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Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Arizona State University (2019-)

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science (December 2018)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Dissertation: Incomplete Democratization and Conflict in the Shadow of Territory

Committee: John Vasquez, Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Jim Kuklinski

Master of Arts, Political Science (May 2012)

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Bachelor of Science, Political Science (May 2010)

Lulea University of Technology, Lulea, Sweden

Research Interests

Conflict processes, interstate conflict, international security, civil conflict, terrorism, trade, quantitative methods

Publication

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) [*Revise and Resubmit*]

“In the Shadow of Territory: Incomplete Democratization and Conflict in Different Contexts” [*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 John Vasquez on project about militarized interstate disputes, Fall 2018

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.” 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

Graduate Level

Human Rights and Armed Conflict (Spring 2019)
U.S. Politics of Security (Spring 2019)

Undergraduate Level

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

Global Health (Fall 2018)
Governing Globalization (Spring 2018)
Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
American Government (Fall 2011, Oklahoma State University)

Other

Consultant with the Center for Writing Studies at UIUC (Fall 2018)

Teaching Awards

List of Teachers Ranked as Outstanding (University of Illinois)
Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent (University of Illinois)
Fall 2017, 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
Pi 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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University of Illinois

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