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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Bradley Foundation

Pre-doctoral Fellow

Washington, D.C.

2016-2017

EDUCATION

The George Washington University

Ph.D., Political Science

Washington, D.C.

Expected May 2017

Dissertation: "More Talk, Less Action: Why Costless Diplomacy Works During Power Transitions"

Committee: Charles Glaser (Chair), Alexander Downes, Michael Miller, Yonatan Lupu

Fields: International Relations (Major), Quantitative Methods (Minor)

The Australian National University

Masters of Strategic Studies, Distinction Honors

Canberra, Australia

2010

The University of New South Wales

Bachelors of International Studies (Globalization & Economics), Distinction Honors

Sydney, Australia

2005

ICPSR: *Advanced Game Theory*, James Morrow (A), *Hierarchical Linear Models*, Mark Manning (A)

Recent Mathematics Courses: Real Analysis II, Measure Theory

PUBLICATIONS

2016: "Are Coups Really Contagious? An Extreme Bounds Analysis of Political Diffusion," with Michael K. Miller and Dorothy Ohl. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Early View. DOI: 10.1177/0022002716649232

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ONGOING RESEARCH

UNDER REVIEW

"With Friends Like These, Who Needs Institutions? How Dense Networks Replace Institutional Constraints." *Under review since 6/24/2016*.

"Busted! Why Leaders Think Twice About Covert Action In the Media Age," with Michael Poznansky. *Under review since 7/2/2016*.

DATA PROJECTS

"The Diplomatic Network of Global Elites," with Eric Dunford. *Request for Funding*: Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Incentive To Represent," Presenting at APSA 2016

"To Spend Big or Low Ball: How the Size of Concessions Can Signal Intentions"

"Pants on Fire: Audience Costs and Presidential Lying in Foreign Policy," with Michael Poznansky, Presenting at Peace Science 2016

"Does Weapons Availability Cause Conflict? A Natural Experiment From Peru," with Barnett Koven

POLICY WRITINGS & BRIEFS

"Fracturing Rebel Alliances in Civil War," with Kevin Petit. Presented to General Michael Nagata, CENTCOM Commander for Special Operations, 2014.

"Armed Conflict Database," contributor for Sudan, Chad and the CAR. *International Institute for Strategic Studies*, 2008.

"Education Trends in Palestinian Refugee Camps," *United Nations Relief and Works Agency*, 2007.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Financial Awards:

2016: Pre-doctoral fellowship, Bradley Foundation

2016: Sar and Britta Levitan Endowment Scholarship

2015: Herbst Family Graduate Endowment Scholarship

In Residence Research Fellowships:

2015-2017: Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Elliot School for International Affairs.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2014-2015: "Busted! Why Leaders Think Twice About Covert Action In the Media Age."

o Presented at Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta

o Invited to Research Workshop, University of Virginia

o *Status:* Under Review

2014: "Peace Through Uncertainty."

o Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans

o *Status:* Integrated into Dissertation Chapter 2

2013: "Exploring Mixed Motives in the Context of China's Rise."

o International Security Studies Section of ISA, Washington, D.C.

o *Status:* Integrated into Dissertation Chapters 2 & 8

2015-2016: "The Incentive to Represent."

o Institute for Security and Conflict Studies, Research in Progress Workshop, Washington, D.C.

o *Status:* Integrated into Dissertation Chapter 3

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015-2016: *Research Assistant* for "Regional Orders and Spheres of Influence," Minerva Grant Award, *PI: Charles Glaser*

2014: *Research Assistant* for "Rising Powers Project," Carnegie Corporation Award, *PI: Charles Glaser*

2014: *Research Assistant* for “Future Warfare in the Western Pacific: Chinese Antiaccess/ Area Denial, U.S. AirSea Battle, and Command of the Commons in East Asia,” Professor Stephen Biddle

2012: *Research Assistant* for “Freedom By Force: Foreign Imposed Regime Change,” Professor Alexander Downes, GWU

2010: *Research Intern* for American Foreign Policy, International Institute For Strategic Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014: *Teaching Assistant* for Capstone Course in International Relations. Master’s Students

2013: *Teaching Assistant* for Introduction to International Relations. Undergraduate Students

2014-2016: *Course Instructor* for Math Camp. 3-Day Course for PhD Students

2015-2016: *Course Instructor* for Communication and Decision Making. 12, 4-hour lectures for military officers and government personnel, U.S. Army Contract

2015-2016: *Course Instructor* for Europe and the Threat of Terrorism. 12, 4-hour lectures for military officers and government personnel, U.S. Army Contract

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Member: American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society
Referee: Journal of Conflict Resolution

Discussant:

2016: “Truth Replaced by Silence,” by Charles Crabtree, Christopher Fariss & Holger L. Kern. Intrastate Conflict and Violence Workshop, GWU

2015: “Ethnic Networks,” by Jennifer Larson & Janet Lewis. Intrastate Conflict and Violence Workshop, GWU

Conference Panel Chair:

2014: “Collective Action, Communication, and Political Networks,” APSA. Washington, D.C.

Non-presenting Workshop Contributor:

2015: “Bridging Comparative and IR Perspectives on Intrastate Conflict and Violence,” Peace Science. Oxford, MI

SELECTED FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIENCE

Director of Research

Performance Systems Inc., various military contracts

Washington, D.C.

2015-2016

Principle Analyst for Policy and Programs

Management Systems International, USAID Contract

Baghdad, Iraq

2012

Junior Professional Officer

United Nations Relief and Works Agency

Amman, Jordan

2006

METHODOLOGICAL & COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Archival Research Experience: The National Security Archive of the United States (Washington, D.C.), Central Intelligence Agency Archive (Washington, D.C.), Foreign Relations of the United States (online), National Archives of the United Kingdom (online)

Advanced Research Methods Used In Papers: Game theory, multinomial logistic regression, survey experiments, natural experiments, various time-series cross-sectional models, Heckman selection model, extreme bounds analysis, structural break analysis, network analysis and latent space measures

Computational Skills: R, Stata, SPSS, MatLab, Gauss, Latex, Python (fuzzy set matching and web-scraping applications only), Qualtrics, Mechanical Turk, Cold Fusion, HTML, R-Markdown, VBA

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

Arabic (Intermediate Working Proficiency).

REFERENCES

Charles Glaser:

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