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Employment

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

2017-

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2010-2017

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

2004 – 2010

Ph.D., Political Science

- Dissertation: “Explaining Cohesion, Fragmentation, and Control in Insurgent Groups”
- Committee: Roger Petersen, Barry Posen, Stephen Van Evera, Steven Wilkinson
- 2011 Kenneth N. Waltz Award for best dissertation in security studies, American Political Science Association

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2000 –2004

A.B., Political Science

- Honors in Political Science and General Honors
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2004, and Dean’s List, 2000-2004

Book

Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse. Cornell Studies in Security Affairs, Cornell University Press, 2014. India edition 2015, Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers.

- Peter Katzenstein Book Prize for outstanding first book on international relations, comparative politics, or political economy, Cornell University
- Joseph Lepgold Book Prize for outstanding book on international relations, Georgetown University
- Myres McDougal Prize for best book in policy sciences, Society of Policy Scientists
- Roundtable Review with Fotini Christia, Kathleen Cunningham, and Idean Salehyan, *H-Diplo/International Security Studies Forum*, Vol, 7, No. 16 (2015); Critical Dialogue with Scott Straus’ *Making and Unmaking Nations, Perspectives on Politics* Vol. 14, No. 1 (March 2016); included in review essays in *Civil Wars, Comparative Politics, and Democratization*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Pakistan’s Military Elite.” With Adnan Naseemullah and Ahsan Butt. *Journal of Strategic Studies* (forthcoming).

“Politics and Threat Perception: Explaining Pakistani Military Strategy on the North West Frontier.” With Asfandiyar Mir and Sameer Lalwani. *Security Studies* (forthcoming).

“How and Why Armed Groups Participate in Elections.” With Aila M. Matanock. *Perspectives on Politics* Vol 16, No. 3 (September 2018), pp. 710-727.

- “Democratic Accountability and Foreign Security Policy: Theory and Evidence from India.” With Vipin Narang. *Security Studies* Vol. 27, No. 3 (2018), pp. 410-447.
- “Internal Security Strategy in India.” *India Review* Vol. 17, No. 1 (2018), pp. 142-158.
- “Armed Politics and the Study of Intrastate Conflict.” *Journal of Peace Research* Vol. 54, No. 4 (July 2017).
- “Indirect Rule and Varieties of Governance.” With Adnan Naseemullah. *Governance* Vol. 29, No. 1 (January 2016), pp. 13-30.
- “Armed Groups and Militarized Elections.” *International Studies Quarterly* Vol. 59, No. 4 (December 2015), pp. 694-705.
- “Militias, Ideology, and the State.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* Vol. 59, No. 5 (August 2015), pp. 770-793.
- “Violence and Democracy.” *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 47, No. 1 (October 2014), pp. 99-118.
- “Kashmir since 2003: Counterinsurgency and the Paradox of ‘Normalcy.’” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 53, No. 5 (September/October 2013), pp. 931-957.
- “Organizing Insurgency: Networks, Resources, and Rebellion in South Asia.” *International Security*, Vol. 37, No. 1 (Summer 2012), pp. 142-177.
- “States, Insurgents, and Wartime Political Orders.” *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 10, No. 2 (June 2012), pp. 243-264.
- “Institutions and Worldviews in Indian Foreign Security Policy.” With Vipin Narang. *India Review*, Vol. 11, No. 2 (2012), pp. 76-94.
- “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Insurgent Fratricide, Ethnic Defection, and the Rise of Pro-State Paramilitaries.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 16-40.
- “Cities on Fire: Social Mobilization, State Policy, and Urban Insurgency.” *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 43, No. 12 (December 2010), pp. 1623-1649.
- “Explaining Civil-Military Relations in Complex Political Environments: India and Pakistan in Comparative Perspective.” *Security Studies*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (April 2008), pp. 322-362.
- “Ten Ways to Lose at Counterinsurgency.” With Kelly Greenhill. *Civil Wars*, Vol. 9, No. 4 (December 2007), pp. 402-419.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “Counterinsurgency in India.” In Sumit Ganguly, Manjeet Pardesi, and Nicolas Blarel., eds., *The Oxford Handbook of India’s National Security* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).
- “State and Politics.” With Vipin Narang. In David Malone, C. Raja Mohan, and Srinath Raghavan, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Indian Foreign Policy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).

“America and Pakistan After 2014: Toward Strategic Breathing Space.” In Christine Fair and Sarah Watson, eds., *Pakistan’s Enduring Challenges* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2015).

“Insurgencies in India.” In Atul Kohli and Prerna Singh, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Indian Politics* (London: Routledge, 2013).

“Foreign Policy Making in India in the Pre-Liberalization and Coalition Era.” In Amitabh Mattoo and Happymon Jacob, eds., *Shaping India’s Foreign Policy: People, Politics and Places* (New Delhi: Har-Anand Publishers, 2010).

“Resentment, Fear, and the Structure of the Military in Multiethnic States.” With Roger Petersen. In Stephen Saideman and Marie-Joelle Zahar, eds., *Insecurity in Intrastate Conflicts: Governments, Rebels, and Outsiders* (London: Routledge, 2008).

Selected Other Publications

“Misreading the ‘Liberal Order’: Why We Need New Thinking in American Foreign Policy.” *Lawfare*, July 29, 2018.

“The U.S. military is trying to manage foreign conflicts – not resolve them. Here’s why.” *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*, July 16, 2018.

“America has high expectations for India. Can New Delhi deliver?” *War on the Rocks*, February 22, 2018.

“Whither ISIS? Insights from Insurgent Responses to Decline.” *Washington Quarterly* Vol. 40, No. 3 (Fall 2017), pp. 29-43.

“Will U.S. threats to Pakistan help crack down on terrorism? Not really.” With Asfandyar Mir. *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*, August 29, 2017.

“India and Pakistan clashed again in Kashmir. Here’s what you need to know.” *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*, September 30, 2016.

“Spoiler’s Limits.” *Indian Express*, January 11, 2016.

“Rethinking Internal Security in India.” *India in Transition*, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, August 10, 2015. Reprinted in *The Hindu: Business Line*.

“Every Insurgency is Different.” *New York Times (International)*, February 15, 2015.

“Insurgent Organization and State-Armed Group Relations.” In *The Political Science of Syria’s War*, POMEPS Brief #22, Program on Middle East Political Science, December 18, 2013.

“Naval Gazing.” With Vipin Narang. *Foreign Policy* online. June 25, 2013.

“The Future of Violence in Afghanistan.” *The National Interest* online, July 18, 2012.

“Caught in the Muddle: America’s Pakistan Policy.” *Washington Quarterly*, Volume 34, No. 1 (Winter 2011), pp. 133-148.

“Correspondence: What Makes Terrorists Tick.” *International Security*, Vol. 33, No. 4 (Spring 2009), pp. 180-202. Reprinted in Michael Brown et al., eds, *Contending with Terrorism: Roots, Strategies, and Responses* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2010).

“Counterinsurgency is a bloody, costly business.” *Foreign Policy* online, November 24, 2009.

“Pakistan’s Stakes in Afghanistan.” *The Friday Times* (Lahore), May 8-14, 2009.

“Improving India’s Counterterrorism Policy after Mumbai.” *CTC Sentinel*, Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, Vol 2, No. 4 (April 2009), pp. 11-14.

“When talking with terrorists makes sense.” *Christian Science Monitor*, May 29, 2008.

“Diversify Iraqi security forces.” With Roger Petersen. *Christian Science Monitor*, March 7, 2006.

“Defeating Transnational Insurgencies.” *Washington Quarterly*, Volume 29, No. 1 (Winter 2005-2006), pp. 21-40.

Book Reviews

Review of *Dictators and Their Secret Police*, by Sheena Chestnut Greitens, *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming).

Review of *Alliance Formation in Civil War*, by Fotini Christia, H-Diplo/ISSF roundtable (October 2013).

Review of *Rethinking Violence: States and Non-State Actors in Conflict*, edited by Erica Chenoweth and Adria Lawrence, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 9, No. 4 (December 2011), pp. 908-910.

Review of *Catastrophic Consequences: Civil Wars and American Interests*, by Steven David, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 5 (October 2010), pp. 787-790.

Review of *Rebels Without Borders: Transnational Insurgencies in World Politics*, by Idean Salehyan, *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 125, No. 1 (Spring 2010), pp. 138-139.

Review of *Inside Rebellion: The Politics of Insurgent Violence*, by Jeremy Weinstein, *Review of Politics*, Vol. 70, No. 1 (Winter 2008), pp 129-131.

Work in Progress

“New Data on Indian Internal Security Force Fatalities and Demographics.” With Drew Stommes. (under review)

“Leftist Insurgency in Democracies.”

“Civil War Termination without International Involvement: New Evidence from South Asia.”

“Why (Some) Militaries Retain Political Power: Military Enclaves and the Limits of Democratization.” With Adnan Naseemullah.

“Civil War Research After 25 Years: What We’ve Learned - and What Comes Next.” (review essay)

“Patterns of Indian Public Opinion toward Foreign Policy.” With Aidan Milliff and Vipin Narang. *Armed Politics: Violence, Order, and the State in Southern Asia* (manuscript: book workshop March 2019)

Awards and Fellowships

Minerva Initiative Research Grant, US Department of Defense, with Benjamin Lessing, 2017-2020

Smith Richardson Foundation Research Grant, 2016-2018

Project on “The State, Violence, and Social Control in the Contemporary World,” Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society, University of Chicago, with Benjamin Lessing and Forrest Stuart, 2014-17

East Asian Peace Program Research Grant, Uppsala University, 2014

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant, 2013-15

Division of the Social Sciences Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16

Norman Cutler Overseas Travel Grant, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago, 2011-12, 2013-14

Dissertation Fellowship, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2009-10

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 2009-10

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, U.S. Institute of Peace, 2009-10

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, International Security Program and Intrastate Conflict Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2008-9

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2008

Summer Study Grant, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2008

Graduate Summer Travel Grant, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 2007

Summer Study Grant, Center for International Studies, MIT, 2007

Ithiel de Sola Pool Fellow, MIT Department of Political Science, 2005

MIT Presidential Fellow, 2004-5

Selected Invited Presentations and Conferences

2018-19: Johns Hopkins-SAIS

2017-18: UT-Austin, Northern Illinois, JNU

2016-17: Pittsburgh, Ohio State, Columbia, Northwestern, Brown, GW, Emory

2015-16: Penn, Boston College, GW, Georgetown

2014-15: Michigan, MIT, Yale

2013-14: Brown, Wisconsin, Texas A&M

2012-13: Uppsala, GW, NUS (Singapore), Duke, Berkeley, Princeton, UConn

2011-12: UT-Austin, Northwestern, Columbia
 2010-11: Dartmouth, Minnesota, PRIO, CPR (New Delhi)

Professional Activities

Chair, Committee on International Relations (CIR), University of Chicago, 2017-

Co-Founder, Program on Political Violence, and Assistant Director, Chicago Project on Security and Threats, University of Chicago, 2014-

Editorial Board, *Perspectives on Politics*, 2013-

Faculty Member, Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago, 2010-

Nominating committee, APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section, 2015

University of Chicago service (selected): Political Science IR search committee (2011-12, 2014-15), Social Sciences Division Center for International Studies Transition Committee (2015-16), Political Science graduate program review committee (2016-17), Political Science external review self-study committee (2017-18), Political Science admissions committee (2010-11, 2012-13, 2015-16), IR subfield co-chair (2017-18)

Manuscript reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *Asian Security*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Cornell University Press, *Democratization*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *India Review*, *International Organization*, *International Public Management Journal*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Borderland Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Punjab Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, Princeton University Press, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Security Studies*, Stanford University Press, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Urban Studies*, *World Politics*

University of Michigan ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, June 27-July 22, 2005
 Regression II: Linear Models, Mathematical Models: Game Theory

Fieldwork

Burma/Myanmar, India, Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Thailand

Relevant Other Experience

National Security Research Division, RAND Corporation

- Summer Associate, June-August 2006

Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, City of Chicago

- Intern, June-August 2003

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, Washington, D.C. Office

- Intern, July – August 2002

Languages

Italian (proficient)
Hindi (advanced beginner/intermediate)
Urdu (advanced beginner/intermediate)
French (reading)