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## Academic Appointments

### Northern Illinois University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science	2022-Present
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science	2023 - 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
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### University of Chicago

Postdoctoral Scholar, Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism	2015-2016
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### Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs	2014-2015
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## Education

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

Ph.D.   International Relations	2015
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Dissertation: "Strategies of Violence and Nonviolence in Revolutionary Movements"  
Committee: Richard Shultz, Zeynep Bulutgil, Erica Chenoweth  
*Recipient of the Ackerman Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation*

M.A.L.D.   International Relations	2010
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### Middlebury College

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

### 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 *Perspectives on Politics*.

## Journal Articles

- Forthcoming. "How Civil Resistance Improves Inclusive Democracy," with Subindra Bogati, Titik Firawati, and Jonathan Pinckney. Forthcoming in *Perspectives on Politics*.
2023. "From Doctrine to Detonation: Ideology, Organization, and Terrorism in Mass Dissident Campaigns," with Margherita Belgioioso. *Journal of Peace Research*, OnlineFirst.
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.

## Refereed Chapters & Reports

- Forthcoming. "A Yam Between Two Boulders: Global Orders, Regional Rivalries, and Contentious Politics," in Abu Bakarr Bah, ed. *Glocalized Security*, Forthcoming with Indiana University Press.
2021. *From the Hills to the Streets to the Table: Civil Resistance and Peacebuilding in Nepal* with Subindra Bogati. ICNC Press.

## Policy Briefs & Essays

2022. "Civil Resistance and Inclusive Democratization in Indonesia," with Titik Firawati. Center for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta. February 4, 2022.
2011. "From Coexistence to Cleansing: The Rise of Sectarian Violence in Baghdad, 2003-2006." *al-Nakhlah: Journal of Southwest Asia and Islamic Civilization*.
2011. "A Step Short of the Bomb: Explaining the Strategy of Nuclear Hedging." *Journal of Public and International Affairs* 22: 29-47.

## Book Reviews & Correspondence

2023. Reply to Corinna Jentsch's Review of *Between Mao and Gandhi*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 21 (1): 344 - 346.
2023. Review of *Violent Resistance: Militia Formation and Civil War in Mozambique*, by Corinna Jentsch (Cambridge, 2022), in *Perspectives on Politics* 21 (1): 344 - 346.
2014. Review of *The Maoist Insurgency in Nepal: Revolution in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Mahendra Lawoti and Anuk K. Pahari (Routledge, 2009), in *Himalaya* 34, no. 1 (Spring): 148-150.

## Commentary

2024. "6+1 on *Between Mao and Gandhi*," *The Duck of Minerva*, (February 29).
2018. "Why Ethnic Cleavages Create Barriers to Civil Resistance," *Political Violence a Glance*, (October 29).
2017. "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 (May 22)

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).

## Work in Progress

- "Ethnic Coalitions and the Trajectories of Resistance Campaigns," with Robert Tanner Bivens (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).
- "A Nod, a Nudge, a Push, and a Putsch: Civil-Military Relations in the Heat of Mass Uprisings." (Working Paper).
- "Cold War, Hot War, Color War: Popular Uprisings and Interstate Conflict," (Working Paper).

## Fellowships, Grants & Awards

### Externally Funded Research Grants

U.S. Institute of Peace: People Power, Peace Processes, and Democratization (2020-2021).	\$28,000
Smith Richardson Foundation: World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship (2014-2015).	\$7,500
Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation: Next Generation Grant (2013).	\$2,000

### Internally Funded Research Grants

Northern Illinois University: Great Journeys Grant (2020-2021).	\$15,000
Northern Illinois University: Great Journeys Grant (2017-2018).	\$14,000
Northern Illinois University: Summer Research and Artistry Grant (2017).	\$13,500
Northern Illinois University: Student Engagement Fund Grant (2016-2017).	\$1,200
Tufts University: Fletcher Summer Research Grant (2014).	\$6,500
Tufts University: Fletcher Summer Research Grant (2013).	\$4,000

### Fellowships and Awards

- Tobin Project: National Security Fellowship (2014).
- Eisenhower Foundation: Clifford Roberts Fellowship (2012-2013).
- Bradley Foundation: Dissertation Fellowship (2010-2011).
- American Academy of Diplomacy: Leonard Marks Essay Contest Winner (2009).