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- Education** Ph.D. Political Science, University of Illinois (Expected May 2018)
Dissertation: Incomplete Democratization and Conflict in the Shadow of Territory
Committee: John Vasquez, Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Jim Kuklinski
- M.A. Political Science, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma (2012)
B.S. Political Science, Lulea University of Technology, Sweden (2010))
- Research Interests** Conflict processes, interstate conflict, international security, civil conflict, terrorism, trade, quantitative methods
- Publications** Centers of Gravity: Regional Powers, Democracy, and Bilateral Trade *International Interactions*. 2017. (With Timothy Peterson)
- Working Papers** “Ballots, Bombs, and Bullets: The Effects of Mass Shootings and Terrorist Attacks on Electoral Behavior” (With Benjamin Kantack) [Under Review]
- “Incomplete Democratization and the Management of Territorial Claims”
“Democratic Transitions and Militarized Interstate Disputes”
“Regional Patterns of Alliance Formations”
“Reassessing the Effect of Foreign aid on Governance”
- Graduate Research Appointments** Assistant to Alyssa Prorok on project about civil conflict, Spring 2018
Assistant to Xinyuan Dai on project about human rights, Summer 2016
Assistant to Eve Ringsmuth on project about SCOTUS, Spring 2012
Assistant to Peter Rudloff on project about civil conflict, Summer 2011
- Conference Presentations** “Ballots, Bombs, and Bullets: The Effects of Mass Shootings and Terrorist Attacks on Electoral Behavior.” To be presented at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2018)
- “Democratization in the Shadow of Territory.” Paper presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (2017)
- “Democratic Transitions and Conflict: The Role of Territory.” Paper presented at the Washington-Illinois Student Exchange, St. Louis, MO (2017)
- “Democratic Transitions and Conflict: A New Perspective.” Paper presented at the Illinois-Iowa Student Exchange, Iowa City, IA (2016)
- “Troubled Neighborhoods.” With Peter Chereson. Paper presented at the 73 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2015)

“The Glass Half Full: Incomplete Democratic Transitions and Militarized Interstate Disputes.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of International Studies Association Midwest in St. Louis, MO (2015)

“The Lost Grail: Cultural Effects and the Attempts of Turkey to Join the E.U.” With Gregory File. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of International Studies Association Midwest in St. Louis, MO (2011)

Teaching

Instructor

Governing Globalization (Spring 2017)

Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2016)

Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2016, Fall 2015)

International Security (Spring 2016)

American Government (Spring 2011-Spring 2013, Oklahoma State University)

Teaching Assistant

Governing Globalization (Spring 2018)

Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

American Government (Fall 2011, Oklahoma State University)

Teaching Awards

List of Teachers Ranked as Outstanding (University of Illinois)
Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent (University of Illinois)
Fall 2018, Fall 2015

Awards, Honors, and Fellowships

The Constantine W. Curris Travel Award (Fall 2017), University of Illinois
The Schroeder Summer Fellowship (2015), Cline Center, University of Illinois
The Nordberg Graduate Fellowship (2013-2014), University of Illinois
APSA Student Membership Award for Pi Sigma Alpha, Oklahoma State University
Phi Sigma Alpha Member

Service

University and Department Service

Student coordinator, International Relations Workshop (2017-2018)

Search committee member in international relations (Fall 2016)

President for the Political Science Graduate Student Association (2015-2016)

Vice President for the Political Science Graduate Student Association (2014-2015)

Vice President for Lule Student Union (2009-2010)

Discipline Service

Reviewer for *International Studies Review*

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Peace Science Society

Skills

Coding: L^AT_EX, R, Stata, HLM, C, HTML

Languages: English (fluent), Swedish (native)

References

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