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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

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

In Press. "Social Ties and the Strategy of Civil Resistance." *International Studies Quarterly*.

2018. "Ethnic Barriers to Civil Resistance." *Journal of Global Security Studies* 3 (3): 255-270.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogy018>.

2017. "The Security Force Ethnicity (SFE) Project: Introducing a New Dataset." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, (with Paul Lorenzo Johnson).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894217709012>.

2014. "Milicias as Sociopolitical Movements: Lessons from Iraq's Armed Shia Groups." *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 25 (5-6): 900-923. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09592318.2014.945633>.

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| WORK IN PROGRESS | “Military Ethnicity and Genocide,” Working Paper with Paul Lorenzo Johnson. |
| | “Ethnicity and Defection during Uprisings from Below: New Data and Analysis,” Working Paper with Paul Lorenzo Johnson, Theodore McLauchlin, and Julien Morency-Laflamme. |
| | “Investigating Links Between Group Ideology, Cohesion, and Terror,” Working Paper with Margherita Belgioioso. |
| | “Strategies of Ethnic Manipulation in Middle East Militaries,” Research in progress with Paul Lorenzo Johnson. |
| | “The Overlooked Overlap Between Popular Protest and Military Coups,” Research in progress. |
| ESSAYS, REPORTS, AND REVIEWS | 2014. “Review of <i>The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal: Revolution in the Twenty-First Century</i> , edited by Mahendra Lawoti and Anuk K. Pahari.” <i>Himalaya</i> 34 (1): 148-150. |
| | 2011. “A Step Short of the Bomb: Explaining the Strategy of Nuclear Hedging.” <i>Journal of Public and International Affairs</i> 22. |
| | 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> . |
| FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS | Great Journeys Fellowship, 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) Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, \$7,500 (2014-2015) Tobin Project National Security Fellowship, \$2,500 (2014-2015) Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation Next Generation Grant, \$2,000 (2013) 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) Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace, Middlebury College (Declined 2009) Fletcher School Summer Research Grants (2009, 2013, 2014) |
| DEPARTMENTAL AND INVITED TALKS | 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). |
| CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS | APSA Annual Meeting (2019, 2017, 2016, 2015). Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference (2015). ISA Annual Meeting (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). |

TEACHING

Northern Illinois University, Department of Political Science

Undergraduate

Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016)
International Law and Organizations (Fall 2018)
International Security (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
The Power of Protest in Global Politics (Spring 2018)

Graduate

International Relations Theory (Fall 2017)
International Security (Spring 2019)
Introductory Analysis of Political Data (Fall 2018)
Intermediate Analysis of Political Data (Spring 2019)

Tufts University, School of Arts and Sciences

Theory and Practice of Nonviolent Resistance (Fall 2014)

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Department of Political Science

Recognized by College of Liberal Arts for Excellence in Teaching for Fall 2012

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)

ADVISING

Doctoral Dissertation Committee

Jim Godowic (in progress)
Damir Kovacevic (Co-Chair, 2018)
Ilhan Aydemir (2018)
James Boesen (2017)
Martin Claar (2017)

M.A. Thesis Committee

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

Undergraduate Independent Research

Jon Frejlich (2018)
Matthew Holt (2017)
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.

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| | <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>Radio Islam</i>, Feb. 19, 2029; May 4, 2018; Feb. 15, 2018 (Radio).</p> <p><i>Egypt Today</i>, September 14, 2017 (Online Newspaper).</p> <p><i>WNIJ Northern Public Radio</i>, April 7, 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> | |
| RESEARCH CONSULTING | <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>Journals: <i>American Political Science Review</i>, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>, <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>, <i>Global Security and Intelligence Studies</i>, <i>International Security</i>, <i>International Social Science Journal</i>, <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>, <i>Journal of Peace Research</i>, <i>Journal of Global Security Studies</i>, <i>Journal of Politics</i>, <i>Middle Eastern Studies</i>, <i>Security Studies</i>.</p> <p>Grants: Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Israel Science Foundation</p> | |
| DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE | <p>Faculty Advisor, NIU Model United Nations Team (2016-Present)</p> <p>Committee on the Undergraduate Program, NIU Political Science (2016-2017)</p> <p>Committee on the Graduate Program, NIU Political Science (2016-2017)</p> | |
| TRAINING | <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> | |
| 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>Languages: Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Italian (fluent)</p> <p>Statistics: Linear Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation</p> <p>Software: R, Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX</p> | |
| PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS | <p>American Political Science Association</p> <p>International Studies Association</p> <p>Peace Science Society</p> | |
| POLICY EXPERIENCE | <p>Public Affairs Intern, U.S. Embassy Doha, Qatar (2009)</p> <p>Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Peter Welch, Washington, DC (2007-2008)</p> <p>Aide to the President Pro Temp., Vermont State Senate, Montpelier, VT (2006)</p> | |