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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, 2013

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

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

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Georgia State University

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2023-Present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2015-2023

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, 2014-2015

PUBLICATIONS

Book

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

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“U.S. Security Force Assistance and Civil-Military Relations,” *Security Studies* forthcoming (2025).

“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 along Honduras’ Drug Routes” in Carlos Ricart and Carlos Solar (eds), *Crime, Violence, and Justice in Latin America: Themes and Trends*. (Routledge, 2022)

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

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

“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).

Original Dataset

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

Work in Progress

“Protest Policing After Civil War: Evidence from a Survey Experiment” (with Miguel García-Sánchez, Juan Camilo Plata Caviedes and Carlos Arturo Ávila García), *Revise and Resubmit*

“Security Assistance, Civil-Military Relations, and Human Rights” (with Patricia Sullivan)

“From Security Sector Reform to Security Assistance: Oversight Institutions and International Order”

“Measuring Oversight: A Global Dataset of Defense Institutions”

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

“UN Peacekeeping and Security Sector Reform: 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”

Media, Blog Posts, Podcasts and Book Reviews

“Governing Security After War,” New Books Network Podcast, December 2023

“Elite Capture of the Security Sector,” Irregular Warfare Podcast, July 2023

“Defence Storm Clouds,” Statecraftiness Podcast, May 2023

“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

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

Policy Reports and Evaluations

“Addressing Security Actors’ Involvement in Serious and Organized Crime,” Royal United Services Institute, London (2025)

“Elite Capture and Corruption of the Security Sector,” U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington (2023)

“Citizen Security Dialogues in Colombia: Evaluation Report,” U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington DC (2023)

“External Evaluation: Police Innovations for Stabilization in Colombia,” with Miguel García-Sánchez, International Organization for Migration, Bogota, Colombia (2022)

“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

“Measuring Oversight: A Global Dataset of Defense Institutions,” Defense Security Cooperation University Research Grant, U.S. Department of Defense, September 2024-June 2026

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

- “Measuring Defense Oversight Institutions: A Global Dataset,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2025
- “Security Force Assistance, Civil-Military Relations, and Human Rights,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2025
- “Examining Influence in Security Cooperation: Host Country Political Institutions and Openings for Influence,” Defense Security Cooperation University Annual Conference, October 2024
- “Addressing Security Actors involvement in Serious Organized Crime,” UK Foreign Commonwealth Office HMG SSR Network Speaker Series, October 2024 (invited talk)
- “Governing Security After War,” UK Foreign Common and Development Office, London, September 2024 (invited talk)
- “Addressing Security Actors involvement in Serious Organized Crime,” SOC ACE Research Conference on Addressing Global Challenges in Serious Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption, University of Birmingham, September 2024
- “What Have you Done for me Lately?” Police and Public Trust in Postwar Colombia,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2024
- “Security Assistance, Civil-Military Relations, and Human Rights,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2024
- “Openings for Influence: Security Force Assistance and Civil-Military Relations,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, April 2024
- “Protest Policing After Civil War: Evidence from a Survey Experiment,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 2023
- “Governing Security After War,” New Books Network Podcast, December 2023 (invited talk)
- “Governing Security After War,” Book Talk, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, University of North Carolina, and North Carolina State University, November 2023 (invited talk)
- “Protest Policing After Civil War: Evidence from a Survey Experiment,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 2023
- “Openings for Influence: Security Force Assistance and Civil-Military Relations,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 2023
- “Elite Capture of the Security Sector,” Irregular Warfare Podcast, July 2023
- “UN Peacekeeping and Security Sector Reform: External Actors and the Politics of Institutional Change,” Academic Council for the UN Annual Meeting, Washington, June 2023
- “Protest Policing After Civil War: Evidence from a Survey Experiment” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, March 2023.
- Evidence in Governance and Politics Network, Meeting on Crime Reduction and Police Accountability, Cornell University, October 28-29, 2022. (invited speaker)
- “Criminal Markets, Political Competition, and Postwar Violence: Continuity and Change in Violence after the Colombian Peace Accords,” Illicit Economies and Extra-Legal Actors Conference, University of California San Diego, October 13-14, 2022. (invited paper)
- “Security Force Violence against Civilians after War,” Ending Political Violence Workshop, Marquette University, October 21-22, 2022. (invited speaker)
- “Security Aid, Civil Military Relations and Human Rights: Disaggregating Causal Mechanisms and Empirical Effects,” Partners, Proxies, and Peer Competition: Downstream Consequences of Security Cooperation, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Duke University, Sept 30-Oct 1, 2022. (invited paper)
- “Governing Security After War,” Hamilton College, October 27, 2022. (invited book talk)

- “International Engagement in the Security Sector: New Challenges and Opportunities in States Affected by Violent Conflict,” Clingendael Institute, The Netherlands, Sept 21, 2022. (invited speaker)
- “Governing Security After War” Academic Council of the United Nations System Annual Meeting, Geneva, June 2022 (book roundtable)
- “Governing Security After War,” 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 GA, 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

GOVERNMENT AND CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- United Nations Security Sector Advisory Network**, New York, 2020-present
Provide expert advice and feedback on programs, publications and research
- U.S. Institute of Peace**, *Senior Security Sector Reform Expert*, Washington DC, 2021-2023
Member of Advisory Group on Security Sector Governance and Reform
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

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Conflict, Security, and Development, Graduate MA Seminar (Fall 2019, 2022-24)
Political Violence, Graduate PhD Seminar (2024)
MA Political Science Capstone Seminar (2023-2024)
Introduction to Political Research, Undergraduate Lecture (2017-2025)
International Politics, Graduate PhD Seminar (2016-2022)
Policy Challenges in Global Affairs, Graduate MA Seminar (2018-2023)
Violence and its Alternatives, Undergraduate Lecture (2017-2018)
The Politics of Peace/Rebuilding States after Conflict, Undergraduate Seminar (2015, 2016)
International Security, Graduate Seminar (2017)
The Politics and Economics of Post-Conflict State-Building, Graduate Seminar (2015)

Advising

PhD Chair: Busra Ozguler (in progress), Sachal Jacob (in progress)
PhD Committee Member: Clark Demas (completed), Christopher Jackson (completed), Mark Flowers (in progress), Efe Coban (in progress), Younis Sarwer (in progress), Hilal Sert (in progress)
MA Chair: Ilenia Quintero, Joshua Allen, Amari Jones
MA Committee Member: Alexandra Sandeva, Miles Massey, Sarosh Sultan, Dana Stevenson, Amy Soro, Rene Van Amburgh, Nihal Sen, Awil Elmi, Ivanka Bergova, Ana Martin

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Georgia State University

M.A. Program Director, Political Science Department, 2023-present
Graduate Appeals and Petitions Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2023-present
Executive Committee, Political Science Department, 2021-23
Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science Department, 2017-21
International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee, Political Science Dept, 2016-2025
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 Organization*, *World Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Security Studies*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Peacebuilding*, *International Peacekeeping*, *Policing*, *Journal of Illicit Economies*, *African Security*

FIELD RESEARCH

Colombia, 2019, 2022, 2024

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 (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (proficient), Arabic (basic)