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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### **Georgia State University**

Assistant Professor of Global Studies and Political Science, August 2015-Present

### **Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, September 2014-June 2015

## EDUCATION

### **Georgetown University**

Ph.D. in Government (with Distinction), December 2013

### **Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs**

Master in Public and International Affairs (High Distinction), June 2004

### **Brown University**

A.B. in International Relations (with Honors), May 2000, *Magna Cum Laude*

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

*Security after Civil War: Military, Police and the Politics of Peace*, under review

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Civil-Military Relations and Civil War Recurrence,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, (2020).

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

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

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

“Bilateral vs. Multilateral Peacebuilding in Africa,” (with Carrie Manning) in John W. Harbeson and Donald Rothchild (eds), *Africa in World Politics*, 6<sup>th</sup> 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).

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

“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)

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

“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).

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“The Effects of U.S. Security Assistance on Civil-Military Relations in Counter-Insurgency Settings”

“Organized Criminal Violence and Electoral Competition: An Analysis of Sub-National Data from Honduras and Mexico”

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

“Civil-Military Relations in Postwar Liberia”

“How Can We Help? A Typology of Causal Mechanisms for Post-Conflict State Building” with Andrew Radin

### **REVIEWS, POLICY REPORTS AND ANALYSES**

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

“Nepal Rule of Law Assessment” with James Michel, Barry Walsh and Mihir Thakur. Washington, DC: U.S. Agency for International Development (2009)

“Pakistan Rule of Law Assessment” with Richard Blue and Richard Hoffman. Washington, DC: U.S. Agency for International Development (2008)

“Jordan Rule of Law Assessment and Evaluation of Judicial Interventions” with Glenn E.

Robinson, Mary Noel Pepys, and Sewar Masa’deh. Washington, DC: U.S. Agency for International Development (2008)

“Haiti Conflict Assessment” with Katie Hamlin, Sharon Bean, Charles Weden and Yves Francois Pierre. Washington, DC: U.S. Agency for International Development (2006).

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS**

U.S. Institute of Peace Senior Fellowship, 2020

Atlanta Global Studies Center International Travel Grant, 2019

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

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, January 2008

Superior Honor Group Award, U.S. Agency for International Development, November 2008

Meritorious Honor Award, U.S. Agency for International Development, Nov 2007 & Nov 2005

Presidential Management Fellowship, Washington, DC, 2004-2006

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

Community Venture Grant, Brown University, January 2000.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND INVITED TALKS**

Workshop on International Training Activities, Canada Research Chair on the Politics of Violence & Center for International Peace and Security Studies, University of Montreal, Nov 15, 2019

Security and Criminality in the Americas, Latin American Centre, University of Oxford, June 3, 2019

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Aug 19-31, 2019

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA, March 28-30, 2019

Conflict Transformation and Territorial Peace Workshop for the Colombian National Police, hosted by Alianza para la Paz & CINEP, Bogota, Colombia, February 2019 (invited talk)

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov 30, 2018

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 4-6, 2018

Fulbright Global Health Innovations Seminar, Atlanta GA, March 4, 2018 (invited talk)

Great Decisions, Atlanta GA, March-April, 2018 (invited talk)

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 22-24, 2017

World Bank Office for Somalia, Nairobi, Kenya, December 9, 2016 (invited talk)

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 1, 2016

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, March 18-19, 2016

Workshop on “Bridging the Conceptual and Theoretical Divides on Peace and Peacebuilding,” International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 17. 2016 (invited paper)

World Bank Fragility Forum, “Justice and Security in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Contexts,” Washington, DC, March 2, 2016 (invited talk)

Symposium on Global Cities of the New World, Georgia State University Department of History, November 13, 2015 (invited talk)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 4, 2015

Political Violence Workshop, Harvard University Department of Government, March 2015

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, February 2015

Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, November 2014

Workshop on “The International Rule of Law Movement: A Crisis of Legitimacy and the Way Forward,” Harvard Law School, October 2014 (invited talk)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2014

Workshop on Violence in Central America, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC, August 2014 (invited talk)

Workshop on Crime, Violence and Community-Based Prevention in Honduras, The World Bank, Washington, June 2014 (invited talk)

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, April 2014

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2013

“Security Sector Reform at a Crossroads,” Free University of Berlin, July 2013 (invited paper)

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2013

Law Justice and Development Week, The World Bank, Washington, DC, December 2012

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2012

Workshop on Judicial Reform in Haiti, University of Miami Law School, March 2012 (invited talk)

U.S. Institute of Peace, “Conflict, Cops and Recovery in Haiti,” Washington, DC, March 2012

U.S. Institute of Peace, “Female Soldiers and DDR,” Washington, DC, February 2011

Workshop on Post-Conflict Rule of Law and Security Sector Reform, The Hague Rule of Law Network, The Hague, April 2011

U.S. Institute of Peace “The EU Role in Security Sector Reform,” December, 2010

Danish Institute for International Studies Conference on Access to Justice and Security, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2010

U.S. Institute of Peace, “Security After the Quake: Addressing Violence and Rape in Haiti,” Washington, DC, August 2010

U.S. Institute of Peace, “Corruption in Security Sector Reform,” Washington, DC, February 2010

Center for International Governance Innovation, “Field Perspectives on Security Sector Reform,” Ottawa, Canada, March 2010

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 2009

U.S. Institute of Peace “Justice, Security and Development in Haiti,” Washington, DC, January 2007

## **TEACHING**

### **Georgia State University**

International Politics, Graduate Seminar (Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Policy Challenges in Global Affairs, Graduate Seminar (Spring 2018, 2019, 2020)

Conflict and Development, Graduate Seminar (Fall 2019)

Introduction to Political Research, Undergraduate Lecture (Fall 2017, 2019)

Violence and its Alternatives, Undergraduate Lecture (Spring and Fall 2017)

The Politics of Peace/Rebuilding States after Conflict, Undergraduate Seminar (Fall 2015, 2016)

International Security, Graduate Directed Reading (Summer 2017)

**Johns Hopkins University**

The Politics and Economics of Post-Conflict State-Building, Graduate Seminar (2015)

**United States Institute of Peace**

Security Sector Reform Core Course (2011-2012)

**UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Georgia State University**

Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science Department, 2017-20

Executive Committee, Global Studies Institute, 2015-19

Program Committee, Center for Human Rights and Democracy, 2016-19

Convener, 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

International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee, Political Science Dept, Fall 2016 & 2017

Faculty Search Committee, Global Studies Institute, 2015-16

Next Generation Proposal Committee, Global Studies Institute, 2015

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

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

**GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING**

*PhD Dissertations:*

Clark Demas

Christopher Jackson

*MA Theses:*

Joshua Allen

Ivanka Bergova

Awil Elmi

Ana Martin

Rene VanAmburgh

Nihal Sen

**GOVERNMENT AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

**The World Bank**, *Justice and Conflict Adviser*, Washington, DC, June 2011-July 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. Institute of Peace**, *Consultant, Security Sector Reform* Washington DC, January 2011-August 2012

- Developed curricula and training modules on security sector reform for policymakers

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

- Designed, managed and evaluated development programs to strengthen justice and security systems, reduce corruption, mitigate conflict and improve protection of human rights
- Developed technical and policy guidance for assessing, designing and measuring impact of rule of law programs; designing rule of law programs in post-conflict environments; civilian police assistance; legal empowerment of the poor; and promoting a culture of lawfulness

**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, July-September 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, Music Director*, Maine & Jerusalem, Summers 1999, 2000 & 2004

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

### **FIELD RESEARCH**

Colombia, 2019

Honduras, 2013-2014

Liberia and Sierra Leone, Fall-Winter 2009-10

Timor-Leste, Spring-Summer 2010

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Summer-Winter 2010-11

Haiti, Fall-Summer 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), Hebrew (basic)