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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. *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*, 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).