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EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, February 2016–

Instructor, Department of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, July 2015–January 2016

EDUCATION

Stanford University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

University of California, San Diego

B.A., Political Science - International Relations, 2008

Summa cum laude and highest honors

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Lee, Melissa M. “The International Politics of Incomplete Sovereignty: How Hostile Neighbors Weaken the State.” *Forthcoming at International Organization*.

Lee, Melissa M., and Nan Zhang. 2017. “Legibility and the Informational Foundations of State Capacity.” *Journal of Politics* 79 (1): 118–132.

Lee, Melissa M., and Melina Platas Izama. 2015. “Aid Externalities: Evidence from PEPFAR in Africa.” *World Development* 67: 281–294.

Lee, Melissa M., Gregor Walter-Drop, and John Wiesel. 2014. “Taking the State (Back) Out? Statehood and the Delivery of Collective Goods.” *Governance* 27 (4): 635–654.

Other Publications

Lee, Melissa M., and Gregor Walter-Drop. 2015. “Taking the State (Back) Out? A Reply to Peters and Pierre.” *Governance* 28 (3): 397-399. [A response to a discussion of Lee, Melissa M., Gregor Walter-Drop, and John Wiesel. 2014. “Taking the State (Back) Out? Statehood and the Delivery of Collective Goods.” *Governance* 27 (4): 635–654.]

Working Papers

Lee, Melissa M. *Crippling Leviathan: How Foreign Subversion Weakens the State*. [Book project]

Lee, Melissa M., and Aila M. Matanock. “Bottom Ten: Third Party Policymakers and the Limits of the Influence of Indicators.” [Under review.]

Zhang, Nan, and Melissa M. Lee. “On the Development of State Capacity: Language and Legibility in 19th Century France.”

Lee, Melissa M. and Lauren Prather. “Enforcing the Territorial Order.”

Lee, Melissa M. and Lauren Prather. “What Determines Public Support for International Norm Enforcement?”

Lee, Melissa M., and Nan Zhang. 2013. “The Art of Counting the Governed: Census Accuracy, Civil War, and State Presence.” CDDRL Working Paper Series, No. 146. Stanford University.

Research in Progress

Lee, Melissa M. and Nan Zhang. *Borderlands: State Authority at the Frontier*.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Awards

American Political Science Association’s Helen Dwight Reid Award for Best Dissertation in International Relations, Law, and Politics, 2016 (now Merze Tate Award)

University of California, San Diego Sanford A. Lakoff Award for Most Outstanding Honors Thesis in Political Science, 2008

University of California, San Diego Eleanor Roosevelt College Provost Scholar, 2008

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 2007

Fellowships

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Stanford University, 2014–2015

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (No. DGE-0645962), 2010–2015

Political Science Graduate Student Fellowship, Stanford University, 2009–2014

Grants

University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Grant, \$7,200, 2016–2017

International Studies Association Venture Workshop Grant (with Michelle Jurkovich), \$15,330, 2016–2017

University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, \$91,000, 2015–2017

The John and Jackie Lewis Fund to Support Research on Asia, Stanford University, \$1,000, 2014

Graduate Research Opportunity, Stanford University, \$2,104, 2014

Center for African Studies Graduate Summer Research Grant, Stanford University, \$3,000, 2014

Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies Student Grant for the Study of Islam and Muslim Societies, Stanford University, \$1,000, 2014

Freeman Spogli Institute, Global Underdevelopment Action Fund Grant (with Stephen Krasner, James Jones, and Nan Zhang), \$20,000, March 2013–February 2014

Freeman Spogli Institute, Global Underdevelopment Action Fund Summer Grant (with Stephen Krasner and Nan Zhang), \$5,000, June 2012–August 2012

INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCES, AND PRESENTATIONS

Georgetown University International Theory and Research Seminar, Georgetown University, March 12, 2018 (scheduled)

Columbia University International Politics Seminar, Columbia University, March 8, 2018 (scheduled)

Conference on Statehood and the International State System, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, February 9, 2018 (scheduled)

Conference on State Capacity in Comparative Perspective, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, October 20–21, 2017 (scheduled)

International Relations Speakers Series, Harvard University, October 19, 2017 (scheduled)

Final International Conference of the Collaborative Research Center (SFB) 700: Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood, Freie Universität Berlin, June 22–24, 2017

Workshop on New Frontiers in Norms Research, International Studies Association-Brown University, Providence, RI, March 17, 2017

International Relations Speaker Series, University of California, San Diego, March 2, 2017

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22, 2017

Norman Thomas Speakers Series, University of Miami, February 3, 2017

Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), South Bend, IN, October 21–22, 2016

Sovereignty in Contested Spaces, Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, September 29–30, 2016

Faculty Forum, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, September 20, 2016

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1–4, 2016

Assessment Power in World Politics Workshop, Harvard University, May 6–7, 2016

Conference on International Law, International Norms, and Public Opinion, Princeton University, April 29, 2016

International Law/International Relations Colloquium, Cornell University, March 21, 2016

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3–6, 2015

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 18–21, 2015

Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Philadelphia, PA, October 10–October 11, 2014

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Research Seminar, Stanford University, October 30, 2014

International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, September 29, 2014

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28–September 1, 2014

Empirical Study of Conflict Annual Research Meeting, University of California, San Diego, May 30, 2014

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3–6, 2014

International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, February 21, 2014

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 29–September 1, 2013

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11–14, 2013

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6, 2013

Meeting of the International Political Economy Society, Charlottesville, VA, November 9–10, 2012

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Public Goods Provision and Governance Conference, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 18–19, 2012

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1–4, 2012

Workshop on External Actors and the Provision of Collective Goods in Areas of Limited Statehood, San Diego, CA, March 30–31, 2012

International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, March 16, 2012

The Global Commission on Elections, Democracy, and Security Workshop, Yale University, March 2, 2012

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1–4, 2011

Workshop on External Actors and the Provision of Collective Goods in Areas of Limited Statehood, Freie Universität Berlin, May 25–26, 2011

Workshop on Data on Governance and Statehood, Freie Universität Berlin, December 14, 2010

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES

Conference on Statehood and the International State System, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University, February 9, 2018 (co-organized with Nils Hägerdal)

Workshop on New Frontiers in Norms Research, International Studies Association-Brown University, Providence, RI, March 17, 2017 (co-organized with Michelle Jurkovich)

Conference on International Law, International Norms, and Public Opinion, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance and Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, April 29, 2016 (co-organized with Rachel Stein)

TEACHING

POL 387: International Intervention and the Use of Force (Fall 2017, Fall 2016)

Junior Workshop: International Influences on Domestic Politics (Fall 2017, Fall 2016)

WWS 571a: International Policy Responses to State Fragility (Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015)

Junior Workshop: Statebuilding (Fall 2015)

AFFILIATIONS

Center for International Security Studies Affiliated Faculty, Princeton University, 2016–present

Faculty Fellow in Service and Civic Engagement, Princeton University, 2017–present

Mathey College Faculty Fellow, Princeton University, 2016–present

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance Faculty Associate, Princeton University, 2016–present

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND CAMPUS SPEAKING EVENTS

Speaker, Junior Summer Institute Faculty and Policymaker Lunch Series, July 19, 2017

Speaker, Woodrow Wilson School “Woo-sian” Lunch Discussion, March 7, 2017

Member, Woodrow Wilson School Masters of Public Administration Admissions Committee, 2017

Faculty Adviser, Mathey College, 2016–present

Speaker, Professor Dinner Series, Colonial Club, April 12, 2016

Mock Interviewer, Schwarzman Scholars Mock Interview Panel, Office of International Programs, November 13, 2015

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Book Workshop for John Ciorciari, University of Michigan, December 2017 (scheduled)

Book Workshop for Reo Matsuzaki, Trinity College, March 31, 2017

Referee, *International Organization*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *World Development*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Regulation and Governance*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, 2011–present

International Studies Association, 2011–present

Midwest Political Science Association, 2012–2015

Peace Science Society (International), 2013–present

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