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Curriculum Vitae

University of North Texas
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EDUCATION

PhD, 2018 Political Science, University of North Texas

Major Field – Comparative Politics
Minor Field – International Relations
Third Field – Political Methodology

Dissertation

Title – “Where Do They Come From, and Where Do They Go? Rebel Group Origins and the Dynamics of Civil War”

Committee – Idean Salehyan (co-chair), T. David Mason (co-chair), John Ishiyama, Jacqueline DeMeritt

MS, 2016 Political Science, University of North Texas

BA, 2001 Political Science, Knox College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Civil conflict, political violence, non-state actors, terrorism

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Forthcoming. “Organizing to rule: structure, agent, and explaining presidential management styles in Africa.” (with John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning).

Democratization.

2015. "Reviewer Fatigue? Why Scholars Decline to Review Their Peers' Work." (with Marijke Breuning, Jeremy Backstrom, Jeremy Brannon, and Ben Gross). *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 48 (4): 595-600.

2014. "At the Water's Edge: The Decline of Partisan Liberal Internationalism?" (with John Ishiyama and Jacqueline Demeritt). *Acta Politica*. 50 (August): 320-343.

2013. "Territorial Control, Level of Violence, and the Electoral Performance of Former Rebel Political Parties after Civil Wars." (with John Ishiyama). *Civil Wars*. 15 (4): 531-550.

Other Publications

2016. "Overburdened reviewers and the future of peer review." (with Jeremy Brannon, Marijke Breuning, Benjamin Isaak Gross, and Jeremy Backstrom). *European Science Editing*. 42 (2): 42.

Working Papers

"Women's Participation in Rebel Groups and Post-Conflict Justice Onset" (with Angela Nichols).

"The Origins of Rebel Groups and Women's Engagement in Rebel Organizations" (with Angela Nichols).

"Beasts of Burden: Refugees, Economic Grievances, and Social Conflict" (with Brandon Stewart and Jeremy Backstrom).

"Formed Under Pressure: The Proximity of Gemstones and Social Conflict" (with Samuel Morse and Holley Hansen).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"From Start to Finish: The Influence of Rebel Group Origins on Organizational Adaptation and Conflict Outcome." Paper to be presented at the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

"From 'Bush Bureaucracies' to electoral competition: The impact of wartime rebel bureaucracies on the emergence of former rebel political parties" (with John Ishiyama). Paper presented at the 2017 International Studies Association Midwest Conference, St. Louis, MO.

“Women’s Participation in Rebel Groups and Post-Conflict Justice Onset” (with Angela Nichols). Poster presented at the 2017 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Tempe, AZ.

“The Origins of Rebel Groups and Women’s Engagement in Rebel Organizations” (with Angela Nichols). Paper presented at the 2017 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD.

“The Rebel Group Origins Dataset.” Presented as part of workshop *Rebels without a Codebook? New Data and Approaches to Rebel Organizations in Civil Wars* at the 2016 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, South Bend, IN.

“What Makes the Winners and Losers? Rebel Group Origins and the Outcome of Civil Wars.” Paper presented as part of Junior Scholar Symposium at the 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.

“Beasts of Burden: Refugees, Economic Grievances, and Social Conflict” (with Brandon Stewart and Jeremy Backstrom). Paper presented at the 2015 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

“Where Do They Come From, and Where Do They Go? Rebel Group Origins and Civil War Duration.” Poster presented at the 2014 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

“The Rebel Group Genome Project: The Genesis of Rebel Groups and Post-Conflict Settlements.” Poster presented at the 2013 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN.

“What Becomes of Them? The Various Fates of Rebel Groups After Civil Wars.” Paper presented at the 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

“Taming the Tempest: Electoral Volatility and Democratic Failure, 1945-2011.” Paper presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

“Organizing to Rule: What Explains Presidential Management Styles in Countries in Transition?” (with John Ishiyama). Paper presented at the 2013 European Consortium for Political Research Joint Session Workshop, Johannes Gutenberg Universitat Mainz, Germany.

“The Rising Tide of Social Media and its Impact on Human Rights” Paper presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

“The Nexus of Religion and Civil Society” Paper presented at the 2011 International Studies Association Midwest Conference, St Louis, MO.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Idean Salehyan (*Social Conflict in Africa Database*) – Fall 2012; Spring 2013

John Ishiyama – Fall 2011

John Ishiyama/Wendy Watson – Summer 2011

Cullen Hendrix – Spring 2011

TEACHING INTERESTS

Civil War; Revolution and Political Violence; Ethnic Politics; Comparative Politics; International Relations; Research Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Introduction to American Politics – Spring 2018 (Webster University)

Research Methods & Approaches in Political Science / Methods of Political Inquiry [cross-listed course] – Fall 2017; Spring 2018 (Webster University)

Comparative Politics – Fall 2014; Spring 2015 (University of North Texas)

Teaching Assistantships

Glen Biglaiser – Fall 2015

Craig Carpenter – Fall 2015

Eddie Meaders – Spring 2015

James Meernik – Fall 2014

John Ishiyama – Spring 2012

Tony Carey – Spring 2012; Fall 2011; Spring 2011

Guest Lectures

“Survey Research” – The Study of Politics (for Emily Stull), Fall 2012

“Human Rights” – Introduction to International Relations (for Michael Marshall), Summer 2012

“Mexico in Comparative Perspective” - Introduction to Comparative Politics (for John Ishiyama), Spring 2012

“Foreign Policy” – American Government: Process and Policies (for Tony Carey), Spring 2012

INVITED TALKS

Florida Atlantic University Department of Political Science – July 17, 2015

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant
Granted \$300 for attendance at 2016 ISA Annual Convention

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Travel Scholarship
Granted \$1500 for attendance at EITM Alumni Conference at 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

University of North Texas Scholarship for Continuing Students
Granted \$1000 for 2012-2013 academic year

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Panel & Poster Discussant – 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

Lead Graduate Mentor – *National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates* (with John Ishiyama and J. Michael Greig), UNT, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Summer 2014, Summer 2015

Manuscript Referee – *PS: Political Science & Politics; Defence and Peace Economics*

Vice President of Professionalization – Political Science Graduate Student Association, UNT Department of Political Science, May 2015-Present

Editorial Assistant for *American Political Science Review* – September 2013-June 2014

Graduate Student Representative – Graduate Studies Committee, UNT Department of Political Science, August 2013-May 2014

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Peace Science Society International
Midwest Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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