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Academic Appointments

The University of Southern California
Post-Doctoral Fellow

Los Angeles, California
2019 - 2020

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Gallatin Pre-Doctoral Fellow

Geneva, Switzerland
2018 - 2019

Education

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D., Political Science

Berkeley, California
Expected May 2019

Dissertation: When governments are fighting more than one rebel group, why do they negotiate peace agreements that include some, but not all, of their opponents? I argue that these settlements are best understood as counterinsurgency tactics against the excluded rebel groups. Governments that sign these agreements limit the number of war fronts across which they must divide resources. Many of these agreements also incorporate rebel soldiers into the national army and counterinsurgency campaigns, transforming former adversaries into conflict allies. By addressing public grievances, agreements can undermine civilians support for the remaining rebel force.

Dissertation Committee: Michaela Mattes (chair), Aila Matanock, Leonardo Arriola, and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra

University of California, Berkeley
M.A., Political Science

Berkeley, California
May 2014

Dartmouth College
B.A., Government and Geography with Honors

Hanover, New Hampshire
June 2009

Working Papers

Action or Reaction: Violence Dynamics in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (with Karsten Donnay and Ravi Bhavnani)

Dangerous Parties? Explaining Which Ethnic Organizations Participate in Elections (with Victor Asal and Aila Matanock)

Works in Progress

Predicting Political Violence with Social Media Data (with Håvard Hegre)

What's in a Name? Media Coverage and Islamist Franchises

Geography & Elite Frames: A Study of the Colombian Peace Process (with Natalia Garbiras-Díaz)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

President's Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of California (\$23,000)	2018
Simpson Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley (\$15,000)	2017
Student Mentoring and Research Teams (SMART) Fellowship, UC Berkeley (\$6,000)	2017
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley	2015
Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (\$10,000)	2011
Center for Politics & Law and the John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding Research Grant, Dartmouth College (\$5,500)	2009
Andrew Warden Edson Memorial Prize in Government Studies, Dartmouth College	2006

Invited Talks and Workshops

Political Science Departmental Colloquium, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, Feb 24.	2019
The Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD), Gothenburg University, Gothenburg, Sweden, Feb. 14.	2019
Violence Early-Warning System (ViEWS) seminar, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, Feb. 12.	2019
Workshop on Intra-State Peace & Security, University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany, Nov. 14-16.	2018
Journeys in World Politics, University of Iowa, IA, Oct 25-27.	2018
Dartmouth College, International Relations Speaker Series, "Peace Deals as Counterinsurgency: Recruiting Rebels to Fight Rebels." Hanover, NH, May 4.	2018

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Scheduled Aug. 28 - 31	2019
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, Mar. 27-30	2019
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.	2018
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 4-7.	2018
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Tempe, AZ, Nov. 3-4.	2017
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Sept. 1-4.	2016

Teaching

<i>University of Southern California</i>	
Terrorism and Counterterrorism	2019
Violent Conflict	2020
<i>University of California, Berkeley</i>	
The Scientific Study of International Conflict (Taught two sections under Michaela Mattes)	2016
U.S. Foreign Policy in East Asia (Taught two sections under T.J. Pempel)	2014
Introduction to International Relations (Taught two sections under Steve Weber)	2014

Mentoring

Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley	2017-2018
Student Mentoring and Research Teams (SMART), UC Berkeley	2017

Service

Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences Catalyst	2017-2018
Diversity Action Committee, UC Berkeley	2015-2019
Referee for <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>	2018
Coordinator for Quantitative Methods Tutoring Program, UC Berkeley	2016-2017

Research Assistance

Margaret Boittin, Experimental Research on Attitudes towards Prostitution York University	2017-2018
Michaela Mattes, Apologies & International Relations, UC Berkeley	2017-2018
Aila Matanock, Militant Group Electoral Participation Dataset, UC Berkeley	2015-2016
Katerina Linos, The Language of Compromise in International Agreements, UC Berkeley	2015-2016
Laura Stoker, Selecting Units in Political Research, UC Berkeley	2014-2015

Training, Languages & Skills

Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training, Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences	2017
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)	2011
English (native), Spanish (proficient), French (basic)	
Python, R, Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX	

References

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