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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Miami, Department of Political Science

Associate Professor

2021-

Assistant Professor

2015-2021

Research and teaching interests: civil wars, international security, international relations theory, ethno-nationalism, nonviolent resistance, coercion

Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs

2015-16

Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Regional Political Economy, Niehaus Center

EDUCATION

Columbia University

2015

Ph.D. in Political Science

Major: International Relations. Minor: Comparative Politics

Dissertation committee: Jack Snyder, Page Fortna, Robert Jervis

M.Phil. in Political Science (2011); M.A. in Political Science (2010)

Johns Hopkins, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

2006

M.A. in International Relations, honors

Concentrations: International Economics and Strategic Studies

University of Florence, Italy

2004

B.A. in Political Science, *summa cum laude*

Concentration: International Relations

BOOK

Conflict Among Rebels: Why Insurgent Groups Fight Each Other (Columbia University Press, 2020).

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH ARTICLES

“Ethnic Conflict and the Limits of Nonviolent Resistance,” *Security Studies* 29 (2), 2020.

“Wars within Wars: Why Windows of Opportunity and Vulnerability Cause Inter-rebel Fighting in Internal Conflicts,” *International Security* 43 (1), 2018.

“The Economic Costs of Civil War: Synthetic Counterfactual Evidence and the Effects of Ethnic Fractionalization,” *Journal of Peace Research* 54 (1), 2017 (with S. Costalli and L. Moretti).

“Do Foreign Occupations Cause Suicide Attacks?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58 (4), 2014 (with S. Collard-Wexler and M. Smith).

“The Turkey-KRG Energy Partnership: Assessing its Implications,” *Middle East Policy* 21 (1), 2014 (with M. Morelli).

“Allies and Airpower in Libya,” *Parameters* 42 (1), 2012 (with E. Borghard).

“Partition as a Solution to Ethnic Conflict,” *International Spectator* 43 (4), 2008.

“A Plan for Military Intervention in Darfur,” *African Security Review* 16 (4), 2007.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Oil, Federalism, and Third-party Intervention” in Filippo Andreatta and Emanuele Castelli (eds.), *Solutions and Failures in Identity-based Conflicts* (Trento: FBK Press, 2015) (with M. Morelli).

“Un’Analisi dell’Efficacia della Violenza Indiscriminata in Guerra di Contro-guerriglia” in S. Costalli and F. Moro (eds.), *La Guerra nello Stato* (Milan: Vita e Pensiero, 2010).

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Review of Richard N. Juliani’ *Little Italy in the Great War: Philadelphia’s Italians on the Battlefield and Home Front*, *Italian Americana*, 2021.

“Review Essay: War and Peace in a Hidden Gem of Italian American Literature,” *Italian Americana*, 2020.

“Review of P. Krause’s *Rebel Power*,” *Political Science Quarterly*, 2018.

“Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention,” *Journal of International Organizations Studies*, 2015 (review of S. Autesserre’s *Peaceland*).

“Review of F. Christia’s *Alliance Formation in Civil War*,” *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Reviews*, 2013.

“Referendum, Response, and Consequences for Sudan: The Game Between Juba and Khartoum,” World Bank Policy Research Working Paper, 2008 (with I. Elbadawi and G. Milante).

“Moral and Strategic Dimensions of Humanitarian Military Intervention,” *International Spectator*, 2008 (book review of T. Seybolt’s, *Humanitarian Military Intervention*).

“Lessons for Peacebuilders,” *International Spectator*, 2007 (book review of M. Doyle and N. Sambanis’ *Making War and Building Peace*).

“Transatlantic Economic Relations: The State of the Partnership and Prospects for Future Cooperation,” Policy brief for the Italian Senate, Istituto Affari Internazionali: Rome, 2007 (abridged version published in *Freedom and Union*, 2007).

“After Doha: Evolution or Revolution in the World Trading System?” Western Center for Economic Research, University of Alberta, 2007 (with G. Hufbauer).

“Learning the Correct Lesson about Protectionism,” *Economic Perspectives*, 2007 (with G. Hufbauer).

COMMENTARY

“What Star Wars can tell us about rebel movements,” *Vox*, Mischief of Factions, Dec 8, 2017.

“A provocative article says the Islamic State is a mystery. Here’s why that’s wrong,” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, Aug 27, 2015.

“America Must Destroy IS...But How?” *The National Interest*, Aug 15, 2014.

“Why American Air Power Won’t Save Iraq from ISIS,” *The National Interest*, Jun 24, 2014 (with E. Borghard).

“Let Turkey and Kurdistan Get Closer,” *The National Interest*, Oct 31, 2013 (with M. Morelli).

“Bombing Can Wait,” *The National Interest*, Sep 12, 2013 (with E. Borghard).

“Obama’s Syria Dilemma,” *The National Interest*, Aug 30, 2013 (with E. Borghard).

ONGOING RESEARCH

“Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Rebel Constituencies and Civil War Alliances” (with L. Balcells and C. Chen) (under review).

“Can You Have It Both Ways? Can You Have It Both Ways? Plausible Deniability and Attribution in Anonymous Coercive Bargaining” (with A. Cheon and S. Moller) (under review).

“Religion and Violence: Testing the Ambivalence of the Sacred” (with M. Vogt) (under review).

“Weapons of the Weak: Insurgent Fire Power and Counterinsurgency Outcomes” (with A. Gilli and M. Gilli).

“Competition Neglect and the Puzzle of Preventive Wars that Weren’t.”

“Introducing the Rebel Alliances Dataset” (with L. Balcells).

DATASETS

Nonviolent Ethnic Challenges, NEC (coding ethnic character of nonviolent changes, 1945-2006)

Rebel Alliances Dataset, RAD (with L. Balcells) (coding alliances in all rebel dyads, 1946-2015)

Weapons of the Weak, WoW (with A. Gilli and M. Gilli) (coding insurgent firepower, 1800-2005)

FIELDWORK

Iraqi Kurdistan, Oct 2012- Dec 2012; Turkey, Jan 2013; Ethiopia, Jul-Aug 2013

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship 2013

Grant for field research, Political Science Department, Columbia University 2013

Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia University 2012-13

Andrew W. Cordier Fellowship, Columbia University 2011-12

Summer Fellowship, Political Science Department, Columbia University 2011

Summer Teaching Scholar, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University 2011

Teaching Fellow, Columbia University 2009-11

Faculty Fellow, Columbia University 2008-09

Scholarships awarded by the Sardinian (Italy) Regional Government; the Bologna Center, SAIS; Fellowship “Sandro Pertini” (all merit-based, covering SAIS tuition) 2004-06

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Miami: *Introduction to International Relations; Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Conflict; Civil Wars; International Security*

Columbia University: *Conceptual Foundations of IR (SIPA); Warfare and Violence in Intra-state Conflict*

CONFERENCES, INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES

Talk at ISCS Security Policy Workshop, George Washington University, 2021

Talk at PRIO's Conditions for Violence and Peace, 2021

Talk at Contemporary Security: Evolution of actors and threats, Università di Genova, 2021

Presentation at Kurdish Forum, University of Central Florida, Orlando, 2019

New Wave Realism Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus, 2019

Young Turks Workshop, Duke Program in American Grand Strategy, 2019

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019, 2017, 2016, 2013

International Studies Association (ISA), 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2021, 2014, 2013, 2012

Symposium on the Micro-Dynamics of Armed Conflicts, IBEA, Barcelona, 2018

Guest lectures Claremont, 2018; Swarthmore, 2016; Columbia, 2016, 2014, 2011, 2010; University of Kurdistan Hawler, 2012

ISA pre- and post-conference workshops on ideology and civil wars, 2017

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), 2019, 2017, 2014

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), 2017

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) workshop, Princeton University, 2016

Butler College's Current Affairs Roundtable, Princeton University, 2016

Talk at the Department & Program in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, 2016

Talk at International Relations Faculty Colloquium, Niehaus Center, Princeton University, 2016

Talk at RAND Corporation's Counterinsurgency Board of Experts, 2015

Roundtable at Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 2015

Samuel Efron Lecture Series, Lehigh University, 2014

Talk at Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS), Columbia University, 2011

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), 2009

Talk at UN Humanitarian Affairs Conference, Marseille, 2008

Presentation at Mine Action Services (UNMAS), 2008

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Columbia University, Political Science Department: Research Assistant for the “Civil War Termination and Initiation” Project (led by T. Fazal and P. Fortna), 2011.

World Bank, Development Research Group: Researcher in the Peace and Development/Post-Conflict Transitions team, 2007-08

World Bank Institute: Researcher in the Trade team, 2007-08

Peterson Institute for International Economics: Research Analyst, 2006-08

SERVICE

Chair of Conflict Processes section, MPSA, 2021

University of Miami: Member of the Academic Integrity Committee (2020-21); Pi Sigma Alpha representative (2018-21); United Way representative (2016-18); member of search committees (2017-18); advisor for majors

Columbia University: undergraduate student advisor for all political science majors (2013-15)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Article reviewer for: *African Security Review*; *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Politics*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Defence and Peace Economics*; *Ethnopolitics*; *European Journal of International Relations*; *International Organization*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Institutional Economics*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Politics, Religion, and Ideology*; *Political Geography*; *Security Studies*; *World Politics*

Reviewer for the Italian Agency for the Evaluation of Italian Universities

Reviewer for the Israel Science Foundation

Reviewer for the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

Member of the Loyalty of Security Forces Working Group

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap, American University

Summer Workshop in the Analysis Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), French and Spanish (reading proficiency)

MEDIA COVERAGE AND PRESENCE

New York Times, The Interpreter, March 1, 2020 [summary of research]

Janette Newahl Tannen, “Measured responses in the US, Iran conflict,” News@theU, 2020. [interview]

“A delicate, diplomatic tightrope between Iran and US,” News@theU, 2020. [interview]

Francesco Bechis, “Cosi l’Iran (non gli USA) manipola l’Iraq,” Formiche, 2020. [interview]

Francesco Bechis, “Blitz o invasione? Il bivio (pericoloso) di Erdogan,” Formiche, 2019. [interview]

“XRAY in the morning,” XRAY FM, Feb 22, 2017. [interview]

“Carl in the morning,” XRAY FM, Sep 1, 2015. [interview]

Bakke, Cunningham and Seymour, “The problem with fragmented insurgencies,” *Washington Post*, Monkey Cage, May 13, 2015. [mention of research]

“Viewpoints with Todd van der Heyden,” CJAD 800 AM, Sep 13, 2014. [interview]