b>Monographs:</b> ICNC Press</p>	
GLOBAL RESEARCH & WORK	<p>Nepal (May-July 2013; May-June 2014; June-July 2016)</p> <p>India-Sri Lanka (July 2014)</p> <p>Qatar-Bahrain-Kuwait-UAE (May-July 2009)</p>	
RESEARCH PROFICIENCIES	<p><b>Languages:</b> Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Italian (fluent)</p> <p><b>Statistics:</b> Linear Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation</p> <p><b>Software:</b> R, ArcGIS, LaTeX</p>	

PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association  
Peace Science Society  
Conflict Research Society

POLICY  
EXPERIENCE

**Public Affairs Intern**, U.S. Embassy Doha, Qatar (2009)  
**Legislative Assistant**, Office of Rep. Peter Welch, Washington, DC (2007-2008)  
**Aide to the President Pro Temp.**, Vermont State Senate, Montpelier, VT (2006)  
**Policy Analyst**, Vermont Medical Society, Montpelier, VT (2005)  
**Legislative Assistant**, United Parcel Service, Washington, DC (2004-2005)