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Employment

Stanford University Chair, Department of Political Science, 2007-
Theodore and Frances Geballe Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences, 2004-
Professor, Department of Political Science, 2001-
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 1998-2001

University of Chicago Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 1997-1998
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 1991-1996

Education

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley. Political Science. May 1992.

M.A.s University of California, Berkeley. Political Science and Economics.
May 1987 and May 1991.

A.B. Harvard University. June 1985, *magna cum laude*.

Publications

Journal articles

1. Sons of the Soil, Migrants, and Civil War (co-authored with David Laitin). *World Development*, forthcoming.
2. Can Development Aid Contribute to Social Cohesion After Civil War? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Post-Conflict Liberia (co-authored with Macartan Humphreys and Jeremy Weinstein). *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings* 2009 99:2, 287-291.
3. Iraq's Civil War. *Foreign Affairs* 86, 2 (March/April 2007), 1-13.
4. Ethnic Minority Rule and Civil War Onset (co-authored with Kimuli Kasara and David Laitin). *American Political Science Review* 101, 1 (February 2007), 187-193.

5. Primary Commodity Exports and Civil War. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 49, 4 (August 2005), 483-507.
6. Separatist Wars, Partition, and World Order. *Security Studies* 13, 4 (Summer 2004), 394-415.
7. Neotrusteeship and the Problem of Weak States (co-authored with David Laitin). *International Security* 28, 4 (Spring 2004), 5-43.
8. Why Do Some Civil Wars Last So Much Longer Than Others? *Journal of Peace Research* 41, 3 (May 2004), 275-301.
9. Ethnic and Cultural Diversity by Country. *Journal of Economic Growth* 8, 2 (June 2003), 195-222.
10. Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War (co-authored with David Laitin). *American Political Science Review* 97, 1 (February 2003), 75-90. Additional documentation provided by “Additional Tables for “Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War,” 7 February, 2003, <http://www.stanford.edu/~jfearon/>.
11. Selection Effects and Deterrence. *International Interactions* 28, 1 (January-March 2002), 5-29.
12. Violence and the Social Construction of Ethnic Identity (co-authored with David Laitin.) *International Organization* 54, 4 (Autumn 2000), 845-877.
13. Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation. *International Organization* 52, 2 (Spring 1998), 269-306.
14. Signaling Foreign Policy Interests: Tying Hands versus Sinking Costs. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 41, 1 (February 1997), 68-90.
15. Explaining Interethnic Cooperation. (Co-authored with David Laitin.) *American Political Science Review* 90, 4 (December 1996), 715-35. Winner of the 1997 Heinz Eulau Award for best article published in the *American Political Science Review* in the previous year.
16. Rationalist Explanations for War. *International Organization* 49 (Summer 1995), 379-414.
17. Domestic Political Audiences and the Escalation of International Disputes. *American Political Science Review* 88 (September 1994), 577-92.
18. Signaling versus the Balance of Power and Interests: An Empirical Test of a Crisis Bargaining Model. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 38 (June 1994, Special Issue), 236-69.
19. Counterfactuals and Hypothesis Testing in Political Science. *World Politics* 43 (January 1991), 169-95.
20. International Financial Institutions and Economic Policy Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Modern African Studies* 26 (March 1988), 113-137.

Papers in edited volumes

1. An International Organization for Democracies? Accreditation versus a League. In Alan Alexandroff, ed., *Rising BRICSAM, Rising Institutions* (Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfred Laurier University Press, 2009).
2. Integrating Quantitative and Qualitative Methods. (Co-authored with David D. Laitin.) In Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Henry E. Brady and David Collier, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008).

3. Economic Development, Insurgency, and Civil War. In Elhanan Helpman, ed., *Institutions and Economic Performance* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2008).
4. International Institutions and Collective Authorization of the Use of Force. In Alan Alexandroff, ed., *Can the World Be Governed? Possibilities for Effective Multilateralism* (Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfred Laurier University Press, 2008).
5. The Rise of Emergency Relief Aid. In Michael Barnett and Thomas G. Weiss, eds., *Humanitarianism in Question: Politics, Power, Ethics* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2008).
6. Reforming International Institutions to Promote International Peace and Security. In *Peace and Security*, Expert Paper Series # 5 (Secretariat of the International Task Force on Global Public Goods, 2006).
7. Ethnic Mobilization and Ethnic Violence. In Barry R. Weingast and Donald Wittman, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Political Economy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006).
8. Comments of the Report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change. In Ernesto Zedillo, ed., *Reforming the United Nations for Peace and Security, Proceedings of a Workshop to Analyze the Report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change*. New Haven, CT: Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, 2005.
9. Two Questions about Ethnicity and Nationalism: Explaining Motivations versus Explaining Variation. A comment on Leonard Binder's essay in Edward Mansfield and Richard Sisson, eds., *The Evolution of Political Knowledge: Democracy, Autonomy, and Conflict in Comparative and International Politics*. Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press, 2004.
10. Rationalism and Constructivism in International Relations Theory (co-authored with Alex Wendt). In Walter Carlsnaes, Thomas Risse, and Beth Simmons, eds., *Handbook of International Relations Theory*. London: Sage Publications, 2002.
11. Electoral Accountability and the Control of Politicians: Selecting Good Types versus Sanctioning Poor Performance. In Bernard Manin, Adam Przeworski, and Susan Stokes, eds., *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
12. Domestic Politics, Foreign Policy, and Theories of International Relations. *Annual Review of Political Science*, vol. 1. Palo Alto, CA: Annual Reviews, 1998.
13. Commitment Problems and the Spread of Ethnic Conflict. In David Lake and Donald Rothchild, eds., *The International Spread of Ethnic Conflict: Fear, Diffusion, and Escalation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998.
14. Deliberation as Discussion. In Jon Elster, ed., *Deliberative Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.
15. Counterfactuals and Causation in Social Science: Exploring an Analogy between Cellular Automata and Historical Processes. In Philip Tetlock and Aaron Belkin, eds., *Counterfactual Thought Experiments in World Politics*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996.

Working Papers and Work in Progress

1. A Simple Political Economy of Relations between Democracies and Autocracies. Presented at the 2008 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 27-31, 2008.

2. Fighting rather than Bargaining. Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.
3. Civil War Termination (co-authored with David Laitin). Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 30-September 2, 2007.
4. Self-Enforcing Democracy. Paper presented at the 2006 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2006.
5. Civil War and Economic Growth. Paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1-4, 2005.
6. Ordinary Language and External Validity: Specifying Concepts in the Study of Ethnicity (co-authored with David Laitin). Paper presented at the 2000 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 31-September 4.
7. Weak States, Rough Terrain, and Large-scale Ethnic Violence. Paper presented at the 1999 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, September 1999.
8. *Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War*. Book manuscript in preparation (with David Laitin).
9. What is Identity (as We Now Use the Word)? Mimeo, Stanford University, November 1999.
10. Why Ethnic Politics and “Pork” Tend to Go Together. Presented at an SSRC-MacArthur sponsored conference on “Ethnic Politics and Democratic Stability,” University of Chicago, May 21-23, 1999.
11. The Politicization of Cultural and Economic Differences: A Return to the Theory of Regional Autonomy Movements. Co-authored with Pieter Van Houten. Presented at the 1998 Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2-5, Boston, MA.
12. Chunky Shoes: A Model of Style Choice and Fashion Trends with Implications for Understanding “Image” Advertising. Mimeo, June 1998.
13. A Cross-sectional Study of Large-Scale Ethnic Violence in the Post-War Period. Co-authored with David Laitin. Mimeo, September 1997.
14. Bargaining over Objects that Influence Future Bargaining Power. Chicago Center on Democracy Working Paper, University of Chicago, 1995.
15. The Offense-Defense Balance and War since 1648. Presented at the Annual Meetings of International Studies Association, Chicago, February 21-25, 1995.
16. Ethnic War as a Commitment Problem. Presented the 1993 APSA Annual Meetings, New York.

Awards, Grants, Fellowships, Visiting Positions

Fellow, Canadian Institution for Advanced Research, Program on Institutions, Organizations, and Growth. September 2004-present.

Woods Institute for the Environment, Environmental Venture Project Grant for “The Politics of Cooperation in the Evolution of Animal Social Behavior,” with Erol Ackay, John Ferejohn, Joan Roughgarden, and Barry Weingast. 9/2008 - 9/2009. \$80,000.

National Science Foundation SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science, “Government Concessions to Irregular Politics, Violence, and Insurgency,” awarded to Bethany Lacina under the direction of James D. Fearon. 7/2008 - 6/2009. \$11,950.

National Science Foundation SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science, “Explaining Sexual Violence During Civil War,” awarded to Dara Cohen under the direction of James D. Fearon. 7/2007 - 7/6008. \$11,950.

Presidential Fund for Innovation in International Studies Award, Freeman-Spogli Institute of International Studies, Stanford University, announced February 2006.

Visiting Professor at the Juan March Institute, Madrid, September-December 2003.

National Science Foundation grant SES-0215461, “Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes (LiCEP): Formal and Empirical Approaches to Ethnic Mobilization – series of workshops.” July 1, 2002.

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Elected 2002.

Principal Investigator for a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, supporting “Research and Training in Conflict Prevention and Resolution” at the Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, for 9/01 - 8/03.

Carnegie Corporation Grant B7079, supporting the project “Ethnicization of Civil Wars as a Problem for an International Gendarmerie,” 2000-01.

Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, 1999-2000.

Winner of the International Studies Association’s 1999 Karl Deutsch Award, which is “presented on an annual basis to a scholar under the age of forty or within ten years of the acquisition of his/her doctoral degree who is judged to have made, through a body of publications, the most significant contribution to the study of international relations and peace research.”

NSF Grant SBR-9876477, 4/99-3/00, “Collaborative Project: The Minorities at Risk Database and Explaining Ethnic Violence.” An NSF grant to revise, improve, and reanalyze the Minorities at Risk data.

1997 Heinz Eulau Award for best article published in the *American Political Science Review* in the previous year, for “Explaining Interethnic Cooperation” (co-authored with David Laitin).

1997 Gregory Luebbert Award for best article published in *Comparative Politics* in 1996, for “Explaining Interethnic Cooperation” (co-authored with David Laitin).

Chicago Humanities Institute Residential Faculty Fellowship, 1996-97.

MacArthur CASPIC Collaborative Research Grant, University of Chicago, 1996.

Winner of the 1993 Helen Dwight Reid Award for the best doctoral dissertation completed and accepted in 1991-92 in the field of international relations, law, and policy, for “Threats to Use Force: Costly Signals and Bargaining in International Crises.”

Teaching Fields

International Relations Theory

Nationalism and International Conflict
Civil War and Ethnic Conflict
Game Theory for Social Science
Quantitative Methods for Political Science

Editorial and Advisory Board Memberships:

American Political Science Review (1997-2001)
American Journal of Political Science (1998-2002, 2006-2009)
Annual Review of Political Science (2007-11)
International Organization (1998-2003, 2005-)
International Relations of the Asia-Pacific
Rationality and Society
Springer Series in Game Theory (Advisory Board)

Other Professional Service

Heinz Eulau Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2007
Midwest Political Science Association Executive Council, 2006-
International Studies Association, Karl Deutsch Award Committee (Chair), 2003-05 (Chair), 2008-10 (Member)
APSA Annual Meetings, Division Chair, International Collaboration, 2001

Professional Associations:

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
American Economics Association
International Studies Association

Referee for:

American Economic Review, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Sociological Review*, MacArthur Foundation, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, European Science Foundation, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, National Science Foundation, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Psychology*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Rationality and Society*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, *World Politics*

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