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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Northern Illinois University, School of Public and Global Affairs

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (2022 - Present)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2016 - 2022)

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies

Visiting Scholar, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security (2022-2023)

University of Chicago

Postdoctoral Scholar, Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism (2015-2016)

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, Cambridge Studies in Contentious Politics.

Reviewed in *International Affairs* and forthcoming in *Perspectives on Politics*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“From Doctrine to Detonation: Ideology, Organization, and Terrorism in Mass Dissident
Campaigns” with Margherita Belgioioso. Forthcoming at *Journal of Peace Research*.

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." <i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i> 3 (3): 255-270.
	2014. "Militias as Sociopolitical Movements: Lessons from Iraq's Armed Shia Groups." <i>Small Wars and Insurgencies</i> 25 (5-6): 900-923.
	2011. "A Step Short of the Bomb: Explaining the Strategy of Nuclear Hedging." <i>Journal of Public and International Affairs</i> 22: 29-47.
POLICY REPORTS	2022. <i>Civil Resistance and Inclusive Democratization in Indonesia</i> , with Titik Firawati. Center for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta. February 4, 2022.
	2021. <i>From the Hills to the Streets to the Table: Civil Resistance and Peacebuilding in Nepal</i> , with Subindra Bogati. Washington, DC: ICNC Press. (Peer Reviewed).
	2011. "From Coexistence to Cleansing: The Rise of Sectarian Violence in Baghdad, 2003-2006" <i>al-Nakhlah: Journal of Southwest Asia and Islamic Civilization</i> .
BOOK REVIEWS	Forthcoming. Review of <i>Violent Resistance: Militia Formation and Civil War in Mozambique</i> , by Corinna Jentzsch (Cambridge, 2022), in <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> .
	2014. Review of <i>The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal: Revolution in the Twenty-First Century</i> , edited by Mahendra Lawoti and Anuk K. Pahari (Routledge, 2009), in <i>Himalaya</i> 34, no. 1 (Spring): 148-150.
WORK IN PROGRESS	"Inclusive Democratization in the Aftermath of Civil Resistance," with Subindra Bogati, Titik Firawati, and Jonathan Pinckney (Under Review).
	"A Yam Between Two Boulders: Global Orders, Regional Rivalries, and Contentious Politics," (Book Chapter, Under Review).
	"Military Ethnicity and Genocide," with Paul Lorenzo Johnson (Working Paper).
	"Ethnicity and Defection during Uprisings from Below," with Paul Lorenzo Johnson, Theodore McLauchlin, and Julien Morency-Laflamme (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," (Working Paper).
	"Whale Wars: Civil Disobedience of International Law, " (Research in progress).
	<i>The Power of Protest to Advance Democracy, Inclusion, and Human Rights</i> , with Subindra Bogati, Titik Firawati, and Jonathan Pinckney (Book project in progress).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS	<i>Externally Funded Research Grants</i>
	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)
	<i>Internally Funded Research Grants</i>
	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)
	<i>Fellowships and Awards</i>
	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)
POLICY CONSULTING	United Nations ESCWA , <i>Restoring Syria's Social Fabric</i> (2020)
	Presented research findings from book in Beirut, Lebanon to inform UN report on preparing for the aftermath of civil war in Syria.
	University of Denver , <i>Innovations in Peacebuilding</i> (2016)
	Conducted interview-based field research in Nepal and prepared report on the impact of international actors on human rights in post-war Nepal.
	The Atlantic Council , <i>The Future of Authoritarianism Project</i> (2015)
	Conducted interviews with policymakers and activists to write three book chapters on U.S. support for protest movements in Central Asia.
PROFESSIONAL POLICY EXPERIENCE	Public Affairs Intern , U.S. Embassy Doha, Qatar (2009)
	Drafted op-eds, speeches, and press releases pertaining to human rights, democracy, and interfaith dialogue. Organized cultural exchange events.
	Legislative Assistant , Office of Rep. Peter Welch, Washington, DC (2007-2008)
	Lead policy advisor on international, military, taxation, and financial services. Prepared successful legislation pertaining to Iraqi refugee resettlement and credit cardholder consumer rights.
	Aide to the President Pro Temp. , Vermont State Senate, Montpelier, VT (2006)
	Managed policy advice, scheduling, and correspondence for Senate Leader. Coordinated with legislative leadership and governor's office to secure passage of major healthcare reform legislation.
	Policy Analyst , Vermont Medical Society, Montpelier, VT (2005)
	Prepared policy analysis of federal Medicare Part D expansion, state Medicaid reform proposals, and mental health policies.
	Legislative Assistant , United Parcel Service, Washington, DC (2004-2005)
	Assisted federal lobbying team with analysis of international trade agreements as well as federal and state transportation policies.

- INVITED TALKS
- “Between Mao and Gandhi: the Social Roots of Civil Resistance”
University of Wisconsin-Madison (February 2022).
Northwestern University (February 2022).
University of Chicago (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).
- PUBLIC TALKS
- Roundtable on “The War in Ukraine,” Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (March 2022).
 - Roundtable on “Reflections on September 11, 2001,” Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL (September 2021).
 - “Nonviolent Action and Minority Inclusion,” with Subindra Bogati and Titik Firawati. U.S. Institute of Peace, virtual format (May 2021).
 - “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).
 - “What Gandhi Can Teach Us About Political Organizing,” NIU Lifelong Learning Institute, DeKalb, IL (January 2021).
 - “Can Civil Resistance End Civil Wars?” with Subindra Bogati. International Center for Nonviolent Conflict Webinar Series, virtual format (December 2018).
 - “Civil Resistance and Peacebuilding Strategies in Nepal,” Alliance for Peacebuilding Nonviolent Action Working Group, virtual format (April 2018).
 - “The Power of Nonviolence in Global Politics,” NIU Lifelong Learning Institute, DeKalb, IL (October 2017).
 - “Civil Resistance in Divided Societies” International Center for Nonviolent Conflict Webinar Series, virtual format (March 2017).
 - “Protest and Repression,” Nepal Armed Police Force School, Kathmandu, Nepal (June 2016).
 - “Strategies of Violence and Nonviolence in Nepal’s Political Movements,” Martin Chautari Invited Speaker Series, Kathmandu, Nepal (July 2013).
 - “Sadr, SCIRI, Scary? Iraq’s Armed Shia Groups,” Women in International Security, Fletcher Chapter, Medford, MA (February, 2010).

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>NPR, "The 21st", Feb. 28, 2022 (Radio).</p> <p>WREX Rockford, Feb. 25, 2022 (Television).</p> <p>Fox 32 Chicago, April 21, 2022; Feb. 23, 2022; Feb. 16, 2022; Sept. 5, 2021; Aug. 31, 2021; June 16, 2021 (Television).</p> <p>WNIJ Northern Public Radio, Feb. 24, 2022; Aug. 28, 2020; April 13, 2017; April 7, 2017 (Radio).</p> <p>Daily Chronicle, August 20, 2021 (Print).</p> <p>WGN 9 Chicago, Aug. 16, 2021 (Television).</p> <p>WTVQ Rockford, Aug. 16, 2021 (Television).</p> <p>WBBM-AM Chicago, Aug. 16, 2021 (Radio).</p> <p>WIFR 23 Rockford, Aug. 16, 2021, Jan. 8, 2020 (Television).</p> <p>Radio Islam, Feb. 19, 2019; May 4, 2018; Feb. 15, 2018 (Radio).</p> <p>Egypt Today, September 14, 2017 (Online).</p> <p>The Fletcher Security Review, February 2017 (Magazine).</p> <p>Australian Broadcast Corporation, "Big Ideas," February 18, 2015 (Radio).</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>"Inclusive Democratization in the Aftermath of Civil Resistance." with Subindra Bogati, Titik Firawati, and Jonathan Pinckney ISA Annual Meeting, virtual format (April 2022). Conflict Research Society Annual Meeting, virtual format (September 2021).</p> <p>"A Nod, a Nudge, a Push, and a Putsch: Civ-Mil Relations in Mass Uprisings." APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (October 2021).</p> <p>"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).</p> <p>"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).</p> <p>"The Ethnic Barrier to Nonviolent Action" APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (August 2017).</p>

- “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

- “Author Meets Critics: Ches Thurber’s *Between Mao and Gandhi*,” APSA Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada (September 2022).
- “Methods of Inquiry in the Study of Civil Resistance,” ISA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (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

“Civil-Military Relations, Security, and Society,” Chair, ISA Annual Meeting, virtual Format (April 2022).

“Social Organization in Regular and Irregular Armed Forces,” Discussant, APSA Annual Meeting, virtual Format (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, School of Public and Global Affairs

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 (Fall 2022, Sp. 2022, Sp. 2020, Sp. 2017, Sp. 2018)

The Power of Protest in Global Politics (Sum. 2022, Sp. 2021, Sp. 2018)

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. 2021, Sp. 2019)

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)

Titik Firawati (Chair, in progress)

Tanner Bivens (in progress)

Anna Zapolska (Chair, 2022)

Jim Godowic (2021)

Damir Kovacevic (Co-Chair, 2018)

Ilhan Aydemir (2018)

James Boesen (2017)

Martin Claar (2017)

M.A. Thesis Committee

Janet Vallejo (Co-Chair, in progress)
Mohammed Noor (Chair, 2022)
Patricia Buczynski (2022)
Nick Florian (Chair, 2022)
Tammie-Louise Finnegan (2022)
Rithiya Serrey (2021)
Sarwar Minar (2021)
Peter Poterek (Chair, 2020)
Matthew Peerboom (Chair, 2020)
Dimitri Niforos (Co-Chair, 2018)
Medha Monjaury (2018)

Undergraduate Honors Capstone

Timothy Johnson (2019-2020)
Quinn Carolan (2018)
• Published in *Compass: An Undergraduate Journal of American Political Ideas*

Undergraduate Sponsored Research

Shelby Emery (Research Rookies, 2020-2021)
Matthew Holt (Student Engagement Research Grant, 2017)

Undergraduate Independent Research

Samm Cottone (2020)
Thomas Phetmuengmay (2020)
Sean Lehning (2019-2020)
• Published in *Compass: An Undergraduate Journal of American Political Ideas*
Timothy Johnson (2019-2020)
Zachary Tardio (2019)
Quinn Carolan (2018)
Jon Frejlich (2018)
Matthew Peerboom (2017)

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Department

Departmental Research Workshop Founder and co-Convener (2020-Present)
IR Field Examination Committee (2019-Present)
Committee on the Undergraduate Program (2016-2017, 2021-Present)
NIU Model United Nations Team Faculty Advisor (2016-Present)
Department Chair Search Committee (2019-2021)
Committee on the Graduate Program (2016-2017)

University

Honors Program Committee (2020-Present)
Dissertation Completion Fellowship Selection Committee (2021)

EDITORIAL
BOARD

African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (2022-Present).

REVIEWER

Journals: *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *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, PLOS ONE, Research and Politics, Security Studies.

Grants: Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Israel Science Foundation

Monographs: ICNC Press

TRAINING	<p>Developing a Positive Connection with Students, NIU workshop, virtual format (2022)</p> <p>Designing an Accessible Course Syllabus, NIU workshop, virtual format (2022)</p> <p>Workshop on Framing Feedback, NIU workshop, DeKalb, IL (2019)</p> <p>Engaged Learning, Teaching and Scholarship Conference, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2018)</p> <p>Creating a More Inclusive Classroom, NIU workshop, DeKalb, IL (2017)</p> <p>Designing a Writing Infused Course, NIU workshop, 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>
RESEARCH PROFICIENCIES	<p>Languages: Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Italian (fluent), Nepali (beginning)</p> <p>Statistics: Linear Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation</p> <p>Software: R, ArcGIS, LaTeX</p>
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	<p>American Political Science Association</p> <p>International Studies Association</p> <p>Peace Science Society</p> <p>Conflict Research Society</p>