

# 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: Zeynep Bulutgil, Erica Chenoweth, Richard Shultz

*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 MANUSCRIPT

*Between Gandhi and Mao: the Social Roots of Civil Resistance*  
(Under contract at 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 Quarterly* 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.

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

"From Doctrine to Detonation: Ideology, Organization, and Terrorism in Mass Dissident Campaigns" with Margherita Belgioioso. (Under review.)

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

"Military Ethnicity and Genocide," with Paul Lorenzo Johnson. (In preparation for submission. Working paper available upon request.)

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

"Inclusive Democratization in the Aftermath of Civil Resistance," with Subindra Bogati and Titik Firawati. (Research in progress.)

"Ethnic Coalitions and the Trajectories of Resistance Campaigns," with Tanner Bivens. (Research in progress.)

"Strategies of Ethnic Manipulation in Middle East Militaries," with Paul Lorenzo Johnson (Research in progress.).

POLICY REPORTS,  
ESSAYS AND  
REVIEWS

Forthcoming. *From the Hills to the Streets to the Table: Civil Resistance and Peace-building in Nepal*, with Subindra Bogati. Washington, DC: International Center for Nonviolent Conflict. (Peer-reviewed)

2014. "Review of *The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal: Revolution in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Mahendra Lawoti and Anuk K. Pahari." *Himalaya* 34 (1): 148-150.

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*.

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)

DEPARTMENTAL AND INVITED TALKS	<p>University of Chicago, Program on International Security Policy (2016).  Nepal Armed Police Force School, Kathmandu, Nepal (2016).  University of Chicago, Comparative Politics Workshop (2015).  Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center International Security Program (2014).  Martin Chautari Invited Speaker Series (Kathmandu, 2013).  Women in International Security, Fletcher Chapter (2010).</p>
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>APSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2017, 2016, 2015).  Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference (2015).  ISA Annual Meeting (2020, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013)  <i>Mobilization</i> Conference (2017).  MPSA Annual Meeting (2015, 2014).  Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (2017, 2016, 2014).  Western Political Science Association (2013).</p>
TEACHING	<p><b>Northern Illinois University, Department of Political Science</b></p> <p><i>Undergraduate</i></p> <p>Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016)  International Law and Organizations (Fall 2020, Fall 2018)  International Security (Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)  The Power of Protest in Global Politics (Spring 2018)</p> <p><i>Graduate</i></p> <p>International Relations Theory (Fall 2017)  International Security (Fall 2020, Spring 2019)  Introductory Analysis of Political Data (Fall 2018)  Intermediate Analysis of Political Data (Spring 2019)  Contentious Politics (Spring 2020)</p> <p><b>Tufts University, School of Arts and Sciences</b></p> <p>Theory and Practice of Nonviolent Resistance (Fall 2014)</p> <p><b>University of Alaska Fairbanks, Department of Political Science</b>  <i>Recognized by College of Liberal Arts for Excellence in Teaching for Fall 2012</i></p> <p>Political Economy (Winter 2013, Fall 2012)  International Politics (Fall 2012, Fall 2011)  Political Science Research Methods (Fall 2012, Fall 2011)  Peace, War and Security (Spring 2012)</p>
ADVISING	<p><i>Doctoral Dissertation Committee</i></p> <p>Annie Tong (Chair, in progress)  Anna Zapolska (Chair, in progress)  Titik Firawati (Chair, in progress)  Jim Godowic (in progress)  Damir Kovacevic (Co-Chair, 2018)  Ilhan Aydemir (2018)  James Boesen (2017)  Martin Claar (2017)</p>

*M.A. Thesis Committee*

Rithiya Serrey (in progress)  
Peter Poterek (Chair, 2020)  
Matthew Peerboom (Chair, 2020)  
Dimitri Niforos (Co-Chair, 2018)  
Medha Monjaury (2018)

*Undergraduate Independent Research*

Quinn Carolan (2018)  
Jon Frejlich (2018)  
Matthew Holt (2017)  
Matthew Peerboom (2017)

COMMENTARY "Why Ethnic Cleavages Create Barriers to Civil Resistance," *Political Violence a Glance*, October 29, 2018.

"Mao, Gandhi, and the Choice Between Violent and Nonviolent Action," *Political Violence a Glance*, September 11, 2017.

"New Data Shows a Sharp Increase in U.S. Protest Activity in April," with Erica Chenoweth, Jeremy Pressman, and Evan Perkoski, *Washington Post*, "Monkey Cage" Blog, April 24, 2017.

"In Trump's America, Who's Protesting and Why?" with Erica Chenoweth, David Prater, Jeremy Pressman, and Stephen Zunes, *Washington Post*, "Monkey Cage" Blog, April 24, 2017.

MEDIA  
APPEARANCES *WFIR 23*, Jan. 8, 2020 (Television).  
*Radio Islam*, Feb. 19, 2019; May 4, 2018; Feb. 15, 2018 (Radio).  
*Egypt Today*, September 14, 2017 (Online).  
*WNIJ Northern Public Radio*, April 7, 2017 April 13, 2017 (Radio).  
*The Fletcher Security Review*, February 2017 (Magazine).  
*Australian Broadcast Corporation*, "Big Ideas," February 18, 2015 (Radio).

RESEARCH  
CONSULTING National Agenda for the Future of Syria, UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia, Beirut, Lebanon (2020)  
Innovations in Peacebuilding, University of Denver, Denver, CO (2016).  
The Future of Authoritarianism Project, The Atlantic Council, Washington D.C. (2015).

REVIEWER **Journals:** *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Global Security and Intelligence Studies*, *International Security*, *International Social Science Journal*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Middle Eastern Studies*, *Research and Politics*, *Security Studies*.

**Grants:** Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Israel Science Foundation

SERVICE Chair Search Committee, NIU Political Science Department (2019-2020; 2020-Present)  
Co-Convenor and Co-Founder, Global Politics Seminar Series, NIU Political Science (2020-Present)

	University Honors Program Committee, NIU (2020-Present)
	Committee on the Graduate Program, NIU Political Science (2016-2017, 2020-Present)
	Faculty Advisor, NIU Model United Nations Team (2016-Present)
	Committee on the Undergraduate Program, NIU Political Science (2016-2017)
TRAINING	Workshop on Framing Feedback, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2019) Workshop on Creating a More Inclusive Classroom, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2017) Workshop on Designing a Writing Infused Course, NIU, DeKalb, IL (2017) CFR College and University Educators' Workshop, New York, NY (2017) Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research, Syracuse, NY (2012) iTeach Workshop, eLearning and Distance Education, Fairbanks, AK (2012)
GLOBAL RESEARCH & WORK	Nepal (May-July 2013; May-June 2014; June-July 2016) India-Sri Lanka (July 2014) Qatar-Bahrain-Kuwait-UAE (May-July 2009)
RESEARCH PROFICIENCIES	<b>Languages:</b> Arabic (int.), French (adv.), Italian (adv.), Nepali (beg.) <b>Software:</b> R, ArcGIS, LaTeX
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Political Science Association International Studies Association Peace Science Society
POLICY EXPERIENCE	<b>Public Affairs Intern</b> , U.S. Embassy Doha, Qatar (2009) <b>Foreign Policy Aide</b> , Office of Rep. Peter Welch, Washington, DC (2007-2008) <b>Aide to the President Pro Temp.</b> , Vermont State Senate, Montpelier, VT (2006)