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Academic Positions

University of Massachusetts Lowell, School of Criminology & Justice Studies
Associate Professor of Security Studies, 2023–present.
Assistant Professor of Security Studies, 2017–2023.

University of Texas at El Paso, National Security Studies Institute
Visiting Assistant Professor of Security Studies, 2015–2017.

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of North Texas. 2014.
M.A. Political Science, University of Nevada, Reno. 2008.
B.A. Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno. 2004.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Book

Linebarger, Christopher, Amira Jadoon, Suzanne Weedon Levy, and Victor Asal. *Killing Americans: Insurgent Motivations, Risk Factors, and Implications*. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780197693780. Published online: December 1, 2025. In-print: February 4, 2026. Online: <https://academic.oup.com/book/61737>

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Linebarger, Christopher and Alex Braithwaite. 2025. “The Domestic Political Correlates of Border Barrier Construction.” *Oxford Intersections*. DOI: 10.1093/9780198945222.003.0171

Merizalde, Juan and **Christopher Linebarger**. 2024. “Correlates of Radical Localism Across American Counties.” *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* 17(2): 140-163.

Asal, Victor, **Christopher Linebarger**, and J. Michael Greig. 2023. “Counter-Insurgency Strategies and Transnational Attacks by Rebel Groups.” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 46(2): 2564–2597. DOI: 10.1080/1057610X.2021.1929051

Linebarger, Christopher and Andrew Enterline. 2023. "Forever Wars: Divided Government and the Termination of Interventions in Support of Civil War Governments." *British Journal of Politics and International Relations* 25 (2): 328–347. DOI: 10.1177/13691481211070172

Asal, Victor, **Christopher Linebarger**, Amira Jadoon, and J. Michael Greig. 2023. "Why Some Rebel Organizations Attack Americans." *Defence and Peace Economics* 32(6): 708–725. DOI: 10.1080/10242694.2021.1878320

Linebarger, Christopher and Alex Braithwaite. 2021. "Why Do Leaders Build Walls? Domestic Politics, Leader Survival, and the Fortification of Borders." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66(4–5): 704–728. DOI: 10.1177/00220027211066615

Jones, Benjamin and **Christopher Linebarger**. 2021. "Playing the Ethnic Card: Diversion, Transborder Ethnic Ties, and Sponsorship of Rebel Movements." *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(4). DOI: 10.1093/jogss/ogaa056

Asal, Victor, Charmaine N. Willis, **Christopher Linebarger**, and Nakissa P. Jahanbani. 2021. "Teaching about Oppression and Rebellion: The 'Peasants are Revolting' Game" *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 54(2): 331–335. DOI: 10.1017/S1049096520001675

Linebarger, Christopher. 2021. "Preventive Medicine: Domestic Repression and Foreign Revolutionary States." *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* 14(1): 3–24. DOI: 10.1080/17467586.2020.1821067

Linebarger, Christopher and Alex Braithwaite. 2020. "Do walls work?: The effectiveness of border barriers in containing the cross-border spread of violent militancy." *International Studies Quarterly*. 64(3): 487–498. DOI: 10.1093/isq/sqaa035

Linebarger, Christopher and Idean Salehyan. 2020. "Electoral Integrity and Election-Related Conflict." *Democracy & Security*. 16(3): 260–280. DOI: 10.1080/17419166.2020.1787158.

Linebarger, Christopher, Andrew Enterline, and Steven Liebel. "Curbing Enthusiasm? Democratic Third Parties & Commitment to Civil War Governments." *Democracy & Security*. DOI: 10.1080/17419166.2019.1675262.

Linebarger, Christopher, Andrew Enterline, and Steven Liebel. 2020. "Shaken or Stirred? Terrorism & Third Party State Resolve in Civil War Interventions." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 37(3). DOI: 10.1177/0738894217740874. Accepted October 2017.

Linebarger, Christopher, Angela Nichols, and Andrew Enterline. 2019. "Keeping Threat at Arm's Length: Counter-Revolutionary Interventions by Third Party States in Support of Governments." *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*. 12(3): 223–241. DOI: 10.1080/17467586.2019.1622028

Linebarger, Christopher, Andrew Enterline, and Steven Liebel. 2018. "Only the Strong Negotiate? The Political Survival of Third Party State Leaders & Negotiations in Foreign Counter-Insurgency Wars," *Social Science Quarterly*. 99(2): 744–761

Linebarger, Christopher. 2016. "Dangerous Lessons: Rebel Learning and Mobilization in the International System." *Journal of Peace Research* 53(5): 633–647.

Linebarger, Christopher. 2015. “Civil War Diffusion and the Emergence of Militant Groups, 1960–2001.” *International Interactions* 43(3): 583–600.

Salehyan, Idean and **Christopher Linebarger.** 2015. “Elections and Social Conflict in Africa, 1990–2009.” *Studies in Comparative International Development (SCID)* 50(1): 23–49.

Eshbaugh-Soha, Matthew and **Christopher Linebarger.** 2014. “Presidential and Media Leadership of Public Opinion on Iraq.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 10(4): 351–369.

Salehyan, Idean, Cullen Hendrix, Jesse Hamner, Christina Case, **Christopher Linebarger**, Emily Stull, and Jennifer Williams. 2012. “Social Conflict in Africa: A New Database.” *International Interactions* 38(4): 503–511.

Book Chapters & Other Publications

Linebarger, Christopher and Andrew Enterline. 2022. “Third Party Intervention, Duration, and Civil War Outcomes.” *What Do We Know About Civil War, Second Edition?*, T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell (eds). New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

Braithwaite, Alex and **Christopher Linebarger.** June 30, 2020. “Why A Wall (Still) Won’t Save Us.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*. Online: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/06/30/why-a-wall-still-wont-save-us/>

Linebarger, Christopher and Andrew Enterline. 2016. “Third Party Intervention, Duration, and Civil War Outcomes.” *What Do We Know About Civil War?*, T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell (eds). New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

Salehyan, Idean and **Christopher Linebarger.** February 2013. “Elections and Social Conflict in Africa.” Climate Change and African Political Stability (CCAPS). Research Brief No. 6. Online: https://www.files.ethz.ch/isn/161758/CCAPS%20Research%20Brief%20No.%206_final.pdf

Breuning, Marijke and **Christopher Linebarger.** “Foreign Aid.” 2012. In *Handbook of American Foreign Policy*, Christopher Jones and Steven Hook (eds). New York: Routledge.

Manuscripts & Works in Progress

“Launching Pad?” International Terrorism After Intervention,” with Andrew Enterline. Revise and Resubmit, *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

“Artificial Intelligence for Intelligence Analysis: Testing a Large Language Model to Aid Structured Analytic Techniques,” with Andrew Macpherson and others. Revise and Resubmit, *Intelligence and National Security*.

“Alliances Among Ideologically Divergent Militant Groups,” with Juan Merizalde. Revise and Resubmit, *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*.

“Natural Disasters and Violence by Insurgent Organizations,” with Victor Asal. Under review.

“Border Barriers and Violence Against Transnational Ethnicities,” with Melissa Swauncy-Coleman. Under development.

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

Grants

Internal UML Research Seed Grant. July 2023–June 2025. “A Case Study of Citizen Experiences of State Violence in a Post Colonial Society.” Grant designed to facilitate dissertation field work for Melissa Swauncy-Coleman, \$13,550.

Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). September 2022–August 2025. \$2.5 Million (\$111,301 to UML) awarded to establish the Northeast Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence, a consortium of several regional institutions of higher education. Lead PI: Andrew Macpherson (University of New Hampshire). Grant non-renewed due to changes in government policy.

Fellowships

Thesis / Dissertation Fellowship (TDF), University of North Texas. September 2012–August 2013.

Master’s / Doctoral Fellowship (MDF), University of North Texas. September 2008–August 2012.

Other Awards

Recognition in category “Publications – Most by College.” University of Massachusetts Lowell. Awarded March 2022.

Outstanding Research Assistant. Department of Political Science, University of North Texas. Awarded April 2014.

Robert M. Smith Scholarship. University of Nevada, Reno.

Conference Participation

Presentations

International Studies Association: 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014 (x2), 2016, 2017 (x2), 2018, 2019 (x2), 2020 (canceled), 2021, 2022, 2023 (x2), 2024

American Political Science Association: 2013, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2024 (x2), 2025

Midwest Political Science Association: 2013 (x2), 2015, 2021

Peace Science Society: 2011, 2015, 2019

Texas Triangle IR Conference: 2012, 2016, 2017

University of Pennsylvania Borders & Boundaries Conference: 2019, 2021

IC-CAE Principal Investigator's Summit: 2023, 2024

UMass Lowell Research Short Talk: 2019

First Annual Symposium of the Archive of Modern American Warfare: 2016

UNT in Africa Event: 2012

Western Political Science Association: 2011

Panel Chair or Discussant

International Studies Association: 2018 (x3), 2019 (x2), 2023

Peace Science Society (International): 2016, 2018

Midwest Political Science Association: 2013

Teaching Experience

University of Massachusetts Lowell

CRIM 6890: Selected Topics (Civil Wars), graduate (x1). Fall 2021.

CRIM 5780: Intelligence Analysis: Policy and Practice, graduate (x3). Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.

CRIM 5750: Contemporary Security Studies, graduate (x1). Fall 2024.

CRIM 3800: Selected Topics (Civil Wars), undergraduate (x2). Spring 2020, Spring 2023.

CRIM 3490: Intelligence and National Security, undergraduate (x8). Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024.

CRIM 3120: Security Management, undergraduate (x5). Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2025.

CRIM 2480: Terrorism, undergraduate (x1). Spring 2019.

CRIM 2130: Emergency Management, undergraduate (x5). Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2025.

CRIM 1150: Intro to Homeland Security, undergraduate (x5). Spring 2022, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025 (x2).

University of Massachusetts Lowell - Online Courses

- CRIM 5750: Contemporary Security Studies, graduate (x1). Fall 2025.
- CRIM 3490.031: Intelligence and National Security, online (x2). Fall 2024, Fall 2025.
- CRIM 3120.031: Security Management, online (x19). Each Spring, Summer, and Fall: 2018–present.

University of Texas at El Paso / US Army Sergeants Major Academy, Ft. Bliss

- Strategic Survey of Europe, graduate (x2). Spring 2016, Spring 2017.
- Strategic Survey of Asia, graduate (x2). Spring 2016, Spring 2017.
- Strategic Survey of Africa, graduate (x2). Fall 2015, Fall 2016.
- Civil Wars and Terrorism, undergraduate/graduate (x1). Spring 2017.
- Seminar on Intelligence and National Security, undergraduate/graduate (x3). Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016.

University of North Texas

- Terrorism, undergraduate (x1). Spring 2015.
- Revolution and Political Violence, undergraduate (x1). Spring 2015.
- American Government: Process and Policies, undergraduate (x2). Fall 2013, Spring 2014.

Mentoring

Dissertation Committee Chair

- Samuel Olufeso. Spring 2025–present. (Global Studies).
- Melissa Swauncy. Fall 2021–Summer 2024, defended June 2024. Post-graduate position: Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, DePaul University.

Dissertation Committee Member

- Dami Sholademi. Fall 2025–present.
- Katelyn Smith. Spring 2025–present.
- Edgar Torres. Fall 2021–present. (Global Studies).
- Juan Merizalde. Fall 2020–Spring 2022, defended June 2022.

Matt Sweeney. Spring 2018–Spring 2020, defended April 2020.

Jared Dmello. Spring 2018–Spring 2019, defended June 2019.

Other Student Mentoring

Co-PI for Northeast Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (NE IC CAE). Responsible for recruiting UML students into program; assisting in managing the program; attending events and conferences with undergraduate and graduate students. Fall 2022–present.

Emerging Scholar program, College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Science (FAHSS). Fall 2019–Spring 2020 (1 student); Fall 2021–Spring 2022 (2 students).

The Washington Center. Faculty leader for UML students. Spring 2021.

Student Assistantship Program, FAHSS. Hired three undergraduate research assistants. Fall 2019–Spring 2020.

Professional Service

Service to the Profession

Book review editor for *Democracy and Security*. March 2018–present.

International Conflict and Security Co-Chair, Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference. January 2022.

External Program Reviewer pursuant to establishment of a B.S. in Security Studies at SUNY, Empire State College. January 2020.

Journals refereed: *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Civil Wars*; *Crime & Delinquency*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*; *Defence and Peace Economics*; *Democracy and Security*; *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*; *European Security*; *Interdisciplinary Political Studies*; *International Interactions*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Organization*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; *International Journal of Conflict Management*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Media, War, & Conflict*; *Nations & Nationalism*; *Oxford Research Encyclopedia on International Affairs*; *Perspectives on Terrorism*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Population Research and Policy Review*; *PS: Political Science & Politics*; *Research and Politics*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Revista Brasileira de Política Internacional*; *SAGE Open*; *Security Journal*; *Security Studies*; *South African Journal of International Affairs*; *Territory, Politics, & Governance*; *Terrorism & Political Violence*.

Service to University of Massachusetts Lowell

Faculty Senate. May 2022–May 2024.

Participant in panel discussion “Ukraine Invasion And the Future of Deterrence, Democracy, and War in Europe.” March 1, 2022.

Emerging Scholar program (x2). Fall 2019–Spring 2020; Fall 2021–Spring 2022.

Job search committee (x2), School of Criminology and Justice Studies. Fall 2018–Spring 2019. Spring 2022.

Undergraduate committee, School of Criminology and Justice Studies. Fall 2020–Spring 2021; Fall 2022–present.

Graduate committee, School of Criminology and Justice Studies. Fall 2017–Spring 2018.

Grader for graduate student preliminary and comprehensive exams, School of Criminology and Justice Studies. Spring 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2025.

Other Past Service

Graduate student representative, Department of Political Science Chair Search Committee. University of North Texas, November 2013.

Graduate Research Experience

Research Assistant for Idean Salehyan and Cullen Hendrix. Fall 2009–Summer 2012, Fall 2013–Summer 2014. *Social Conflict Analysis Database*. Assisted in coding over 15,000 incidents of protests, riots, strikes, communal violence, and repression in Africa and Central America; assisted in the geo-referencing of these events for spatial analysis. <http://www.scaddata.org/>

Research Assistant for Elizabeth Oldmixon and Kimi King (Spring 2009); John Booth and Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha (Fall 2008). Assisted in coding and research.

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society (International)