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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Security (insurgency, state repression, communal conflict, conflict dynamics, conflict legacies), Political Economy (historical political economy, causal inference, spatial development).

APPOINTMENTS

Cornell University *July 2024-Present*
Visiting Assistant Professor, Government (International Relations & Methods)

University of Chicago *October 2023*
Executive Educational Instructor, MSCAPP

University of Southern California *August 2022*
Political Economy of Security Postdoctoral Scholar

EDUCATION

Emory University *August 2017 - August 2022*
PhD
Political Science
Dissertation Committee: Jennifer Gandhi (chair), Natalia Bueno, Adam Glynn, Renard Sexton

PUBLICATIONS

[1] Donald Grasse, “State Terror and Long-run Development: The Persistence of the Khmer Rouge” *American Political Science Review* (2024) 118 (1): 195 - 212

- Media Coverage: [The Economist](#). “Cambodias Genocide is Still Hurting its People” ; [Political Science Now](#) “The Economic Legacies of Repression.”

[2] **Donald Grasse**, Renard Sexton, and Austin Wright, “Courting Civilians During Conflict: Evidence from Taliban Courts in Afghanistan” *International Organization* (2024) 78(1).

[3] **Donald Grasse**, “Oil Crops and Social Conflict: Evidence from Indonesia” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2022) 66 (7-8):1422–1448

[4] **Donald Grasse**, Melissa Pavlik, Hilary Matfess and Travis Curtice “Opportunistic Repression: Patterns of civilian targeting by the state in response to COVID-19” *International Security* (2021) 46 (2): 130–165.

- Public Scholarship: **Don Grasse**, Melissa Pavlik, Hilary Matfess and Travis Curtice. “Autocratic governments are using coronavirus as a pretext to clamp down on opponents” [The Monkey Cage](#). July 31, 2020.

[5] Pearce Edwards, Jennifer Gandhi, and **Donald Grasse**, “Fixing the Past: The Effects of Human Rights Trials on Political Attitudes in Argentina” (*Forthcoming, British Journal of Political Science*)

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] Pearce Edwards, Jennifer Gandhi, **Donald Grasse**, “Is Transitional Justice Blind? The Link between Culpability and Prosecution in Argentina’s Human Rights Trials” (*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Politics*)
- [2] **Donald Grasse** and Melissa Pavlik “Climate Change, Conservation, and Conflict” Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Working Paper (2024)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [1] “Gender, Violence and the Prospects for Negotiated Peace? Evidence from Afghanistan ” with Zinab Attai, Renard Sexton Christoph Zuercher
- [2] “Plunder and Coups: Evidence from Myanmar” with Renard Sexton
- [3] “Gang Territory and Labor Market Access: Evidence from Chicago” with Austin Wright
- [4] “Aerial Bombing and Insurgent Recruitment: Evidence from the Khmer Rouge” with Austin Wright
- [5] “Does Environmental Peacebuilding Work?” with Melissa Pavlik

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- [1] Laney Graduate School Outstanding Scholarly Research Award in the Social Sciences (2022)
- [2] American Political Science Association Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), (2021), \$ 14,886 (Declined)
- [3] Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Fellow (2021)
- [4] Crum Award for best Political Science research paper in any field, University of Kentucky (2016)

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Annual Meeting, 2022, 2024

Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR), 2021

Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), 2021

Midwestern Political Science Association, 2019, ~~2020~~ 2021, 2022, 2023

American Political Science Association, 2021, 2023 (Accepted)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor:

- GOVT 6000, Advanced Regression Analysis (PhD Methodology Course) Cornell University, Spring 2025
- GOVT 3000, Controversies in Security Studies, Cornell University, Spring 2025
- GOVT 4000, Climate Change and International Security, Cornell University, Fall 2024
- Databases and Database Management (for Decision Support Center Graduate Development Program), University of Chicago, Fall 2024
- POLS 120 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Emory University) - Fall 2020, 2021
- Tutor Design & Analysis of Experiments (Political Science 585, Graduate)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee: **2024** *British Journal of Political Science* **2023** *International Organization, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science* **2022** *Journal of Politics*, **2021**, *International Interactions*

Discussant: **2023** Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting; **2022** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

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