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Current Position

Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, August 2020-Present
Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, July 2011-Present
Research Professor, Peace Research Institute Oslo, January 2018-Present

Previous Positions

Lead Faculty Fellow, Honors College, January 2019-May 2022
Associate Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, August 2014-August 2020
Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, July 2011-August 2014
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Iowa State University, August 2007-May 2011
Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo, January 2012-December 2017
Senior Researcher, Centre for the Study of Civil War, International Peace Research Institute, Oslo, July 2009-June 2010
Postdoctoral Fellow, Olin Institute for Strategic Studies, Harvard University, September 2006-August 2007

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2006
M.S. Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, 2001
B.A. Political Science, Wake Forest University, 1998

Honors and Awards

2025 Excellence in Service Award—College of Behavioral and Social Science, University of Maryland

2020 Excellence in Mentorship Award—College of Behavioral and Social Science, University of Maryland

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Book

2011. *Barriers to Peace in Civil Wars*. Cambridge University Press.

Journal Articles

ND. "Under what conditions does preventive mediation occur in self-determination disputes?". With Leo Bauer, Sloan Lansdale, and Megan Lloyd. *Journal of Peace Research*. Online First.

2025. "International Economic Sanctions and Conflict Prevention in Self-Determination Disputes." With Madie Fleishman and Peter B. White. *Journal of Peace Research* 62 (6): 1984-2000.

2025. "Presenting the Governmental Incompatibilities Data Project (GIDP) 2.0." With Peter B. White and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. *International Studies Quarterly* 69 (2).

2024. "Regional Approaches to Conflict Prevention: The Effectiveness of Rhetorical & Diplomatic Tools." With Jori Breslawski and Madie Fleishman. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 41(6): 627-648.

2019. "International Influences on Nonviolent and Violent Contention." With Jori Breslawski. *International Interactions* 45(4): 638-665.

2019. "Mediation, Peacekeeping, and the Severity of Civil War." With Kyle Beardsley and Peter B. White. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(7): 1682-1709.

2019. "Integrating Conflict Event Data." With Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath, and David Backer. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(5): 1337-1364.

2018. "Where, when, and how does the UN work to prevent civil war in self-determination disputes?" With Kyle Beardsley and Peter B. White. *Journal of Peace Research* 55(3): 380-394.

2017. "Words and Deeds: From Incompatibilities to Outcomes in Anti-Government Disputes." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White. *Journal of Peace Research* 54(4): 468-483.

2017. "Resolving Civil Wars Before they Start: The United Nations Security Council and Conflict Prevention." With Kyle Beardsley and Peter B. White. *British Journal of Political Science* 47(3): 675-697.

2016. "Preventing Civil War: How the potential for international intervention can deter conflict onset." *World Politics* 68(2): 307-340.

2015. "Nonviolence as a Weapon of the Resourceful: From Claims to Tactics in Mobilization." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White. *Mobilization* 20(4): 471-491.

2014. "Beyond Civil War: A Quantitative Examination of Causes of Violence within Countries." With Douglas Lemke. *Civil Wars* 16(3): 328-345.

2013. "Non-State Actors in Civil Wars: A New Dataset." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(5): 516-531.

2013. "Combining Civil and Interstate Wars." With Douglas Lemke. *International Organization* 67(3): 609-628.

2013. "Who Should Be at the Table? Veto Players and Peace Processes in Civil War." *Penn State Journal of Law and International Affairs* 2(1): 38-47.

2011. "Explaining External Support for Insurgent Groups." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. *International Organization* 65(4): 709-744.

2010. "Blocking Resolution: How External States can Prolong Civil War." *Journal of Peace Research* 47(2): 115-127.
Selected as runner-up for 2010 JPR Article of the Year award

2009. "It Takes Two: A Dyadic Analysis of Civil War Duration and Outcome." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53(4): 570-97.
Selected as Article of the Year by the International Association for Conflict Management

2006. "Veto Players and Civil War Duration." *American Journal of Political Science* 50(4): 875-92.

Book Chapters

2019. "The United Nations Security Council and conflict prevention in self-determination disputes." With Peter B. White and Kyle Beardsley. In *Research Handbook on Mediating International Crises*, eds. Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Kyle Beardsley, and David Quinn (Northhampton, MA: Edward Elgar), 167-182.

2016. "Trends in Civil War Data: Geography, Organizations, and Events." With Kristian Skrede Gledistch and Idean Salehyan. In *What Do We Know About Civil Wars,* eds. T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield), 247-260.

2012. "Who Gets What in Peace Agreements?" In *Reducing Identity Conflicts and Preventing Genocide*, eds. I. William Zartman, Mark Anstey and Paul Meerts (New York: Oxford University Press), 248-269.

Other Publications

Book Chapters

2017. "What Do We Know About Civil War Duration?" In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, ed. William R. Thompson, (New York: Oxford University Press).

2016. "NonState Actors in Civil War." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. In *Peace and Conflict Report 2016*, eds. David Backer, Ravinder Bhavnani and Paul Huth (New York: Routledge), 50-56.

2008. "Security in Rwanda." In *International Security and the United States*, eds. Paul Bellamy and Karl DeRouen, (Westport, CT: Praeger Security International).

2007. "Civil War in Chad." In *Civil Wars of the World: Profiles of the Most Intense Internal Conflicts Since World War II,* eds. Karl DeRouen and Uk Heo. (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO).

Policy Briefs

2016. "Violence and NonViolence in Anti-Government Mobilization." PRIO Policy Brief 21. With Belen Gonzalez, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White.

2016. "The United Nations and Conflict Prevention." PRIO Policy Brief 17. With Kyle Beardsley and Peter B. White.

Book Reviews

2024. William Spaniel. *Formal Models of Crisis Bargaining: Applications in the Politics of Crisis Bargaining.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *Journal of Peace Research*. Online Booknote.

2021. Jonah Shulhofer-Wohl. *Quagmire in Civil War*. New York: Cambridge University Press. *Political Science Quarterly* 136(1): 193-195.

2018. Jaroslav Tir and Johannes Karreth. *Incentivizing Peace: How International Organizations Can Help Prevent Civil Wars in Member Countries*. New York: Oxford University Press. *Review of International Organizations* 13(4): 627-630.

2017. Scott Strauss. *Making and Unmaking Nations: War, Leadership, and Genocide in Modern Africa.* Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* 11(1): 110-112.

2015. Arturo C. Sotomayor. *The Myth of the Democratic Peacekeeper: Civil-Military Relations and the United Nations*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press. *Perspectives on Politics* 13: 260-261.

2010. Manus I. Midlarsky, Ed. *Handbook of War Studies III: The Intrastate Dimension*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press. *Perspectives on Politics* 8: 717-718.

2009. Virginia Page Fortna. *Does Peacekeeping Work?* Princeton: Princeton University Press. *Review of International Organizations* 4: 101-103.

Grants

National Science Foundation. "Preventing Civil War through International Actions." $479,872. 2020-2024. Principal Investigator.

University of Maryland Teaching Innovation Grant. $23,625.00. 2020. Co-Principal Investigator.

American Political Science Association Peer to Peer Pedagogical Partnerships. Building a Bridge for Better Political Science Research: How to bring better methods instruction to all students. $30,816. 2020-2022. Principal Investigator.

Dean's Research Initiative, University of Maryland. Can International Actors Prevent Governmental Disputes from Becoming Violent?" $9998. 2016-2017. Principal Investigator.

Folke Bernadotte Academy Conflict Prevention Working Group. "Understanding Why Organizations Use Violence or Non-violence for Political Change." 2014. $23,426. 2014. Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation. "INSPIRE Track 2: Computational Modeling of Grievances and Political Instability through Global Media." $2.6 million. 2014-2019. Co-Principal Investigator.

Folke Bernadotte Academy Conflict Prevention Working Group. "Evaluating International Efforts at Conflict Prevention." $14,070. 2014. Principal Investigator.

Research Council of Norway. "Effective Non-Violence? Resistance Strategies and Conflict Outcomes." $1.5 Million. 2012-2015. External Consultant. With Erica Chenoweth, Kathleen Cunningham, Scott Gates and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch.

Folke Bernadotte Academy Conflict Prevention Working Group. "Preventing Civil War: How International Actions Keep Conflicts from Becoming Violent." $12,300. 2011. Principal Investigator.

Folke Bernadotte Academy Conflict Prevention Working Group. "Violent and Non-Violent Strategies." $3,315. 2010. Principal Investigator.

Peace Research Institute Oslo. Strategic Initiatives Grant. $60,000. 2010. Co-Principal Investigator. With Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham.

Fulbright Foundation Research Fellowship to Norway. Six months. 2010.

Iowa State University Foreign Travel Grant. $1,000. 2008.

Iowa State University LAS Small Grant. Fall 2008.

Iowa State University LAS Small Grant. Fall 2007.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2005-06. $12,000.

Invited Presentations

2024. "UN Peacekeeping is in Decline. Is Conflict Mitigation as well?" With Susanna P. Campbell. Presented at the David A. Lake Academic Family Reunion, University of California, San Diego, June 19.

2024. "UN Peacekeeping is in Decline. Is Conflict Mitigation as well?" With Susanna P. Campbell. Presented at the National Capital Area American Political Science Association IR Workshop, Washington, DC, May 15.

2023. "How Likely is a civil war in the United States?" Presented at Marymount University as part of the annual American Heritage Lecture Series, February 28.

2019. "Preventing Civil War in Governmental and Territorial Disputes." Presented at the ISA Catalytic Workshop Deterring Atrocities: Identifying the Logic of Credible Prevention at the American University School of International Service, March 31.

2018. "What we Learn from Integrating Conflict Event Data." Presented in the Security Studies Speaker Series at the University of Colorado Department of Political Science, October 26.

2017. "Integrating Conflict Events Data." With Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath and David Backer. Presented at the Uppsala University Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala, Sweden, June 9th.

2015. "Does the UN try to prevent civil war and is it successful?" With Kyle Beardsley and Peter B. White. Presented in the Project on Contentious Politics series, School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, October 21.

2014. "Preventing Civil War: How the potential for international intervention can deter conflict onset." Presented in the Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop, Department of Political Science, Duke University, November 21.

2014. "Resolving Civil Wars Before they Start: The United Nations Security Council and Conflict Prevention." Presented at the Department of Political Science, University of Essex, May 2.

2014. "Modeling Multi-Party Contests: From Intimate Alliances to Free-for-Alls." With Christopher K. Butler and Scott Gates. Presented at the IR Lunch, Department of Political Science, Rice University, April 29.

2013. "Preventing Civil War: How the potential for international intervention can deter conflict onset." Presented at the International Relations Workshop, Emory University, February 12.

2013. "Preventing Civil War: How the potential for international intervention can deter conflict onset." Presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, George Washington University, January 18.

2012. "Preventing Civil Wars: How International Actions can deter conflict onset." Presented at the Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, Yale University, February 1.

2010. "Combining Civil and Interstate Wars." With Douglas Lemke. Presented at the University of California, San Diego, November 19.

2010. "Combining Civil and Interstate Wars." With Douglas Lemke. Presented at the Columbia University International Politics International Politics Series. October 14.

2010. "Explaining External Support for Insurgent Groups." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. Presented at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, May 21.

2009. "Distinctions without Differences?: Comparing Civil and Interstate Wars." With Douglas Lemke. Presented at the Centre for the Study of Civil War, Peace Research Institute Oslo, November 11.

2008. "Who Gets What in Peace Agreements?" Presented at the Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland. July 3.

2008. "Who Gets What in Peace Agreements?" Presented at the External Efforts to Promote Negotiation in Internal Identity Conflicts conference. International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria. June 21-22.

2008. "Studying Civil War as a Dyadic Process." Presented at the University of Iowa Political Science Department. April 15.

2007. "Multiple Barriers to Peace: Veto Players and the Duration of Civil War." Presented at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Political Science Department. March 4.

Conference Papers

2025. "Beyond Peacekeeping: The Influence of Aid Networks on Peace." With Susanna P. Campbell, Jessica Braithwaite, and Hansol Kwak. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, September 11-14.

2025. "Why is UN Peacekeeping Declining?" With Susanna P. Campbell. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March 2-5.

2024. "UN Peacekeeping is in Decline. Is Conflict Mitigation as well?" With Susanna P. Campbell. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8.

2023. "Where do Mediators Try to Prevent Civil Wars?" With Leo Bauer, Sloan Lansdale, and Megan Lloyd. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 31-September 3.

2023. "Presenting the Governmental Incompatibilities Data Project." With Peter B. White and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, August 31-September 3.

2023. "Can Mediation Prevent Civil War in Self-Determination Disputes?" With Leo Bauer, Sloan Lansdale, and Megan Lloyd. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Montreal, CA, March 15-18.

2023. "International Economic Sanctions and Conflict Prevention in Self-determination Disputes." With Madeline Fleishman and Peter B. White. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Montreal, CA, March 15-18.

2019. "Regional Organizations and Conflict Prevention." With Jori Breslawski. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30-September 2. Also presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA, March 27-30.

2019. "Predicting Conflict Occurrence with Search History Data." With Eric Dunford. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA, March 27-30.

2018. "Predicting Political Instability around Elections." With Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath, Karsten Donnay and David A. Backer. Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop and Research-Policy Dialogue on: Elections in Emerging Democracies, Stockholm, Sweden, June 11th-12th.

2017. "Violence and Nonviolence in Contentious Elections: The Effect of International Influences." With Jori Breslawski. Paper presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, University of Arizona, November 4-5. Also presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3.

2017. "Grievance and Electoral Political Instability in Sub-Saharan Africa." With Erin C. McGrath, Eric Dunford, Cody Buntain, Karsten Donnay and David Backer. Presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3.

2017. "Preventing Civil War in Governmental and Territorial Disputes." With Peter B. White. Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop for Mediation for Prevention and Peacemaking, Stockholm, Sweden, June 7th-8th.

2017. "Conflict Diffusion Revisited: Studying the Spatiotemporal Interdependence of Non-Violent and Violent Conflict Events." With Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, David Backer and Erin McGrath. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25.

2017. "Explaining electoral violence in Sub-Saharan Africa using grievance measures derived from social media." With Erin McGrath, Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford and David Backer. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25.

2016. "Integrating Violent and Nonviolent Events." With Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath, and David Backer. Presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy Conflict Prevention Working Group meeting, Washington, DC, October 28-29.

2016. "Integrating African Conflict Events Datasets." With Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay, Erin McGrath, and David Backer. Paper presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, October 21-22. Also presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.

2016. "Perceptions of Social Distance and Grievance." With Erin McGrath, Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, and David Backer. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1-4.

2016. "Automated Integration of Geo-coded Violent and Nonviolent Events in Sub-Saharan Africa." With Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath and David Backer. Paper presented at the "Violent and Nonviolent Tactics in Conflict" workshop at the Peace Research Institute Oslo, August 18.

2015. "UN Engagement and the Severity of Conflict." With Kyle Beardsley and Peter B. White. Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy Research for Peace conference, Stockholm, Sweden, June 7-9.

2015. "Words and Deeds: From Incompatibilities to Outcomes in Anti-Government Disputes." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, Dragana Vidovic and Peter B. White. Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy Research for Peace conference, Stockholm, Sweden, June 7-9. Also presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 15-18.

2015. "Why Do Some Civil Wars Have More Rebel Groups than Others? A formal model and empirical analysis." With Scott Wolford and William Reed. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 15-18.

2014. "Does the United Nations Try to Prevent Civil War?" With Kyle Beardsley and Peter White. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28-31. Also presented at the Conflict Prevention Working Group of the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Washington, DC, August 26-27.

2014. "What Happens Next? From Incompatibilities to Outcomes in Anti-Government Disputes." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, Dragana Vidovic, and Peter B. White. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28-31.

2014. "The Syrian Civil War in Comparative Perspective." Roundtable participant at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28-31.

2014. "Resolving Civil Wars Before they Start." With Kyle Beardsley and Peter White. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA, March 26-29.

2014. "Modeling Multi-Party Contests: From Intimate Alliances to Free-for-Alls." With Christopher K. Butler and Scott Gates. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA, March 26-29.

2013. "Explaining Why Some Violent Political Organizations Become Rebel Groups." With Victor Asal. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2-5.

2013. "Resolving Civil Wars before they Start: The UN Security Council and Conflict Prevention." With Kyle Beardsley and Peter White. Paper presented at the Annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2-5.

2013. "Proactive or Reactive? The UN Security Council's Engagement with Self-Determination Movements." With Kyle Beardsley and Peter White. Presented at the Conflict Prevention Working Group of the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, June 17-18.

2013. "It Still Takes Two: State and Rebel Group Characteristics and the Negotiated Settlement of Civil War." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6. Also presented at the Conflict Prevention Working Group of the Folke Bernadotte Academy, Pennsylvania State

University, May 30-31, 2012. Also presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA April 1-4, 2012.

2012. "Non-State Actors in Civil Wars: a New Dataset." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. Presented at the Ethnicity and Conflict Workshop, Uppsala University, Sweden, April 26-28.

2011. "Combining Studies of Sub-State Violence." With Douglass Lemke. Presented at the 107th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-4. Also presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, March 16-19.

2011. "Preventing war: how international intervention can deter conflict onset." With Scott Gates. Presented at the Peace Science Society annual meetings, Los Angeles, CA, October 15-16. Also presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, March 16-19. Also presented at the Conflict Prevention Working Group of the Folke Bernadotte Academy, New York, NY, January 21-22.

2010. "International Community and the Bargaining Range in War." With Scott Gates. Presented at the 106th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2-5.

2009. "Distinctions without Differences?: Comparing Civil and Interstate Wars." With Douglas Lemke. Presented at the 105th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, CA. September 3-6.

2009. "The Enemy of My Enemy Deserves My Support: Transnational Support for Rebel Groups." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. Presented at the 105th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, CA. September 3-6.

2009. "Strategies of Violence in Multiparty Conflicts." With Jessica Stanton. Presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 15-18. Also presented at the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA. August 27-31, 2008.

2009. "Who Gets What in Civil War Settlements?" Presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New York, NY, February 15-18. Also presented at the Conflict Prevention Workshop, Emory University, December 5-6, 2008. Also presented at the Peace Science Society, Claremont, CA. October 24-25, 2008.

2008. "Transnational Linkages and Civil War Interaction." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. Presented at the 49th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March 26-29. Also presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 31-September 3, 2006.

2007. "It Take Two: A Dyadic Analysis of Civil War Duration and Outcome." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. Presented at the Peace Science Society, Columbia, South Carolina. November 2-4.

2007. "Responding to Multi-Party Civil Wars: Designing Peace Processes that Make Peace more Likely." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. August 30-September 2.

2006. "Vetoing Resolution: How External States can Prolong Civil Wars." Presented at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 31-September 3.

2006. "Bargaining and Fighting: The Case of Rwanda." Presented at the 47th Annual International Studies Association Convention, San Diego, CA. March 22-25.

2006. "Dyadic Interactions and Civil War Duration." With Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Idean Salehyan. Presented at the Polarization and Conflict conference, Nicosia, Cyprus, April 26-29. Also presented at the 47th Annual International Studies Association Convention, San Diego, CA. March 22-25.

2005. "Veto Players and Civil War Duration." Presented at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4. Also presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Houston, TX, November 12-14, 2004. Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 11-13, 2004.

2005. "The Effect of Intervention Type on the Duration and Outcome of Civil Wars." Presented at the 46th Annual International Studies Association Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii. March 1-5.

2004. "Contracting Out Security: State-Rebel Group Alliances in Central Africa." Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 15-18.

Referee

- Journals: *American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Asian Security, British Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Civil Wars, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Conflict and Cooperation, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Economics of Governance, European Journal of Political Research*, *Foreign Policy Analysis, Games, Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs, International Interactions, International Organization*, *International Peacekeeping, International Public Management Journal, International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Genocide Research, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Human Rights, Journal of Intervention and State-building, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Administration and Management, Nature Human Behavior, Political Geography, Political Research Quarterly, Polity, Research and Politics, Security Studies, Stability, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Politics*
- National Science Foundation
- Cambridge University Press
- Cornell University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Lynne Reiner Press
- U.S. Army

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, 2002-Present
International Studies Association, 2004-Present
Peace Science Society, 2004-Present

Other Notable Professional Service

Councilor, Peace Science Society, 2026-
Councilor, APSA, Conflict Processes Section, 2025-
Program co-chair, APSA, Conflict Processes Section, 2025
Chair, MPSA Best Undergraduate Paper award, 2023
Member, APSA Conflict Processes Section Best Book Award, 2021
Member, MPSA Best Paper in International Relations Award Committee, 2016

Departmental Service

IR Field Chair, 2023-
GVPT Graduate Admissions Committee, 2026
APT committee chair for Swati Srivastava, 2025-2026
GVPT Internal Study Committee, 2024-2025
Search committee chair for GVPT/AIM search, 2025
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2018-2023, 2024
Promotion committee, Michael Spivey, chair, 2024
Post-tenure Review committee, member, Scott Kastner, 2024
Post-tenure Review committee, member, Michael Hanmer, 2023
Promotion Committee, Virginia Haufler, member, 2023
Promotion Committee, Sarah Croco, member, 2022
Promotion Committee, Patrick Wohlfarth, member, 2022
Search committee chair for Lecturer in IPE and International Security, Spring 2022
Search committee chair for Lecturer in ENSP/APAN, Summer 2021
Search committee chair for Lecturer in IPE and International Security, Spring 2021
Post-tenure Review Committee, member, Piotr Swistak, 2021
Director of GVPT Honors Program, 2014-2017
Political Methodology and Formal Theory Field Chair, 2014-2017
Promotion & Tenure Committee, Sarah Croco, member, 2015
Graduate Studies Committee, member, 2015-2016; 2016-2017
Executive Committee, member, 2014-2015; 2016-2017; 2018-2024
Merit Pay Committee, member, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2022, 2024

College/University Service

Team Lead, Teaching, Learning, and Student Success Team, BSOS Strategic Initiative Implementation Committee, 2024-2026
Dissertation Fellowship Selection Committee, 2023, 2024
Maryland Parliamentary Debate Club Faculty Advisor, 2018-2023
UK Fellowships Committee, 2015-Present
Dean's Research Initiative Review Committee, 2017
Honors College Strategic Vision Committee, 2016-2017
Honors Admissions Committee, 2015
Honors College Director Search Committee, 2015

Banneker-Key Scholarship Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024
BSOS College Academic Council, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2013

Teaching Experience

Scope and Methods in Political Science (Spring 2012)
Theories of International Relations (Fall 2011)
Conflict in the International System (Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2026)
The Syrian Civil War in Comparative Perspective (Spring 2017, Spring 2019)
Peace in our Time? Conflict and Conflict Resolution in International Politics (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
Quantitative Methods for Political Science I (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2019, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
Advanced Quantitative Methods for Political Science (Spring 2015)
New Methods in Conflict Research (Fall 2017)
Conflict in World Politics (Spring 2012, Spring 2024, Spring 2026)

Graduate Advising

Doctoral Committees
Chair, Chris Meserole, GVPT, Completed Spring 2017
Chair, Brandon Ives, GVPT, Completed Spring 2019
Chair, Marjorie Breslawski, GVPT, Completed Spring 2020
Chair, Mingyang Su, GVPT, Completed Summer 2024
Chair, Rithvik Yarlagadda, GVPT, Completed Summer 2024
Chair, Madeline Fleishman, GVPT, Completed Spring 2025
Chair, Hansol Kwak, GVPT, Expected Completion Spring 2026
Chair, Megan Lloyd, GVPT, Expected Completion Spring 2026
Chair, Sloan Lansdale, GVPT, Expected Completion Spring 2026

Member, David Garcia, GVPT, Completed Summer 2013
Member, Mark Shirk, GVPT, Completed Fall 2014
Member, Emma Davies, GVPT, Completed Fall 2014
Member, Jacob Aaronson, GVPT, Completed Spring 2015
Member, Bappa Mukerjee, GVPT, Completed Spring 2015
Member, Meagen Gandy Nix, GVPT, Completed Fall 2015
Member, Kiyoung Chang, GVPT, Completed Fall 2015
Member, Peter White, GVPT, Completed Summer 2016
Member, Deniz Cil, GVPT, Completed Summer 2016
Member, Katherine Sawyer, Completed Spring 2017
Member, Dan Siegel, GVPT, Completed Spring 2018
Member, Eric Dunford, GVPT, Completed Fall 2018
Member, Joshua Wayland, Geography, Completed Fall 2018
Member, Ted Plettner, GVPT, Completed Spring 2019
Member, AJ Glubzinski, School of Public Policy, Completed Spring 2019
Member, Jacob Lewis, GVPT, Completed Spring 2019
Member, Trey Billing, GVPT, Completed Fall 2019
Member, Peggy McWeeney, GVPT, Completed Spring 2021

Member, Felipe Westhelle, GVPT, Completed Spring 2021
Member, Moran Stern, GVPT, Completed Summer 2022
Member, Rizwan Ashgar, UC-Davis, Completed Fall 2022
Member, Sevdenur Koru, Temple University, Completed Fall 2023
Member, Ted Ellsworth, GVPT, Completed Spring 2024
Member, Sean Rao, GVPT, Completed Summer 2024
Member, Leo Bauer, GVPT, Expected Completion Spring 2026
Member, Harriet Goers, GVPT, Expected Completion Spring 2026

Dean's Rep, Brandon Behlendorf, Criminology, Completed Summer 2016
Dean's Rep, Bo Jiang, Criminology, Completed Spring 2019
Dean's Rep, Yesenia Angelica Yanez, Criminology, Completed Summer 2024
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Undergraduate Advising

GVPT Honors Theses
Vanessa Jarnes, chair, 2016
Taiwo Mustafa, chair, 2019
Daphne Kirschner, chair, 2020
Yildiz Malik, chair, 2026

Other
Advisor, McNair Scholars Program, 2012, 2019
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