

## Christopher Cyr

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### Education

- Ph.D.            University of Colorado at Boulder  
                 Political Science  
                 Expected May 2015  
                 Specialization: International Relations, Comparative Politics
- M.A.            University of Colorado at Boulder  
                 Political Science  
                 May 2011
- B.A.            Ohio State University  
                 Political Science, History  
                 June 2007, Cum Laude

### Research Interests

Civil conflict, non-violent resistance, crisis bargaining, violence against civilians, human capital

### Teaching Interests

International relations, war and peace, security studies, foreign policy, comparative politics

### Dissertation

*Potential Fighting Capability and State Concessions: A Study of Violent Rebellion and Nonviolent Resistance*

This dissertation examines the reasons that non-state actors choose to engage in nonviolent resistance versus violent rebellion, as well as how long wars last and how intense fighting is when they do choose violence. I argue that the variance in the potential that these groups have to grow during the process of fighting has an impact on all three of these variables, and test my hypotheses both qualitatively and quantitatively with new data on the economic standing and level of education of the group membership.

Committee: Dr. Jaroslav Tir (chair), Dr. David Bearce, Dr. Aysegul Aydin, Dr. Megan Shannon

### **Selected Works in Progress**

2015 “Conducting Survey Research in Conflict-Affected Countries.” In the forthcoming *Human Security Report*. Coauthored with Andy Mack and Lindsay Heger.

Cyr, Christopher. “Group Size and State Concessions: A Multi-Level Study of Civil Conflict Onset.” Under Review.

### **Conference Presentations**

2014. “Are Inebriated Combatants More Brutal? The Impact of Alcohol Consumption on Violence Against Civilians in Civil War.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2014. “Are Inebriated Combatants More Brutal? The Impact of Alcohol Consumption on Violence Against Civilians in Civil War.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2013 “Group Size and State Concessions: A Multi-Level Study of Civil Conflict Onset.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN.

2013 “Rebel Group Size and State Concessions: A Dyadic Study of Civil Conflict Onset.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2012 “Rigged to Explode: When Elections Spark Political Violence.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

### **Fellowships**

2014/2015 One Earth Future Foundation, ABD Fellowship

### **Grants and Awards**

2014 University of Colorado Graduates in Political Science Paper Prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100

2014 University of Colorado Department of Political Science grant to attend IQMR- \$2250

2014 University of Colorado Graduate Part Time Instructor Teaching Excellence Award- \$600

2013 United Government of Graduate Students Travel Award- \$300

2013 University of Colorado Department of Political Science Travel Grant- \$250

2012 University of Colorado Department of Political Science Travel Grant- \$250

2011 University of Colorado Department of Political Science  
Stover Fellowship Award for Outstanding Qualifying Paper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- \$250

2011 University of Colorado Department of Political Science grant to Attend ICPSR- \$2000

## **Teaching Experience**

### *Instructor*

American Foreign Policy: Summer 2013, Fall 2013

Problems in International Relations: Spring 2013

International Behavior: Fall 2013

### *Teaching Assistant*

The Military in Politics (Professor Sam Fitch): Spring 2014

Introduction to International Relations (Professor Steve Chan): Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Summer 2014

Introduction to International Relations (Professor Aysegul Aydin): Spring 2012

Introduction to International Relations (Professor Moonhawk Kim): Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011

### *Research Assistant*

Professor Moonhawk Kim: Fall 2010-Spring 2012

Professor Aysegul Aydin: Summer 2010

## **Service**

Peer reviewer for Conflict Management and Peace Science: 2014

Book reviewer for Political Science Quarterly: 2014

Vice President of University of Colorado Graduates in Political Science: 2010-2011

## **Skills and Training**

IQMR Summer Program in Qualitative Methods, 2014: Mixed-Method Research

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, 2011: Advanced Game Theory, Categorical Data Analysis

## References

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