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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### **George Washington University**

Department of Political Science and International Affairs  
*Assistant Professor*

Washington, DC  
August 2019 - present

### **United States Naval Academy (USNA)**

Department of Political Science  
*Assistant Professor*

Annapolis, MD  
August 2013 - July 2019

### **Harvard University**

Dept. of Government, College Fellows Program  
*Post-Doctoral Fellow*

Cambridge, MA  
AY 2012-13

### **Yale University**

Dept. of Political Science, Program on Order, Conflict and Violence (OCV)  
*Pre-Doctoral Fellow*

New Haven, CT  
AY 2011-12

## EDUCATION

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### **Harvard University**

**Ph.D. and M.A, Department of Government**

Cambridge, MA  
November 2012

Dissertation: *How Rebellion Begins: Insurgent Group Formation and Viability in Uganda*

- Best Dissertation Award from the African Politics Conference Group of the American Political Science Association (APSA).
- Senator Charles Sumner Prize from the Harvard Government Department for best dissertation "... tending toward the prevention of war and the establishment of universal peace."

### **Stanford University**

**M.A. in International Policy Studies**  
**B.A. (with Honors) in Political Science**

Palo Alto, CA  
June 2001  
June 2001

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

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### BOOK:

[How Insurgency Begins: Rebel Group Formation in Uganda and Beyond](#). September 2020. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics Series.

- Recommended as a best book of 2020 at [Political Violence @ A Glance](#)

### ARTICLES:

[“Measuring Networks in the Field.”](#) 2020. *Political Science Research and Methods*. 8(1): 123-135. (with Jennifer M. Larson).

[“Rumors, Kinship Networks, and Rebel Group Formation”](#) 2018. *International Organization*. 72(Fall): 871-903. (with Jennifer M. Larson).

- Alexander L. George Award for best article or chapter developing or applying qualitative methods published in 2018 from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section of APSA.

[“Ethnic Networks”](#) 2017. *American Journal of Political Science*. 61(2): 350-364. (with Jennifer Larson).

- Award for Best Article published in *AJPS* in 2017.
- Award for Best Conference Paper from the Political Networks section of APSA in 2016.

[“How Does Ethnic Rebellion Start?”](#) 2017. *Comparative Political Studies*. 50(10): 1420-1450.

- James Caporaso Award for Best Article published in *CPS* in 2017.

[“When Decentralization Leads to Recentralization: Subnational State Transformation in Uganda”](#) 2014. *Regional & Federal Studies*. 24(5): 571-588.

- Reprinted as a chapter in Jan Erk, ed. 2018. *Federalism and Decentralization in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Oxford and New York: Routledge.

[“Administrative Unit Proliferation”](#) 2014. *American Political Science Review*. 108(1): 196-207. (with Guy Grossman).

- Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Article in Comparative Politics presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association.

[“Nations’ Income Inequality Predicts Ambivalence in Stereotype Content: How Societies Mind the Gap”](#) 2013. *British Journal of Social Psychology*. 52(4): 726-746. (with Federica Durante et al; 37 authors).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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"From Chatter to Action: How Social Networks Inform and Motivate in Rural Uganda" (with Jennifer M. Larson and Pedro Rodriguez). *Revise & Resubmit*.

"Civil Conflict Onset in Africa: Evidence from a New Dataset"

"Political Entrepreneurs or Thugs? Motives and Actions at the Start of Organized Violence" (with Stephen Rangazas).

## GRANTS AND OTHER HONORS

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2020-21: Shapiro Policy Research Scholarship, GW Institute for Public Policy (GWIPP)  
2020-21: Innovations for Poverty Action Peace & Recovery grant for pilot study (\$36k)  
2018-19: Ernst Volgenau research grant (intra-USNA competitive grant - \$15k)  
2016-17: Minerva R-DEF research grant to build dataset on rebel formation in Africa (\$55k)  
2014, 2015, 2016, 2018: USNA Research Council summer research grant (summer salary)  
2013: Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, Harvard College, for "Security and Development Interventions in Fragile States"  
2012: Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) research grant (\$3k with J. Larson)  
2012, 2010: Certificates for Distinction in Teaching, Harvard, *Ethnic Politics and Conflict*  
2011-12: Harry Frank Guggenheim (HFG) Dissertation Fellowship  
2010-11: Hartley R. Rodgers Dissertation Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University  
2010-11: Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University (declined)  
2009-10: U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Randolph Jennings Dissertation Fellowship  
2009: National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (#0921550)  
2009: Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship  
2008-09: Arthur Lehman Merit Fellowship, Harvard University  
2008: Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, Harvard, *Introduction to Comparative Politics*  
2008: Jennifer Oppenheimer Grant for summer research, Harvard Committee on African Studies  
2007-11: Selected as Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs  
2000-01: Graduate Fellow, Center on Conflict and Negotiation (SCCN), Stanford University  
1999: U.S. Department of Education National Security Education Program (NSEP) grant for study in the Cape Flats, South Africa (University of Western Cape)  
1999: Dorot Foundation grant for undergrad thesis fieldwork in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

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- Courses taught at GWU: *Political Violence* (undergrad and Ph.D. level courses)
- Courses taught at USNA: *Ethnic Politics and Conflict*, *Politics in Africa*, *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, *Introduction to International Relations*, and *Political Science Quantitative Methods* (all undergrad courses)
- Courses taught at Harvard as sole instructor: *Ethnic Politics and Conflict* and *Security and Development Interventions in Fragile States*.
- Courses taught at Harvard as Teaching Fellow: *Introduction to Comparative Government*
- Honors Thesis Advisor, three Harvard students and six USNA students
- Honors Program research supervisor, three GW undergrads
- Academic adviser to 12-25 USNA students per year (included regular advising meetings on all requirements of USNA academics – within and beyond the political science major)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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- APSA (2020; 2017; 2015; 2014; 2013; 2012<sup>1</sup>; 2011; 2010)
- ISA (2021 scheduled, 2020<sup>2</sup>; 2019; 2017; 2015; 2013; 2011)
- MPSA (2017; 2013)
- ASA (2019; 2014; 2011)
- IPSA (2014)
- University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies (2021, scheduled)
- Peace Research Institute of Oslo (2021, scheduled)
- Elliott School for International Affairs (2021)
- MIT Security Studies Program (2020)
- Peace Science Society, invited workshop on the Politics of Rebellion (2020)
- GW Comparative Politics workshop (2020)
- Johns Hopkins School for Advanced Int'l Studies (SAIS), African Studies Program (2020)
- Advancing Research on Conflict (ARC), invited panelist (2019)
- United States Naval Academy, honorary address at commissioning week to midshipmen inducted into Phi Sigma Alpha honors society (2019)
- Duke University, Conflict Peace and Security Workshop (2019)
- Temple University, Comparative Politics Workshop (2019)
- George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop (2017)
- Peace Science Society, invited to workshop on Networks of Resistance, (2017)
- Georgetown University, Capital Area Africanist Workshop (2015)
- Olympia Summer Academy, invited instructor, (2015)
- Duke University, Conflict Peace and Security Workshop (2014)
- H.F. Guggenheim Foundation (2014)
- World Bank, Working Group on African Political Economy (2013)
- Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research (2012)
- Johns Hopkins University, Government Analytics program (2012)
- Yale University, Program on Order, Conflict and Violence (2011)
- Harvard-MIT Civil Conflict Workshop (2013; 2011; 2009)
- Makerere University, Uganda (2009)
- RAND Corporation (2007)

## SELECTED POLICY PUBLICATIONS

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"The Democratic Republic of Congo might break up its provinces. Then what?" *The Monkey Cage* blog of *The Washington Post*. June 4, 2015. (with Guy Grossman.)

*Developing an Army Strategy for Building Partner Capacity for Stability Operations* Monograph. Santa Monica: The RAND Corporation, June 2010. (with Jefferson P. Marquis et al.)

"Poverty and Conflict: What Policymakers Need to Know." *Working Paper Series on Global Economy and Development*, #02, Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution, December 2006. (with Susan E. Rice and Corinne Graff.)

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<sup>1</sup> Canceled due to Hurricane Isaac. (1 paper presentation.)

<sup>2</sup> Canceled due to COVID-19. (1 appearance as author on "Author Meets Critics" panel, 1 paper presentation, 1 discussant role, 2 chair roles.)

“Better Strategic Planning Needed to Coordinate Efforts to Deliver Counter-Terrorism Financing Training and Technical Assistance Abroad.” Washington, D.C.: U.S. GAO, October 2005. (contributing author.)

“U.S. Agencies Should Systematically Assess Terrorists’ Use of Alternative Financing Mechanisms.” Washington, D.C.: U.S. GAO, November 2003. (contributing author.)

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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**U.S. Institute of Peace** May 2012  
*Instructor* Uganda  
Co-led training about interacting with civilians for soldiers in the Ugandan military (UPDF) prior to their deployment with the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

**The RAND Corporation** Summer 2007  
*Summer Associate* Arlington, VA  
Conducted research for a RAND study on the effectiveness of the U.S. Army and Department of State’s Building Partner Capacity programs, which train African militaries in peacekeeping skills.

**The Brookings Institution** Summer 2006; Spring 2008  
*Consultant* Washington, DC  
Conducted research on the transnational security implications of global poverty for Susan Rice, who later became U.S. National Security Adviser.

**U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)** 2001 to 2005  
*Analyst, International Affairs and Trade* San Francisco and Washington DC  
Conducted research on the effectiveness of various U.S. government international programs.

**Seeds of Peace** Summers 1998-2003  
*Instructor and Counselor* Maine, Greece, Croatia  
Taught conflict resolution program to youth leaders from the Middle East and Balkans.

## **SERVICE**

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- Manuscript reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Civil Wars*, *International Security*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Regional & Federal Studies*, *Security Studies*, *World Development*, and *World Politics*
- Co-Coordinator, GW Comparative Politics Workshop (2020-21)
- Examiner in Comparative Politics, Ph.D. Qualifying Exam, GW (2020-21)
- Award Committee Chair, Alexander George Paper Award, Qualitative and Mixed Methods Section of APSA (2020)
- Section Chair, International Relations, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (2018)

- Member, Sage Paper Award Committee, Qualitative and Mixed Methods Section of APSA (2017)
- Member, Best Paper Award Committee of the Political Networks Section of APSA (2017)
- Member, External Review Committee, USNA Political Science Department (2015-16)
- Member, Capstone Paper Award Committee, USNA Political Science (2015-2018)
- Member, Humanities and Social Science Division Awards Committee, USNA (2016-2018)
- Member, Hiring Priorities Committee, USNA Political Science (2017)
- Member, Executive Committee of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2010-11)
- Co-Coordinator, Harvard Workshop on Civil Conflict and Political Violence (2006-2008);  
launched the inaugural Boston/New Haven annual conflict conference