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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### **George Washington University**

*Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs*  
*Assistant Professor -*

Washington, DC  
2022 - present  
2019 - 2022

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

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

Annapolis, MD  
2013 - 2019

### **Harvard University**

College Fellows Program, Department of Government  
*Post-Doctoral Fellow*

Cambridge, MA  
2012 - 2013

### **Yale University**

Program on Order, Conflict and Violence (OCV)  
*Pre-Doctoral Fellow*

New Haven, CT  
2011 - 2012

## 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.

- Winner, Conflict Research Society (CRS) [Book of the Year Prize](#).
- Winner, African Politics Conference Group (APCG) of APSA Annual [Best Book Award](#).
- Co-Winner, International Studies Association (ISA) Annual [Best Book Award](#).
- Honorable Mention, Giovanni Sartori Award for best 2020 book developing or applying qualitative methods, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research section of APSA.
- Recommended as a best book of 2020 at [Political Violence @ A Glance](#).
- Academic reviews: *Comparative Politics*, *H-Diplo-International Security Studies Forum* [book roundtable and response](#), *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research* book notes, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*.

### ARTICLES:

["Rebel Group Formation in Africa: Evidence from a New Dataset."](#) Forthcoming at *World Development*.

["From Chatter to Action: How Social Networks Inform and Motivate in Rural Uganda"](#) 2021. *British Journal of Political Science*. (with Jennifer M. Larson and Pedro Rodríguez).

["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, 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 of 2016, Political Networks section of APSA.

["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; 30 authors).

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Political Entrepreneurs or Bandits? Violence at the Start of Armed Conflict” (with Stephen Rangazas).

“Reducing Prejudice Towards Refugees in Uganda: Evidence that Social Networks Influence Attitude Change” (with Jennifer Larson).

## GRANTS AND OTHER HONORS

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2022-24: National Science Foundation (NSF) grant #225430 (PI of GWU grant: \$412,271. Collaborative work with J. Larson.)

2020-21, 2022: Shapiro Policy Research Scholarship, GW Institute for Public Policy (GWIPP)

2020-21: Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Peace & Recovery grant (with J. Larson)

2018-19: Ernst Volgenau research grant (intra-USNA competitive grant)

2016-17: Minerva R-DEF research grant to build dataset on rebel formation in Africa

2014, 2015, 2016, 2018: USNA Research Council summer research grant

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 (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 Belhar, South Africa (University of Western Cape)

1999: Dorot Foundation grant for undergrad honors fieldwork in Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

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- Courses at GW: *Political Violence* (undergrad and Ph.D. level), *Comparative Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa* (undergrad)
- Courses at USNA: *Ethnic Politics and Conflict*, *Politics in Africa*, *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, *Introduction to International Relations*, *Political Science Quantitative Methods* (all undergrad)
- Courses at Harvard (as sole instructor): *Ethnic Politics and Conflict*, *Security and Development Interventions in Fragile States* (undergrad)
- Ph.D. Dissertation Chair for Dan Trombly; Ph.D. Committee Member for Leore Ben-Chorin, Stephen Rangazas, and Caleb Schmotter. External examiner for Dani Gilbert (GW) and Joel Blaxland (Temple Univ.)
- Honors Undergraduate Thesis Advisor: three Harvard students and six USNA students
- Academic Advisor to 12-25 USNA students per year (2013-2019)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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- APSA (2021; 2020; 2017; 2015; 2014; 2013)
- ISA (2022; 2021; 2019; 2017; 2015; 2013)
- MPSA (2017; 2013)
- ASA (2019; 2014)
- MIT Seminar XXI (2022)
- Peace Science Society, invited workshop on Multi-Methods Conflict Research (2022)
- Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State (2022)
- United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) (2022)
- Research Ethics and Armed Groups, invited workshop, College of Charleston (2022)
- University of Sheffield, Centre for Comparative Study of Civil War (2022)
- Conflict Research Society, Book Prize Keynote address (2021)
- University of California, Berkeley, Center for African Studies (2021)
- Peace Research Institute of Oslo (2021)
- Elliott School for International Affairs, book launch event (2021)
- MIT Security Studies Program (2020)
- Peace Science Society, invited workshop on the Politics of Rebellion (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 to 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)

## 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.)

"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.)

"International Trade: Advisory Committee System Should Be Updated to Better Serve U.S. Policy Needs." Washington, D.C.: U.S. GAO, September 2002. (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 served as 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 U.S. government programs. Work included extensive interviewing of officials at the U.S. Departments of State, Treasury, Justice, and Interior as well as USTR, intelligence agencies, INTERPOL, and the Governments of Indonesia and Belgium.

**Seeds of Peace** Summers 1998-2001, 2003  
*Instructor and Counselor* Maine, Greece, Croatia

Taught conflict resolution program to youth from the Middle East, Cyprus, and the Balkans.

## ACADEMIC 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*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Security*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Oxford University Press*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Regional & Federal Studies*, *Security Studies*, *World Development*, and *World Politics*
- Co-Coordinator, GW Comparative Politics Workshop (2020-22)
- Second Year Ph.D. Paper Coordinator, GW (2021-22)
- Examiner in Comparative Politics, Ph.D. Qualifying Exam, GW (2020-21)
- Award Committee Member, Conflict Research Society Book of the Year Award (2022)
- 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 (2016-2019)
- Member, Humanities and Social Science Division Awards Committee, USNA (2017-2019)
- Member, Hiring Priorities Committee, USNA Political Science (2017)
- Member, USNA Africa Forum (2013-2019)
- Member, Executive Committee of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2010-11)
- Co-Coordinator, Harvard Workshop on Civil Conflict and Political Violence (2006-2008)