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EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, August 2019

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign-Urbana, IL

Major Field: International Relations. *Minor Field:* Comparative Politics.

Dissertation: “Dangerous Neighborhoods: Threats and Opportunities from Nearby Civil Wars.”

Committee: Paul Diehl (chair), Carol Leff, Alyssa Prorok, John Vasquez

M.A., Political Science, 2011

Utah State University, Logan, UT

Thesis: “Rhetoric versus Reality: Russian Words and Wars in Chechnya and Georgia.”

B.S., Political Science, 2009: *summa cum laude*

Utah State University, Logan, UT

Minor Fields Russian, Latin

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Utah - Visiting Assistant Professor

- American Institutions. Honors College. Fall 2023.
- Civil Wars and Counterinsurgency. Spring 2023, Fall 2023.
- American Foreign Policy. Spring 2023, Fall 2023.
- Politics of Russia. Spring 2023.
- Theories of International Relations. Fall 2022.
- Foundations of International Security. Fall 2022.

Brigham Young University - Visiting Assistant Professor

- Civil Wars and Ethnic Conflict. Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Fall 2021.
- Principles of International Relations. Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2022.
- International Intervention. Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Winter 2022.
- US Foreign Policy. Winter 2021.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Independent Instructor

- Introduction to Global Studies. Spring 2019, Fall 2018.
- Introduction to Public Speaking. Fall 2017.
- Introduction to International Relations. Fall 2016.
- Peace Operations. Fall 2015.
- Introduction to Political Science. Summer 2015, Spring 2015.
- Introduction to International Relations (online). Fall 2014.
- Foundations of Political Science (online). Spring 2014.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Teaching Assistant

- Governing Globalization. Spring 2018.
- Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear War, and Arms Control. Physics/Global Studies. Spring 2017.
- Introduction to International Relations. Fall 2013.

TEACHING AWARDS

Marvin G. Weinbaum Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching 2018
Department of Political Science
University of Illinois

University of Illinois List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent Spring 2019
Fall 2018, Spring 2018
Fall 2017, Spring 2017
Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Spring 2015, Fall 2013

Dr. Sandra J. Finley Teacher Scholar Certificate. University of Illinois. Spring 2016.

Graduate Teacher Certificate. University of Illinois. Spring 2015.

- The certification program at the University of Illinois affords graduate students and faculty opportunities to develop their teaching skills by engaging with all aspects of the teaching process. Among other requirements for the certificates, I solicited and implemented feedback from students as well as classroom observers, engaged in service to the university by serving as a presenter at teaching workshops, engaged with scholarly literature on pedagogy, and attended workshops on a wide variety of teaching-related topics.

EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Affiliate. Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning. University of Illinois. 2016-2019.

Academic Coach. Division of Intercollegiate Athletics. University of Illinois. 2017-2018.

RESEARCH

Current Projects

- “Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Weapons: Implications for Agency and Accountability.” Forthcoming chapter in *National Security in an Era of Global Upheaval: Perspectives from Latter-day Saint Professionals*. Brigham Young University Kennedy Center.
- “Provocation or Preemption? Nearby Civil Wars and Coup Proofing.” Working Paper
- “The Effects of Nearby Civil Wars on Leader Survival.” Work in Progress.
- “Taking it Personally: Individual Perceptions of Threat from Nearby Civil Wars.” Work in Progress.

Publications

- “Crossing the Red Line: International Legal Limits on Policy Options.” 2014. With Paul Diehl and Todd Robinson. *Yale Journal of International Affairs* 9(1): 58-67.
- “Civil War Spillover.” Forthcoming at Oxford Encyclopedia of International Studies.

Research Specialization

My primary research program considers how states respond to civil war violence in a neighboring state. More specifically, I study the effect of nearby civil conflict on leader survival, the determinants of external involvement, and the effect of both internal and external factors on choosing a side to support. Unlike traditional studies of civil war intervention, which tend to focus primarily on the external interventions of powerful states into the conflict, I focus on neighbor state responses. The neighbors of civil war states are both uniquely vulnerable to civil war externalities and uniquely capable of responding with a diverse range of policy choices. Those policy choices are not limited to external intervention, as many responses to civil war violence nearby involve adjustments in domestic policy.

My research presents and builds from a theory of leader survival, threat perception, and civil war response. I look at the unique threats to regime survival experienced by civil war neighbors in an attempt to better understand both the policy options available to such leaders as well as whether internal policies, external policies, or a combination of both are chosen in response to the conflict.

AWARDS

Schroeder Summer Fellowship

Summer 2017

Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois

Political Science Travel Award

Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2014
University of Illinois

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| Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Achievement | Spring 2012 University of Illinois |
| Illinois Distinguished Fellowship | Fall 2011 - Summer 2016 University of Illinois |
| Political Science Student of the Year | Fall 2008 - Spring 2009 Utah State University |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Member of American Political Science Association.
Member of International Studies Association
Member of Midwest Political Science Association
Reviewer for *International Interactions*
Reviewer for *Global Studies Quarterly*
Presenter for Graduate Academy for College Teaching. 2015-2019. University of Illinois.
Discussant for Shambaugh Conference on Civil War. September 2015. University of Iowa.
Discussant for Comparative Politics Workshop Series. March 2013. University of Illinois.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Ukraine: One Year Later.” Expert Panel for Hickley Institute of Politics. University of Utah. 2023

“US Military Assistance to Ukraine.” Presentation preceding Student Organization Debate. BYU. 2022

“Understanding the Fallout in Afghanistan.” Expert Panel. BYU. 2021

“Provocation or Preemption? Nearby Civil Wars and Coup Proofing.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. 2021.

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Nearby Conflict and Leader Survival” International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2018

“Nearby Civil War and Power Consolidation.” International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2017.

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Nearby Civil Wars and Challenges to Leader Survival.” International Studies Association Annual Convention. Baltimore, MD. 2017

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Nearby Civil Wars and Challenges to Leader Survival.” Graduate Student Speaker Series. University of Iowa. 2016

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Alternatives to Intervention in Nearby Civil Wars.” Program in Arms Control & Domestic and International Security (ACDIS) Speaker Series. University of Illinois. 2016.

“Dangerous Neighborhoods: Alternatives to Intervention in Nearby Civil Wars.”

International Studies Association - Midwest Annual Conference. St. Louis, MO. 2015.

“Choosing to Compel: First Movers in Coercive Diplomacy.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. 2014.

“Rhetoric versus Reality: Russian Words and Wars in Chechnya and Georgia.” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX. 2011.

TRAINING AND RELEVANT SKILLS

Statistics/Programming
Languages

R, OLS, Network Analysis
Russian (advanced)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

- Paul Diehl
 - Henning Larsen Professor Emeritus of Political Science
 - pdiehl@illinois.edu
- Sven Wilson
 - Professor of Political Science at Brigham Young University
 - Sven.Wilson@byu.edu
- Chad Nelson
 - Associate Professor of Political Science at Brigham Young University
 - chad_nelson@byu.edu