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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D., Political Science (In progress, expected May 2016)

Subfields: International Relations, Political Methodology

Committee: Brett Benson (chair), Josh Clinton, Daniel Nielson, James Lee Ray, Hye Young You

University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

M.A., Political Science

Graduate Certificate in Sustainability Politics & Policy (September 2011)

Advisor: Stacy VanDeveer

Salem State University, Salem, MA

B.S., Political Science (May 2009) (summa cum laude)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

foreign aid; domestic politics and foreign policy; international institutions; environment-conflict linkages; formal theory

CURRENT PROJECTS

"Leader Survival, Natural Disasters, and International Conflict." Article manuscript. (Revise and resubmit)

"Bypass Aid and Autocratic Survival." Working paper.

"The Design of International Institutions for Humanitarian Aid." Working paper.

"Uncertainty, Third-Party Resolve, and International Conflict." (with Bryan Rooney) Working paper.

"Presidential Political Ambition and US Foreign Conflict Behavior." (with James Lee Ray and Becca McBride) Working paper.

"Arms Sales and Alliance Commitments with Moral Hazard and Conflict." (with Brett Benson) Working paper.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (Vanderbilt University):

James Lee Ray. Spring 2014.

Michaela Mattes. Summers 2012 & 2013. NSF grant SES-0921830.

Brooke Ackerly. Spring 2012.

TEACHING TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) Evidence-based Teaching Workshop (Associate level). Summer 2015.

Teaching Assistant (Vanderbilt University):

Undergraduate level:

PSCI 275: National Security. 2015 (Giacomo Chiozza).

PSCI 229: Strategy and International Politics. 2014 (Brett Benson).

PSCI 216: Chinese Political System. 2013, 2014 (Brett Benson).

PSCI 102: Introduction to International Politics. 2013 (Brett Benson).

PSCI 274: The Nature of War. 2013 (Carol Atkinson).

PSCI 102: Introduction to International Politics. 2012 (Carol Atkinson).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Vanderbilt University Graduate School Travel Grant. 2013, 2014, 2015. (Total of \$2000) Vanderbilt University Graduate Fellowship, 2011 - present UNH Political Science Department, 2011 M.A. Student of the Year Award UNH Department of Political Science Full-Tuition Scholarship 2010-2011

SERVICE

To department:

Graduate Student Representative for Vanderbilt IR Job Search, Fall 2013 & 2014

To profession:

Reviewer for Studies in Comparative International Development.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

2015. "Leader Survival, Natural Disasters, and International Conflict." Poster to be presented at annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2015. "Domestic Uncertainty, Third-Party Resolve, and International Conflict." (with Bryan Rooney) Paper presented (by Bryan) at 73rd annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2015. "Aid Bypass and Regime Survival." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

2014. "Leader Survival, Natural Disasters, and International Conflict." Paper presented at 72nd annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2011. Moderator, "International Cooperation on the Environment" and "Public Policy Problems in Comparative Perspective" Panels. 2011 UNH Undergraduate Research Conference.

COMPUTING SKILLS

R, Stata, Mathematica, LATEX, SPSS

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association Southern Political Science Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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