

# Darin SELF

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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ADDRESS: 214 White Hall, Ithaca NY 14853

## EXPERIENCE

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<i>Current</i> SEPTEMBER 2015	Graduate Student at CORNELL UNIVERSITY <i>Comparative Politics and International Relations</i> My research focuses on civilian-military relations in authoritarian regimes and democratization with a regional focus on Latin America and Southeast Asia. My dissertation explains how institutionalized ruling parties provide credible commitments to militaries, which increase the military's willingness to accept the prospect of democratization.
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## EDUCATION

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MAY 2021	PhD in GOVERNMENT, <b>Cornell University</b> Major: Comparative Politics   Minor: International Relations Advisor: Prof. Tom PEPINSKY
AUGUST 2018	M.A. GOVERNMENT, <b>Cornell University</b>
APRIL 2013	M.A. PUBLIC POLICY, <b>Brigham Young University</b>
APRIL 2011	B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE, <b>Brigham Young University</b>

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Putting on the Civilian's Uniform: Understanding Authoritarian Legacies in Civilian-Military Relations—*Under Review*

Survival Through Strength: How Strong Party Organizations Help Authoritarian Regimes Survive – *Under Review*

Authoritarian Legacies and Democratic Party Building (with Allen Hicken) – *Under Review*

The V-Dem Party Institutionalization Index: a new global indicator (1900-2015) (with Fernando Bizzarro and Allen Hicken) – *Under Review*

Security, Economic Performance, and Popular Support for Democracy: The Case of Mexico (with Jessica Zarkin)

Datasets, Definitions, and Coding Decisions: Assessing the Effect of Electoral Rules (with Joel Selway)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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A.Y. 2019	Fulbright Fellowship – <i>award declined</i>
SPRING 2019	The American Institute for Indonesian Studies Henry Luce Foundation Research Grant
SPRING 2018	SEAREG Pre-dissertation Fellowship <i>Advised by Dan Slater, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor</i>
MARCH 2017/2018	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
SUMMER 2017	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (SEASSI)
SUMMER 2017/2019	Einaudi Center International Research Travel Grant
SUMMER 2017	Latin American Studies Association Summer Research Fellowship
SPRING 2017	Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship
A.Y. 2016-1017	Latin American Studies Graduate Fellow
APRIL 2016	Deborah Homsher Research Grant - Cornell Southeast Asian Program
MARCH 2016/2017	National Science Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship Honorable Mention
MARCH 2016/2017	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship

## SERVICE TO THE FIELD

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- Organized      *Civilian-Military Relations, Authoritarian Regime Durability and Democratization*
- APSA 2020      Jun Koga Sudduth (Chair)
- Panel          Sheena Greitens (Discussant)
- Naunihal Singh – *Dodging a Bullet*
- Risa Brooks – *Rethinking Authoritarian Civil-Military Relations in the Middle East*
- Sharan Grewal – *Learning from the Arab Spring: Why Algerians Oppose a Praetorian Military*
- Darin Self – *Bounded Democratization: How and Why Militaries Influence Democratization*
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- Organized      *Institutions as Mechanisms of Authoritarian Regime Survival*
- APSA 2018      Steven Levitsky (Chair)
- Panel          Barbara Geddes (Discussant)
- Mai Hassan – *Ruling Kenya: Regime Threats and State Solutions*
- Jennifer Gandhi, Abigail Heller, Ora Reuter – *Shoring Up Power: Strengthening Regime Parties via Electoral Reform*
- Anne Meng – *Institutionalizing Dictatorship*
- Darin Self – *Survival Through Strength: How Strong Parties Help Regimes Survive*

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- Oxford 2019      Putting on the Civilian's Uniform: How Institutions Shaped the Fortunes of Indonesia's Former Military Elite
- APSA 2018      Institutions of Rule: Party Strength and Authoritarian Regime Survival
- MPSA 2018      Security, Economic Performance, and Popular Support for Democracy: The Case of Mexico (with Jessica Zarkin)
- APSA 2016      Why Populism? How Parties Shape the Electoral Fortune of Populists (with Allen Hicken)
- MPSA 2016      Mind the Gap: Bridging the Theoretical and Empirical Divide of Party System Institutionalization and Authoritarian Successor Parties (with Allen Hicken)
- MPSA 2016      Datasets, Definitions, and Coding Decisions: Assessing the Effect of Electoral Rules (with Joel Selway)
- MPSA 2016      The V-Dem Party Institutionalization Index: a new global indicator (1900-2015) (with Fernando Bizzarro and Allen Hicken)

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Varieties of Democracy Annual Meeting - 2018
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting - 2016, 2018
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting - 2016, 2018
- Cornell Latin American Studies Program Conference -2016, 2017

## NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Monkey Cage    Opening the door for Trump: How populism crushes weak parties  
Monkey Cage    International relations scholars think that the U.S. spends too much on defense  
Foreign Policy    Snap Poll: Do Iran sanctions matter when it comes to stability in the Middle East?

## TEACHING

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2020    Introduction to Comparative Politics  
2019    Making Sense of World Politics (Intro to IR)  
2014    Summer course: Introduction to R  
2014    Summer course: Introduction to the Research Process  
2012    Guest lecturer for Introduction to Comparative Politics

## LANGUAGES

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ENGLISH:        Native  
INDONESIAN:    Advanced (Written and Spoken)  
SPANISH:        Advanced (Written and Spoken)

## FIELD WORK

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Jakarta, Indonesia    January 2017, 2018  
                                 November 2018 - March 2019  
Asunción, Paraguay    August 2017  
                                 April 2019 - August 2019

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2015 - 2018    Varieties of Democracy - Research Assistant  
2015 - 2016    World Bank short term consultant - Research Assistant  
2013 - 2015    Teaching, Research and International Policy - Project Manager  
2009 - 2013    Cross-national Indices of Multi-dimensional Measures of Social Structure - RA  
2010 - 2013    The Anocracy Project - Research Assistant

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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Working Knowledge:    PYTHON, SPSS, SAS  
Advanced Knowledge:    R, STATA, SQL, EXCEL