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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Binghamton University, Expected 2015
Dissertation: “Mobilizing Zealots: Terrorists’ Strategic Target Selection as a Mechanism for Political Mobilization”
Committee: David H. Clark (Chair), Patrick M. Regan, Olga Shvetsova

M.A. Political Science, Binghamton University, 2014.

M.A. International Peace & Conflict Resolution, American University School of International Service, 2010

Graduate Study Abroad, American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, Fall 2009

B.A. Political Science, Binghamton University 2007
High Honors in Political Science, Magna Cum Laude

Peer Reviewed Publication

Graig R. Klein. (Forthcoming). “Ideology Isn’t Everything: Transnational Terrorism, Recruitment Incentives & Attack Casualties.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*

Under Review

“Escalating Political Unrest.” With Patrick M. Regan

Research Interests

Terrorism, Civil Conflict Transformation, Protest Behavior, The Presidency, American Foreign Policy and Applied Statistics

Teaching Interests

Terrorism & Counterterrorism, The War on Terror, American Foreign Policy, The Presidency, Introduction to International Relations, Civil War, Political Mobilization, Research Methods

Dissertation Summary

Title:

“Mobilizing Zealots: Terrorists’ Strategic Target Selection as a Mechanism for Political Mobilization”

Abstract:

Terror groups, similar to other opposition movements, are in fierce competition with the state for supporters. Successful political mobilization is particularly crucial for terrorists since they rely on zealots to perpetrate attacks and generate resources necessary for other group activities. Mobilizing zealots is a key organizational necessity and encourages strategic attack target selection, which includes size, timing, frequency and symbolism. Attacks aim to provoke governments into distributing collective “bads” amongst terrorists’ audience creating new or additional grievances, desires for revenge and disruption of public goods as such collective “bads” are used for political mobilization. Framing terror attacks as mechanisms for political mobilization allows for a deeper understanding of the behavioral incentives that motivate terrorists’ strategic target selection and attack planning. When terrorists are in the greatest need of replenishing their most important resource – adherents willing to engage in acts of terror – we observe shifts in terrorism that are attributable to political mobilization incentives.

Working Papers

“Predicting Armed Conflict Using Machine Learning.” With Nicholas Tatonetti

“Domestic Diversion: Selective Targeting of Vulnerable Minorities.” With Efe Tokdemir

“The Political Roots of Domestic Environmental Terrorism.” With Benjamin Farrer

“Encouraging Outbidding: How Floundering Political Protest Movements Embolden Domestic Terrorists to Attack.”

“Democratic Repression in Response to Political Unrest.”

“Reconsidering Political Use of Force Abroad in the Drone Age.” With Scott S. Bodderly

“Diversionary Use of Force in the Drone Age: When Covert Drone Operations Become Public Knowledge.” With Scott S. Bodderly

Honors & Awards

Binghamton University Graduate School Excellence in Research Award, 2014-2015

New Era Foreign Policy Conference Fellow, Spring 2015

Binghamton University Dissertation Fellowship, Spring 2015

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Fellowship, Alternate, 2014-2015

Invited by Peace Research Institute of Oslo

Project on Middle East Democracy: Emerging Leaders for Democracy Conference Series
Fellow, *Project on Middle East, Cairo, Egypt. November, 2009.*

Dialogue on Iraqi Minority Communities. *The Elliot School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, November, 2008.*

Political Analyses & Commentary

Print Media

“Social Media and Rethinking the ‘Clash of Civilizations’.” *G8 Summit 2011 Magazine*. May 2011: 92.

“Madame Secretaries.” *The Diplomatic Courier* Spring 2011, 5(2): 11.

“US Government Innovations in Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution: Implications for the IPCR Program.” With Ronald Fisher and Sarah Beller. American University Press: Washington, DC. Revised November 2010.

Online Media

“Emboldening the Arabian Peninsula.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. March 16, 2011.

“Niger: A Surprising Model for Democratic Transition.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. March 16, 2011.

“Libya: A Watershed for Pro-Democracy Protests in MENA.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. February 22, 2011.

“Egypt on the Brink: Update.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. January 29, 2011.

“Egypt on the Brink and What it Means for Yemen and Jordan.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. January 28, 2011.

“Turmoil in Tunisia: The Beginning of a Domino Effect.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. January 17, 2011.

“How the Culmination of Violence, Religion and Politics Affects Egypt's Future.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. January 13, 2011.

“Hugo Chavez is Feeling the Squeeze.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. January 2, 2011.

“France Looks to the East, Russia Looks to the West.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. December 21, 2010.

“Lifting Sanctions & Unemployment: How They Impact Iraq's Future.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. December 21, 2010.

“Russia's Privatization Debate.” *The Diplomatic Courier*. November 18, 2010.

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Binghamton University, 2011-2015

Winter, Summer & Fall 2014, Winter 2015: Worked with David H. Clark

Fall 2013: Worked with Amanda Licht

Spring 2013: Worked with David L. Cingranelli

Fall 2011, Spring, Summer & Fall 2012: Worked with Patrick M. Regan

Staff Research Assistant, Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq, 2008-2009

Conducted independent field research in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Graduate Research Assistant, American University, 2008-2009

Fall 2008 & Spring 2009: Ronald Fisher

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, Binghamton University

Spring 2014: Political Science 486K – “Insurgency & Counterinsurgency.”

Summer 2014: Political Science 380P – “Fighting the State”

Summer 2013: Political Science 380A – “Protest Behavior and Dynamics”

Adjunct Lecturer, CUNY – Borough of Manhattan Community College, 2010-2014

Sociology/Africana/Latino Studies 125 - Comparative Ethnic Studies

Political Science/Africana Studies 152 - Modern Black Political Thought

History/Africana Studies 123 - African American History 17th Century – 1865

English 101 - English Composition I

Methods Training

Research Methods and Statistics I & II

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Introductory & Advanced Game Theory

Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs

Qualitative Analysis Methods

Computer Skills

STATA

SPSS

SAS

Python

Conference Presentations

Encouraging Outbidding: How Floundering Political Protest Movements Embolden Domestic Terrorists to Attack.

International Studies Association Conference, 2015.

Political Predators: Transnational Terrorists’ Strategic Target Selection as Mechanisms for Political Mobilization.

International Studies Association Conference, 2015.

The Political Roots of Domestic Environmental Terrorism. (With Benjamin Farrer, Hobart & William Smith Colleges).
Midwest Political Science Association Conference, 2015.

Epidemic Disasters and Political Unrest. (With Micol Zweig Klein, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine).
International Studies Association Global South Conference, 2015.

Predicting Armed Conflict Using Machine Learning. (With Nicholas Tatonetti, Columbia University).
Peace Science Society Conference, 2015.

Domestic Diversion: Selective Targeting of Vulnerable Minorities. (With I. Efe Tokdemir, Binghamton University).
American Political Science Association Conference, 2014.

Democratic Repression in Response to Political Unrest.
International Studies Association Conference, 2014.

Maximizing Recruitment: Transnational Terrorists' Target Selection.
International Studies Association Conference, 2014.

Contracting Retaliation and Recruitment: How Transnational Terrorists Maximize Expected Utility.
Peace Science Society Conference, 2013.

Diversionary Use of Force in the Drone Age: When Covert Operations Become Public Knowledge. (With Scott S. Bodderly, Binghamton University)
Peace Science Society Conference, 2013.

Reconsidering Political Use of Force in the Drone Age. (With Scott S. Bodderly, Binghamton University).
American Political Science Association Conference, 2013.

The Power of Communication: Media Effect on Policy Making and Public Attitudes.
International Studies Association Conference, 2013.

25th Anniversary of Halabja Genocide. Moderator & Guest Speaker. *American-Kurdish Council, Binghamton Chapter, March 2013.*

Professional Activities & Affiliations

Certificate in Monitoring and Evaluation for NGOs. Peace Institute, American University.

President, *Political Science Graduate Student Organization*, 2012 – 2013

Member/Discussant: *International Relations Workshop at Binghamton University; American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Peace Science Society.*