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Current position

Predoctoral Research Fellow for the Program on Order, Conflict and Violence (Yale)
Governing America in a Global Era Public Policy Fellow (University of Virginia)

Research Interests

Civil War, Clientelism, Game Theory, Central Asia

Education

- 2009
(expected) PHD in Political Science, Stanford University
Dissertation: Exiting Anarchy: Militia Politics After the Post-Socialist Wars
Committee: David Laitin (Chair), Charles King, James Fearon, Jeremy Weinstein
- 2001 MA in Security Studies, Georgetown University
Thesis: Whose Victory, Whose Price? Financing of the Ethiopia-Eritrea War
Valedictorian of the Security Studies Program
- 2001 BS in Foreign Service, Georgetown University
Krogh Honors Scholar, Certificate in Arab Studies

Awards, Honors & Fellowships

- 2008-9 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, MacMillan Center, Yale
2008-9 GAGE Public Policy Fellowship, Miller Center, University of Virginia
2008 Best Graduate Student Paper at the Association for Nationalities Annual Conference
2006-7 International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) Individual Research Opportunity
2006 O'Bie Shultz Dissertation Research Travel Grant, FSI, Stanford University, Stanford
2005 Travel and Research Grant, CREES, Stanford
2005 Nominated for the Walter J. Gores Teaching Award
2004 Center for Teaching and Learning Outstanding Mentorship Award
2003, 4 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS), CREES, Stanford

Scholarship

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

“Inside Anarchy: The Perils of Militia Co-Optation in Georgia and Tajikistan”

“Fighting Dirty: Paramilitaries in the Philippines”

WORKING PAPERS & ONGOING PROJECTS

“Audience Costs and Escalation in Abkhazia (or: When Will The Georgian Electorate Support A War?)”, with J. Weeks

“Confronting Clientelism: Experimental Results From Georgia’s 2008 Parliamentary Election”, with D. Hidalgo

”Confronting Systematic Bias: Why The Least Representative Civil Wars Make The Best Case Studies”

“Cross-National Counterinsurgency Capabilities: Findings From An Original Dataset”, with L. Condra and B. Lacina

SELECTED LECTURES, CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 “Inside Anarchy: Explaining Intra-Ethnic Violence in Georgia and Tajikistan”
Winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper in Russia, Ukraine, and the Caucasus at the 2008 Association for Nationalities Annual Meeting
- 2008 “How Life Goes On: A New ‘Nationally’ Representative Survey Demystifies Life In Abkhazia,” International Research and Exchanges Board Frozen Conflicts Symposium
- 2007 “Forgotten Frozen Conflicts: Explaining The Territorial Integrity of Tajikistan,” Presentation at Sukhumi State University (in Russian)
- 2006 ”Why Paramilitaries?: Findings From An Original Dataset” Presentation at the United States Military Academy at West Point Combatting Terrorism Center

Teaching Experience

- Winter 2005 Head Teaching Assistant, International Security in a Changing World (Sagan)
Nominated for the Walter J. Gores Teaching Award
- Fall 2004 Writing in the Major (WIM) Teaching Assistant, Ethnic Conflict & Civil War (Fearon)

Center for Teaching and Learning Mentorship Award

- Spring 2004 Head Teaching Assistant, Strategy War and Politics (Sagan)
- Winter 2004 Teaching Assistant, International Security in a Changing World (Sagan)
- Fall 2003 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations (Krasner)

Research Experience

- Fall 2007 Project Manager for the Caucasus Research Resource Centers. Designed instrument and sampling strategy for first nationally representative household survey in Abkhazia. Designed and analyzed household survey before Georgia's 2008 presidential election.
- 2004-5 Research Assistance for Jeremy Weinstein. Constructed dataset on district-level crime and disease in Uganda. Analyzed original survey data on demobilized soldiers Sierra Leone, and on relationships between HIV prevalence and violence in Uganda.
- 2003-4 Research Assistance for Stephen Krasner. Cooperative research design, data collection and preliminary data analysis on *Exhausted Sovereignty* project. Logistical assistance for *Governance and Sovereignty in Failing and Failed States* Conference.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Tajikistan (2005-7), Georgia/Abkhazia (2006-7), Kyrgyzstan (2005, 2007) Afghanistan (2007), Russia (2005), Turkey (2003), Yemen (1999), Ethiopia (1999)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Russian, Persian (Tajiki Dialect)

Additional Languages Studied: Arabic (3 Years – Intermediate; Yemeni Dialect – High Intermediate); Kyrgyz (Basic); Anatolian Turkish (Basic), Turkmen (Basic)

Service

- 2008 Stanford Program on International Cross-Cultural Education: Curriculum Design
- 2003-5 Graduate Student Liaison to Stanford University's Center for Teaching and Learning

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