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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University, 2015-present

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2014-2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Government, Georgetown University, 2013

M.P.A. in Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2004

A.B. in International Relations, Brown University, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Governing Security after Civil War: The Politics of Institutional Change in the Security Sector. Oxford University Press, 2022.

Journal Articles

“Civil-Military Relations and Civil War Recurrence,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(7): 1307-34 (2020)

“When Aid Builds States: Party Dominance and the Effects of Foreign Aid on Tax Collection after Civil War,” (with Naomi Levy), *International Interactions* 46(3): 454-480 (2020).

“Elite Bargains and External Influence: Security Assistance and Civil-Military Relations in Postwar Sierra Leone and Liberia,” *Civil Wars* 22(2): 266-288 (2020).

“Organized Criminal Violence and Territorial Control: Evidence from Northern Honduras,” (with Marlon Carranza) *Journal of Peace Research* 55(5): 566-581 (2018)

“From Weakness to Strength: The Political Roots of Security Sector Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” *International Peacekeeping* 21(2): 149-164 (2014).

“The Justice-Security-Development Nexus: Theory and Practice in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States” (with Douglas Porter & Deborah Isser) *The Hague Journal of Rule of Law* 5(2): 310-328 (2013).

“Guns, Laws and Politics: The Domestic Foundations of Rule of Law and Security Sector Reform” *The Hague Journal of Rule of Law* 4(1): 4-30 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1876404512000024>

“All Judicial Politics are Local: The Political Trajectory of Judicial Reform in Haiti,” *Miami Inter-American Law Review* 45(1): 1-31 (2013).

Book Chapters

“Security Sector Reform and Civil-Military Relations in Africa,” in Moses Khisa and Christopher Day (eds), *Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa: Beyond the Coup d’Etat*, Lynne Rienner (2022).

“Organized Crime and Political Mobilization on Honduras’ Drug Routes,” in Carlos Ricart & Carlos Solar (eds), *Crime, Violence, and Justice in Latin America: Themes and Trends*. Routledge (forthcoming)

“Liberal Peacebuilding: Bringing Politics Back In” in Chip Carey (ed.) *Peacebuilding Paradigms*, Cambridge University Press (2020).

“Bilateral vs. Multilateral Peacebuilding in Africa,” (with Carrie Manning) in John W. Harbeson and Donald Rothchild (eds), *Africa in World Politics*, 6th Ed., Westview Press (2017).

“Young but not Alone: Youth Organizations and the Local Politics of Security,” in Helene Maria Kyed and Peter Albrecht (eds), *Policing and the Politics of Ordermaking*, Routledge Press, 160-177 (2015).

“Beyond Deficit and Dysfunction: Three Questions toward Just Development in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings,” (with Deborah Isser and Doug Porter) in David Marshall (ed), *The International Rule of Law Movement: A Crisis of Legitimacy and the Way Forward*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press (2014)

Original Dataset

The Postwar Security Governance Dataset (PSGD), <http://www.louisalexandreberg.com/data.html>

Work in Progress

“Security Assistance and Civil-Military Relations: How Internal Politics Affect External Influence”

“Electoral Competition and Criminal Violence: Coercion, Cooperation, and Political Mobilization in Honduras” (with Clark DeMas)

“UN Peacekeeping and Security Sector Reform: External Actors and the Politics of Institutional Change”

“Wartime Militias, Local Politics, and Postwar Violence: How the Legacies of Armed Conflict Affect Criminal Violence in Post-Civil War Colombia”

“Security Assistance, Civil-Military Relations, and Human Rights Abuse”

Media and Blog Posts

“Ukraine updated its defense institutions – and is defying expectations” (with Andrew Radin). *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, March 29, 2022

“Navigating the Politics of Security Governance,” Geneva Center for Democratic Control of the Armed Forces (DCAF), May 6, 2022

Book Reviews

“Extralegal Groups in Post-Conflict Liberia: How Trade Makes the State,” *Canadian Journal of African Studies* (2019)

Policy Reports and Evaluations

“Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration and Security Sector Reform Planning in Libya,” Strategic Capacity Group, Washington, DC (2020)

“Transformacion de Conflictos Sociales y Paz Territorial en Colombia: Assessment of Results and Project Accomplishments,” Alianza para la Paz and the Centro de Investigacion y Educacion Popular, Bogota (2019)

“The Political Economy of Justice in Somalia” with Joakim Gundel and Yahya Ibrahim. Washington, DC: The World Bank (2016)

“Crime, Violence and Community-Based Prevention in Honduran Cities” with Marlon Carranza. Washington, DC: The World Bank (2015)

“Rule of Law and Development: Integrating Rule of Law in the Post-2015 Development Framework” with Deval Desai. New York: United Nations Development Program (2013)

“The European Union’s Experience with Security Sector Governance” Washington DC: United States Institute of Peace (2010)

“Crime, Politics and Violence in Post-Earthquake Haiti.” Washington DC: United States Institute of Peace (2010)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

U.S. Institute of Peace Jennings-Randolph Senior Fellowship, 2020

Minerva-U.S. Institute of Peace Early Scholar Award, 2018-2019

Atlanta Global Studies Center International Travel Grant, 2019

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation, 2010-2011.

Jennings-Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, U.S. Institute of Peace, 2009- 2010.

Graduate Student Paper Award, Georgetown University Government Department, 2008

Donald E. Stokes Prize for Academic Achievement and Public Service Leadership, Princeton University, 2004

Community Venture Grant, Brown University, 2000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED TALKS

“Governing Security After War” Academic Council of the United Nations System Annual Meeting, Geneva, June 2022 (book roundtable)

“Governing Security and the Politics of Institutional Change,” The World Bank, Dili, Timor Leste, June 2022 (invited talk)

“Security Governance and Security Sector Assistance,” U.S. Departments of State and Defense Joint Security Sector Assistance Review, Washington DC, May 2022 (invited talk)

“Governing Security After War,” Georgia Area Human Rights Network, Emory University, Atlanta, May 2022

“Corruption and Institutional Change in the Security Sector,” Anti-Corruption Advocacy Network, Washington DC, April 2022 (invited talk)

“Security Assistance and Civil-Military Relations,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, April 2022

“Criminal Markets and Political Competition: Continuity and Change after the Colombian Peace Accords,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, April 2022

“Organized Crime and Drug Policy in Latin America,” Great Decisions Seminar Series, Atlanta GA, March 2022 (invited talk)

“Short-Term Bargains and Long-Term Losses: Explaining Violence after the Colombian Peace Accords,” (with Efe Coban), International Security Studies Section (ISA/APSA), 2021

“Post-Conflict Policing,” Seminar on Rural Security, Colombian National Police, 2021 (invited talk)

- “Criminal Markets, Political Competition and Postwar Violence: Continuity and Change after the Colombian Peace Accords” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2021
- “Security Assistance and Civil-Military Relations in Counterinsurgency,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2021
- “Security Assistance and Civil-Military Relations in Counterinsurgency,” Peace Science Workshop on International Security Assistance and Reform, 2020
- “Capacity Building in the Age of COVID,” University of Montreal, 2020 (invited talk)
- “Security Assistance in Civil War,” Workshop on International Training Activities, Center for International Peace and Security Studies, University of Montreal, 2019 (invited paper)
- “Organized Crime and Political Mobilization along Honduras’ Drug Routes,” Security and Criminality in the Americas, Latin American Centre, University of Oxford, 2019
- “How Elite Bargains Shape the Prospects for Restructuring Security Forces after Civil War,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2019
- “Electoral Competition and Organized Crime,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA, 2019
- “Post-Conflict Policing,” Conflict Transformation and Territorial Peace Workshop for the Colombian National Police, Alianza para la Paz, Bogota, Colombia, 2019 (invited talk)
- “Civil-Military Relations in Post-Conflict Liberia,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2018
- “Politics of Influence: Domestic Determinants of External Leverage in Post-Conflict State Building,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2018
- “Organized Crime, Politics and Violence,” Fulbright Global Health Innovations Seminar, Atlanta GA, 2018 (invited talk)
- “Security and Politics in Africa,” Great Decisions, Atlanta GA, March-April, 2018 (invited talk)
- “The Effects of Civil-Military Relations on Civil War Recurrence,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2017
- “Political Economy of Justice in Somalia,” World Bank Office for Somalia, Nairobi, Kenya, December 9, 2016 (invited talk)
- “Fragmented State Building: Elite Consolidation and Intervention in Post-Conflict State Formation,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2016
- “Fragmented State Building: Elite Consolidation and Aid Effectiveness after Civil War” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2016
- “Organized Criminal Violence and the Dynamics of Territorial Control,” ISA International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2016
- “Liberal Peacebuilding,” Workshop on Bridging the Conceptual and Theoretical Divides on Peace and Peacebuilding, International Studies Association, 2016 (invited paper)
- “Justice and Security in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Contexts,” World Bank Fragility Forum, Washington, DC, 2016 (invited talk)
- “Urban Violence and Political Order in Northern Honduras,” Symposium on Global Cities of the New World, Georgia State University Department of History, 2015 (invited talk)
- “Criminals, Warlords and Statesmen: Organized Crime and Territorial Governance in Northern Honduras,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2015
- “Security Governance, Political Survival and Civil War Recurrence,” Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University Department of Government, 2015

- “How Can We Help? A Typology of Causal Mechanisms for Post-Conflict State Building,” (with Andrew Radin) International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2015
- “Police and Military Reform After Civil War,” Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, November 2014
- “The International Rule of Law Movement: A Crisis of Legitimacy and the Way Forward,” Harvard Law School, October 2014 (invited talk)
- “Security Governance and the Recurrence of Violence after Civil War,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2014
- “Violence in Central America and Community-Based Responses,” Workshop on Violence in Central America, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC, 2014 (invited talk)
- “Crime, Violence and Community-Based Prevention in Honduras,” Workshop on Crime, Violence and Community-Based Prevention in Honduras, The World Bank, 2014 (invited talk)
- “The Politics and Process of Security Sector Reform in Post-Conflict Liberia,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, 2014
- “Security Sector Reform as a Survival Strategy,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2013
- “Weakness Into Strength: Navigating the Politics of Security Sector Reform in Bosnia,” Working on Security Sector Reform at a Crossroads, Free University of Berlin, 2013 (invited paper)
- “Security Sector Reform as a Survival Strategy,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2013
- “Empirical Approaches to Security and Justice Sector Reform: Political Economy of the Justice Sector,” Law Justice and Development Week, The World Bank, Washington, DC, 2012
- “The Limits of External Influence: Security Sector Reform in Post-Conflict Liberia and Bosnia,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2012
- “Judicial Reform in Haiti,” University of Miami Law School, March 2012 (invited paper)
- “Conflict, Cops and Recovery in Haiti,” U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, March 2012
- “Female Soldiers and DDR,” U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, February 2011
- “The Political Foundations of the Rule of Law and Security Sector Reform” Workshop on Post-Conflict ROL & SSR, The Hague Rule of Law Network, The Hague, 2011
- “The EU Role in Security Sector Reform,” U.S. Institute of Peace, December, 2010
- “Youth Organizations and the Politics of Security and Justice” Danish Institute for International Studies Conference on Access to Justice and Security, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2010
- “Security After the Quake: Addressing Violence and Rape in Haiti,” U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, August 2010
- “Corruption in Security Sector Reform,” U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, February 2010
- “Field Perspectives on Security Sector Reform,” Center for International Governance Innovation, Ottawa, Canada, 2010
- “Toward Rent-Seeking or Reform? The Politics of Post-Conflict Security Sector Reform,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 2009
- “Justice, Security and Development in Haiti,” U.S. Institute of Peace Washington, DC, January 2007

TEACHING

Courses Taught

International Politics, Graduate Ph.D. Seminar (2016-2022)

Policy Challenges in Global Affairs, Graduate M.A. Seminar (2018-2022)

Introduction to Political Research, Undergraduate Lecture (2017, 2019, 2021)
 Conflict, Security and Development, Graduate Seminar (2019, 2022)
 Violence and its Alternatives, Undergraduate Lecture (2017-2018)
 The Politics of Peace/Rebuilding States after Conflict, Undergraduate Seminar (2015, 2016)
 International Security, Graduate Directed Reading (2017)
 The Politics and Economics of Post-Conflict State-Building, Graduate Seminar (2015)

Advising

PhD Chair: Busra Ozguler (in progress)

PhD Committee Member: Clark Demas (in progress), Christopher Jackson (in progress), Mark Flowers (in progress), Efe Coban (in progress)

MA Chair: Ilenia Quintero, Joshua Allen

MA Committee Member: Amy Soro, Rene Van Amburgh, Nihal Sen, Awil Elmi, Ivanka Bergova
 Ana Martin

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Georgia State University

Executive Committee, Political Science Department, 2021-23
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science Department, 2017-21
 International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee, Political Science Dept, 2016, 2017, 2021
 Executive Committee, Global Studies Institute, 2015-19
 Program Committee, Center for Human Rights and Democracy, 2016-19
 Organizing Committee, Emerging Global Issues Forum on Forced Migration, Immigration and Security, Georgia State University, March 30, 2017.
 Curriculum Development Committee, Global Studies Institute, 2016-2017
 Co-Chair, Global Studies Institute Brown Bag Series, 2016
 Faculty Search Committee, Global Studies Institute, 2015-16
 Next Generation Proposal Committee, Global Studies Institute, 2015

African Politics Conference Group (APSA & ISA) Ralphe Bunche Best Graduate Paper Award
 Review Committee, 2018

African Studies Association, Local Arrangements Committee for the 2018 Annual Meeting

Referee for *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Peacebuilding*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Policing*, *Journal of Illicit Economies*, *African Security*

GOVERNMENT AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

U.S. Institute of Peace, *Senior Security Sector Reform Expert*, Washington DC, 2021-2022

Provided expert advice on security sector governance and reform strategy and programs

International Organization for Migration, *Evaluator*, Bogota, Colombia, 2021-2022

Designed evaluation and survey instruments for “Policing Innovations for Stabilization”

The World Bank, *Justice and Conflict Adviser*, Washington, DC, 2011-2015

Conducted research to inform justice and security-sector programs in conflict-affected countries
 Led studies on violent crime in Honduras and a Public Expenditure Review of Justice in Somalia

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), *Rule of Law Adviser, Presidential Management Fellow* Washington, DC, 2004-2010

Designed, managed and evaluated development programs to strengthen justice and security systems, reduce corruption, mitigate conflict and improve protection of human rights

U.S. Department of State, Office of War Crimes Issues, *Special Assistant to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes, Presidential Management Fellow*, Washington DC, 2006

Formulated policy and plans on U.S. prevention and response to war crimes issues

United Nations Development Program, *Governance Advisor*, Sierra Leone, May-August 2003

Conducted country-wide evaluation of the Sierra Leone judicial system

Search for Common Ground, *Program Associate*, Washington, DC, September 2000-July 2002

Organized international dialogue workshops for Middle Eastern security experts

Seeds of Peace Center for Coexistence, *Program Associate*, Maine & Jerusalem, 1999, 2000 & 2004

Facilitated conflict resolution training for Israeli and Palestinian teenagers and young adults

FIELD RESEARCH

Colombia, 2019, 2022

Honduras, 2013-2014

Liberia and Sierra Leone, 2009-10

Timor-Leste, 2010-2012

Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2010-11

Haiti, 2010-2011

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, June 2015

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse, N.Y., Summer 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

African Studies Association

LANGUAGES

French (native speaker), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (proficient), Arabic (basic)