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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### University of California, San Diego

- Post-Doctoral Scholar, Center for Peace and Security Studies 2018-

## EDUCATION

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### Columbia University

New York, NY

- *Ph.D., Political Science* 2018
  - Fields of Study: International Relations, Comparative Politics
  - Dissertation:  
“Rebel Territorial Control, Governance, and Political Accountability in Civil War: Evidence from the Communist Insurgency in the Philippines.”  
Committee: V. Page Fortna (Sponsor), Massimo Morelli (Bocconi), Jack L. Snyder, Macartan Humphreys, and Zachariah Mampilly (Vassar).

- *M.Phil., Political Science* 2014
- *M.A., Political Science* 2012

### Emory University

Atlanta, GA

- *B.A. (High Honors), Political Science* 2010
  - Phi Beta Kappa

## RESEARCH

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “Rebel Territorial Control and Civilian Collective Action in Civil War: Evidence from the Communist Insurgency in the Philippines.” Forthcoming, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
- “Don’t Bite the Hand that Feeds: Rebel Funding Sources and the use of Terrorism in Civil Wars,” (with V. Page Fortna and Nicholas Lotito). 2018. *International Studies Quarterly*, Volume 62, Issue 4.

### Working Papers

- “Terrorism and the Varieties of Civil Liberties,” (with Richard K. Morgan), Under Review.
- “Explaining Civilian Resistance to Statebuilding Campaigns: Evidence from Israel’s War for Independence,” with Daniel Arnon and Richard McAlexander.
- “Terrorism in Armed Conflict (TAC): Introducing a New Data Set on Terrorism in Civil War, 1970-2012,” (with V. Page Fortna and Nicholas Lotito), Under Review.

## Works in Progress

- “Interstate Conflict Interdependence and State Sponsorship of Rebel Groups.”
- “Does Rebel Service Provision Enable Terrorism?”
- “Named Entities in the Social Sciences (NESS)-Political Organizations: Introducing a New Dataset,” with Rex Douglass, Thomas Scherer, and Wakako Maekawa.
- “Concede with Caution: How Concessions Affect Rebel Group Cohesion,” with Nora Keller.

## OTHER WRITING

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### Book Reviews

- *Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves*, by Oliver Kaplan. Winter 2018-2019. *Political Science Quarterly*, Volume 133, Issue 4.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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### Research Grants

- Center for Israel Education 2019-2020
  - with Daniel Arnon and Richard McAlexander.  
Translation and coding of Israeli paramilitary archival material.
- National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant 2015-2016
  - Fieldwork in the Philippines:  
Interviews with village elders and government and military personnel.
- Weatherhead East Asian Institute, PhD Training Grant 2015
- Columbia Univ. Political Science Dept. Dissertation Development Grant 2015
- Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity (AC4), Earth Institute, Columbia Univ. Graduate Student Research Fellowship 2014-2015
- Harriman Institute, PepsiCo Research Travel Award 2015

### Fellowships

- Emory University QuanTM Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Spring 2016

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

- UC-Riverside Dept. of Political Science, May 13, 2019.
- UCLA Dept. of Political Science, December 5, 2017.
- Vanderbilt University Dept. of Political Science, November 1, 2017.
- Princeton University, Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC), October 10, 2017.
- Univ. of Connecticut Political Economy Workshop, December 9, 2016.
- Yale University, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, October 10, 2016.
- Emory University, QuanTM Visiting Fellows Speaker Series, April 27, 2016.
- Univ. of Denver, Sie Center Research Seminar, January 15, 2015.

### Workshops

- Ostrom Workshop-Rebel Governance and Legitimacy, Indiana University, May 23, 2019.
- Rebel Governance Network Workshop. Peace Science Society 2018, Univ. of Texas, Nov. 8, 2018.
- The Welfare Non-State. University of California, San Diego, June 7-9, 2018.

- Non-State Actors and Governance. Peace Science Society 2016, Notre Dame University, Oct. 2016.
- Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Settings Workshop. Sie Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Univ. of Denver, April 2015.

### Academic Conferences

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting: 2015-2018
- International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting: 2015-2018
- Peace Science Society Annual Meeting: 2014, 2016-2018

## DATA COLLECTION

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### Fieldwork

- Philippines (July-Aug. 2014, Sept.-Dec. 2015)
  - Key Informant Interviews: Subjects include village leaders in 75 randomly sampled villages within three conflict-affected provinces, Compostela Valley, Davao Oriental, and Agusan del Sur.
  - Semi-structured Elite Interviews: Subjects include government officials, NGO representatives, military and police personnel, and activists in the Bangsamoro and CPP-NPA peace processes.
- Kosovo (June 2015)
  - Structured Interviews in Pristina, Kosovo: Subjects include former KLA members, government officials, and NGO representatives in Kosovo.

### Datasets

- Named Entities in the Social Sciences (NESS)-Political Organizations
  - A Global Dataset of nonstate political organizations based on Wikidata. We link organizations included in existing social science datasets to their Wikidata items and use the information from Wikidata and these existing datasets to measure the extent to which each of the approximately 53 million Wikidata items is a nonstate political organization using Weakly Supervised Learning techniques. The sample of nonstate political organizations will be used for further data collection and will be useful for researchers investigating questions related to political competition and conflict.
- Terrorism in Armed Conflict (TAC)
  - Assigns specific attacks recorded in the Global Terrorism Database (GTD) to rebel organizations included in the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP)/Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Armed Conflict Data (ACD). TAC provides a structured, flexible coding system for assigning attacks to specific actors in order to accommodate a broad range of researcher definitions of terrorism as well as levels of uncertainty associated with identifying the attack perpetrator.

## TEACHING & ADVISING

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### Courses Taught (Columbia Univ.)

- POLS S1601–International Politics Summer 2015

### Teaching Assistant (Columbia Univ.)

- POLS UN1611–International Politics Spring 2017 & Spring 2018
  - Professor Robert Jervis
- POLS W4911–Analysis of Political Data Spring 2015
  - Professor Robert Shapiro
- POLS V1601–International Politics Fall 2014

- Professor Kimberly Marten
- POLS W3720–Scope and Methods Spring 2013
  - Professors Shigeo Hirano and Dorian Warren
- POLS W4895–War, Peace, and Strategy Fall 2012
  - Professor Richard K. Betts

### Advising & Mentoring

- Brandon Turner (Morehouse College, 2021) Summer 2019
  - Advising and mentoring Brandon in conducting his research project and training in the Summer Training Academy for Research Success (STARS) program at UCSD.
- Nathan Felmus (Bronx Science Academy, 2019) AY 2017-2018
  - Advising and mentoring Nathan in conducting his research project through the Regeneron Science Talent Search program.

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## SERVICE

### Referee

- *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Human Rights*; *Political Science Quarterly*.

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## SKILLS

### Statistical and Mapping Packages

- R, Stata, ArcGIS

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## REFERENCES

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