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## Professional Positions

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Political Science, Yale University.  
August 2009-July 2010.

Faculty Associate, Institution for Social and Policy Studies. August 2009–

Faculty Associate, Macmillan Center for International and Area Studies. August 2009–

Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. July 2005-July 2009.

Instructor of Politics and International Affairs, Department of Politics and the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University. July 2004-June 2005.

## Education

Ph.D. Government, Cornell University, 1998-2005.

*Dissertation:* Paths of Ruin: Why Revisionist States Arise and Die in World Politics.

*Committee:* Peter Katzenstein (chair), Valerie Bunce, Matthew Evangelista, and Christopher Way.

*Award:* APSA's Helen Dwight Reid Prize for Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics, 2007.

*Award:* Esman Prize for Best Dissertation in Government Department, Cornell, 2006.

B.A. History and Political Science (Double Major), Simon Fraser University, 1998.

## Fields of Interest

International Security, Dynamics of Violence, Identity, Causal Inference, Russia and Afghanistan

## Additional Academic Experience

Counterinsurgency Leaders' Course XXIII-Afghanistan (CLC-A), Camp Julien, Afghanistan, July 2009.

Postdoctoral Fellow in National Security, John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University. July 2007-July 2008.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University. July 2004-July 2005 (declined).

Columbia-Cornell Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), July-August 2003.

Exchange Scholar, Government Department and the Davis Center, Harvard University, 2003, 2001.

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science and Sociology, European University at St. Petersburg, Russia, September 2001-December 2001.

## Research

### *Peer-Reviewed Publications*

"Ethnicity and Violence During Civil War: An Analysis of "Sweep" Operations in Chechnya." *American Political Science Review*, forthcoming.

"Do Democracies Make Inferior Counterinsurgents? Reassessing Democracy's Impact on War Outcomes and Duration." *International Organization*, forthcoming.

"Does Indiscriminate Violence Incite Insurgent Attacks? Evidence from Chechnya." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 53:3 (June 2009), 331-362.

"Rage Against the Machines: Explaining Outcomes in Counterinsurgency Wars," *International Organization*, 63:1 (Winter 2009), 67-106. With Lt. Colonel Isaiah Wilson, III.

"Pocket Protests: Rhetorical Coercion and the Micropolitics of Collective Action in Semiauthoritarian Regimes," *World Politics* 58:3 (2006), 378-412.

### *Work-in-Progress*

*Paths of Ruin: How Identity Shapes Military Effectiveness in Modern War*. Book project, in progress.

"Identity and War: A Matched Analysis of Military Effectiveness in Modern War."

"Death from Above: U.S. Airstrikes, Aid, and the Conditionality of Violence in Iraq, 2004-08."

"Airstrikes in Afghanistan: An Empirical Assessment."

### *Datasets*

*Correlates of Insurgency*. Records outcomes and duration for 286 insurgencies between 1800-2003. Also includes new measures of mechanization for all state combatants since 1917.

*Conventional Wars Dataset*. New dataset of conventional wars (1800-2008) with new measures of war- and battlefield-level outcomes.

*The Chechen Insurgency*. New data collection effort consisting of 3000 insurgent attacks mapped at the village level; a new GIS template of all known populated centers in Chechnya; and a dataset of 800+ Russian- and Chechen-led sweep operations (2000-05).

## Honors & Awards

Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics Presented at the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association. (For "How Ethnicity Shapes Insurgent Violence"). 2009.

Ralph O. Glendinning University Preceptorship, Princeton University. 2009-2012 (declined).

APSA Helen Dwight Reid Prize for Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics. 2007.

Stanley Kelley, Jr., Teaching Award, Politics Department, Princeton. 2007.

Esman Prize for Best Dissertation, Government Department, Cornell. 2006.

Joshua Aron '94 Fellow, John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell. 2004.

Mellon Foundation Completion Fellowship, 2003-04.

Graduate School International Travel Grant, 2002.

Luigi Einaudi Dissertation Fellowship, Cornell, 2001-02.

Kahin Prize in International Relations for "most promising dissertation in IR," Department of Government, Cornell, 2001.

MacArthur Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, 2001.

MacArthur Foundation Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2000.

Michele Sicca Summer Grant, Institute for European Studies, 2000.

Peace Studies Program Graduate Summer Fellowship, 1999.

Russell Sage Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 1998-1999.

Mackenzie King Traveling Fellowship (declined), 1998-1999.

Delivered first Graduated Address at Simon Fraser University, 1998.

## Grants

### *External Grants*

Minerva Research Initiative Program ("Terrorism, Development, and Governance," ONR BAA 08-025) \$8.4 million, February 2009-February 2014. Co-Principal Investigator.

United States Institute of Peace Unsolicited Grant ("The Dynamics of Violence in Russia's Northern Caucasus," USIP-042-06F) \$50,000, September 2007-July 2008. Principal Investigator.

### *Internal Grants*

#### *Princeton*

University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Grant (UCRHSS), Princeton, for "Explaining Noncombatant Fatalities in Iraq, 2003-07," Fall 2008.

UCRHSS Faculty Grant, Princeton, for "Mapping the Iraqi Insurgencies," Fall 2006.

UCRHSS Faculty Grant, Princeton, for "Pocket Protests," Fall 2005.

## Invited Presentations

- University of Ottawa, Centre for International Policy Studies, February 2010.
- University of Pennsylvania, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, January 2010.
- Emory University, Department of Political Science Speaker's Series, January 2010.
- Georgetown University, International Theory and Research Seminar, December 2009.
- Harvard University, Second Annual Columbia-Harvard Russia/Eurasia Forum, October 2009.
- UC San Diego, Governance, Development, and Political Violence Workshop, June 2009.
- Columbia University, Workshop on Civil War Data, May 2009.
- Dartmouth College, International Relations/Foreign Policy Working Group, April 2008.
- University of Chicago, Program on International Security Policy (PISP), February 2008.
- Cornell University, Peace Studies Program, February 2008.
- Harvard University, Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop, February 2008.
- Harvard University, Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, October 2007.
- US Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), Component Commanders' Conference, June 2007.
- University of Maryland, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), May 2007.
- Defense Science Board, April 2007.
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Social Sciences Department, March 2007.
- Columbia University, International Politics Seminar, November 2006.
- Yale University, Comparative Politics Seminar, November 2006.

## Conference Presentations

(P)aper, (C)hair, (D)iscussant, (R)oundtable

- 2009 APSA (C,D), ISA (C, C/D, R), ASN (C/D).
- 2008 APSA (D), ASN (P), Midwest (P,P), ISA (P,C,D).
- 2007 APSA (D), ISA (P).
- 2006 APSA (P), Midwest (P), ISA (P).
- 2005 APSA (D).
- 2004 APSA (P), Harvard Identity Project (D), Conference on Secession and Inter-Ethnic Cooperation and Conflict, Cornell University (P).
- 2003 APSA (P), ISA (P).
- 2002 Council for European Studies (P).
- 2001 AAASS Mid-Atlantic Conference (P).

## Teaching & Advising

(U)ndergraduate, (G)raduate, Enrollment (110)

### *Courses Taught (Princeton)*

Introduction to International Relations (U): Spring 2006 (110), Spring 2007 (150), Fall 2008 (240).

National Security (U): Spring 2005 (118), Fall 2005 (127), Fall 2006 (92).

Junior Workshop: Order and Change in World Politics (U): Fall 2004 (7).

Junior Taskforce (WWS): The Chechen Wars (U): Fall 2005 (8).

The Dynamics of Violence in Civil Wars (U): Fall 2008 (14).

Emerging National Security Challenges (G): Spring 2005 (12).

Directed Readings and Field Examination on Civil Wars (G)

Senior Thesis Advisor (14)

### *Ph.D. Committees*

#### *Princeton*

Liam Collins, Christopher Darnton (Catholic University of America, 2009), Andrea Everett, Jeanne Hull, Eva Kaye, Lyudmila Krytynskaia (2008), Michael McCoy and Matthew Zais

## University Service

### *Princeton*

Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Politics, September 2006-July 2007.

Faculty Committee, Princeton Russian and Eurasian Studies Center, September 2006-July 2009.

Woodrow Wilson School Undergraduate Committee, September 2006-July 2007.

Thesis Advisor, Department of Near East Studies, Princeton, September 2005-July 2009.

Whig-Clio Society, 2005-2009.

Field I Committee, Woodrow Wilson School, September 2004-July 2009.

Butler College Faculty Fellow, 2008-09.

## Professional Activities

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Journal of Peace Research*, National Science Foundation, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Security Studies* and *World Politics*.

Associate Editor, *World Politics*, August 2005-July 2009.

Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS)-*Journal of Strategic Studies* Graduate Paper Prize Committee, 2008-09.

Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS) APSA Program Officer, 2009-2011 (APSA and ISA).

### *External Memberships*

American Political Science Association.

Committee for the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (CAMOS).

Households in Conflict Network (HiCN) Senior Affiliate.

International Studies Association.

Non-Resident Fellow, Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, Princeton University.

Research Fellow, Counterinsurgency Training Center—Afghanistan (CTC-A).

## Media Interviews

*Agence France-Presse (AFP), Arena (Azerbaijan), RussiaProfile.org, Smysl' (Moscow), Voice of America, Washington Post.*

## Additional Research Skills

Language: Russian (Proficient), French (Reading), Nokhchiin/Chechen (Novice).

Software: STATA, ArcGIS 9+, Wordstat and other CATA software.

Field Research: Russia (July 2000, September-December 2001, September 2002-February 2003, August 2005), Afghanistan (July-August 2009).

## References

Available upon request.

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