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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>School of Public Policy, University of Maryland—College Park</b> Assistant Professor, 2017 – present
EDUCATION	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Ph.D., Department of Political Science (2016) <b>Colby College</b> B.A., Government, <i>summa cum laude</i> (2007)
PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“Who Can Keep the Peace? Insurgent Organizational Control of Collective Violence.” <i>Security Studies</i> , volume 26, no. 3 (2017): 482-516 “Fatality Thresholds, Causal Heterogeneity, and Civil War Research: Considering the Link Between Narcotics and Conflict.” <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> , volume 7, no. 1 (2019): 85-105
BOOK PROJECT	<i>Organization and Community: The Determinants of Insurgent Military Power</i> – 2017 Lucian Pye Award for best MIT dissertation in political science
WORKS IN-PROGRESS	“How Political is Violence? Developing a Typology of Insurgent Civil-Military Relations” <i>Under review</i> “Does it Matter? The Role of Military Training in Generating Insurgent Fighting Capacity” “Veterans, Novices, and Patterns of Rebel Recruitment,” with Evan Perkoski “The Worst Case Scenario? Assessing the Impact of a Complete ISAF Military Withdrawal from Afghanistan”
ESSAYS AND OPINION PIECES	<a href="#">“From Guerrilla to Maneuver Warfare: A Look at the Taliban’s Growing Combat Capability”</a> , Modern War Institute, 6 June 2018. <a href="#">“A Closer Look at ISIS in Iraq,”</a> with Evan Perkoski (University of Pennsylvania), Political Violence @ a Glance, 16 June 2014. <a href="#">“Insurgent Organizational Structure and the Control of Collective Violence,”</a> <i>Précis</i> , Fall 2013.
GRANTS AND AWARDS	2017-2018 Modern War Institute at West Point Military Academy Non-Resident Fellow 2017 Lucian Pye Award for best MIT political science dissertation 2016-2017 Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Security Program 2015-2016 George Washington University Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Predoctoral Research Fellow 2015-2016 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship 2014 Levitan Award for Excellence in Teaching 2013, 2014 MIT Center for International Studies Research Grant 2014 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship

2013 Tobin Project National Security Fellowship  
 2010-2015 MIT Graduate Fellowship  
 2007 *Phi Beta Kappa* inductee  
 2007 *Pi Sigma Alpha* inductee  
 2007 Distinction in Government (Colby College)  
 2007 Albert A. Mavrinas Prize in Government for best original research project  
 2006 Laurie Peterson Memorial Award in Government  
 2006 Charles A. Dana Scholar

TEACHING – “Quantitative Aspects of Public Policy”  
 – “Military Intervention, Civil Conflict, and Terrorism”  
 – “Political Science Scope and Methods” (Teaching Assistant)  
 – *Graduate Teaching Certificate*, MIT’s Teaching and Learning Laboratory

INVITED TALKS Belfer Center International Security Program Seminar, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA—April 2017)  
 Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference (Chapel Hill, NC—October 2015)  
 PRIO/MIT Conference on Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism, MIT (Cambridge, MA—November 2011)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS APSA Annual Meeting (Boston, MA—September 2018)  
 ISA Annual Convention (Baltimore, MD—February 2017)  
 APSA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA—September 2016)  
 ISA Annual Convention (Atlanta, GA—March 2016)  
 APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA—September 2015)  
 ISA Annual Convention (New Orleans, LA—February 2015)  
 APSA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC—August 2014)  
 Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT (Cambridge, MA—May 2014)  
 Harvard-Yale-MIT Conference on Political Violence (New Haven, CT—April 2014)  
 ISA Annual Convention (Toronto, Canada—March 2014)  
 Tobin Project Graduate Student Forum (Cambridge, MA—October 2013)  
 APSA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL—August 2013)  
 ISA Annual Convention (San Francisco, CA—April 2013)  
 Harvard-Yale-MIT Conference on Political Violence (Cambridge, MA—April 2013)  
 Harvard Political Violence Working Group, Harvard (Cambridge, MA, March 2013)  
 Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT (Cambridge, MA—November 2012)  
 Olympia Summer Seminars Transformation of Conflict, (Olympia, Greece—

July 2012)

Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT (Cambridge, MA—November 2011)

SERVICE AND  
MEMBERSHIPS

*Manuscript Referee*, International Security, Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly

*Co-Coordinator*, MIT-Harvard-Yale Political Violence Conference, April 2015  
*Coordinator*, MIT Political Science Graduate Work in Progress Group, 2012-2013

*Member*, American Political Science Association

*Member*, International Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Chemonics International**, Washington, D.C.

*Manager, Afghanistan and Pakistan Business Development* 2009-2010  
Traveled to Afghanistan to assist in the development of USAID programs.

*Associate/Manager, Middle East* 2007-2009  
Managed planning, compliance, and budgeting for USAID programs in Egypt and Jordan.

**National Democratic Institute**, Washington D.C.

*Project Assistant, Middle East and North Africa* 2007