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## Positions

- 2017- Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California, San Diego (GPS)
- 2010-7 Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California, San Diego (GPS)

## Interests

State-Building. Russia, Post-Soviet Central Asia, and The Caucasus. Coup-Proofing. Data Collection in Active War Zones. Current Project: Ukraine's Civil War.

## Education

- 2009-2013 Academy Fellow, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies
- 2009 PhD in Political Science, Stanford University  
*Dissertation:* Exiting Anarchy: Militia Politics After the Post-Soviet Wars  
*Committee:* David Laitin (Chair), James Fearon, Charles King, and Jeremy Weinstein
- 2001 MA in Security Studies, Georgetown University  
*Thesis:* Whose Victory, Whose Price? The Financing of the Ethiopia-Eritrea War
- 2001 BS in Foreign Service, Georgetown University  
Krogh Honors Scholar, Certificate in Arab Studies

## Field Experience

Ukraine (2014-7), Tajikistan (2005-9), Georgia/Abkhazia (2006-8, 2014), Kyrgyzstan (2005, 2007), Russia (2005, 2014-5), Turkey (2003), Yemen (1999), Ethiopia (1999)

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Russian, Tajik

*Additional Languages Studied:* Arabic (3 Years – Intermediate); Yemeni Dialect – High Intermediate); Kyrgyz (Basic); Anatolian Turkish (Basic), Turkmen (Basic), Somali (Basic)

## Scholarship

### BOOKS

Warlords & Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, 2015.

### Awards

Central Eurasian Studies Society Best Book Award, 2016

Furniss Book Award from the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2017

### Essays

Author-Critic Roundtables In *Central Asian Affairs* with Bernard Finel, Alexander Kupatadze, and Kimberly Marten (Fall 2016), and *Caucasus Survey* with Tim Blauvelt, Suzanne Levi-Sanchez, Jennifer Murtazashvili, and Anastasia Shesterinina (Spring 2018).

### PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Calling Mogadishu: How Reminders of Anarchy Bias Survey Participation” (with E. Denny), *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, Accepted 4/23/2018.

“Spies Like Us” (with C. Schuster), *Ethnography (Sage Online First June 21, 2017)*.

“With Friends Like These: Brinkmanship and Chain-Ganging in Russia’s Near-Abroad” (with D. Maliniak), *Security Studies*, September 2016, Volume 25, No. 4, 585-607.

“Did Georgian Voters Desire Military Escalation in 2008? Experiments & Observations” (with D. Maliniak), *Journal of Politics*, January 2016, Volume 78, No. 1, 265-280.

“Language Hierarchies in Georgia: An Experimental Approach” (with T. Blauvelt and C. Berglund), *Caucasus Survey*, February 2016, Vol. 4, Issue 1, 44-62.

“Representative Surveys in Insecure Environments: A Case Study of Mogadishu, Somalia” (with N. Lidow), *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, 2014, Vol. 2, No. 1, 78-95.

“Intended and Unintended Consequences of Democracy Promotion Assistance to Georgia After The Rose Revolution” (with D. Hidalgo), *Research and Politics*, April-June 2014, Vol. 1, No. 1, 1-13.

“Commitment Problems or Bidding Wars?: Rebel Fragmentation as Peace-Building” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, February 2012, Vol. 56, No. 1, 118-149.

### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Hobbesian Neopatrimonialism,” in M. Laurelle *Tajikistan: Approaches, Fieldworks, and Topics*, Lexington Press (Accepted & Forthcoming 2018)

“Consolidating A Weak State After Civil War: A Tajik Fable” in J. Heathershaw and E. Schatz *Paradox of Power: Logics of State Weakness in Eurasia*, University of Pittsburgh Press, 2017.

“Prison States & Games of Chicken” in S. Desposato, *Ethics and Experiments: Problems and Solutions for Social Scientists and Policy Professionals*, 2015, Taylor and Francis.

#### SOLICITED BOOK REVIEWS

The Origins of the Civil War in Tajikistan: Nationalism, Islamism, and Violent Conflict in Post-Soviet Space by Tim Epkanhans, *Civil Wars*, Spring 2018 (Forthcoming).

Russia’s Far East by Ruesselaer Lee & Artyom Lukin, *Russian Review*, July 2016.

Warlords: Strong-Arm Brokers in Weak States by Kimberly Marten, *Political Science Quarterly*, Summer 2013, Vol. 128, No 2, 352-353.

#### IN PROGRESS

“Anatomy of A (Failed) Irredentist Information Warfare Campaign”, with Z. Steinert-Threlkeld.

“Rebel Anti-Air Capability As A Measure Of Civil War Conventionalization”

“Are Targeted Sanctions On Russian Firms Hitting Their Targets?”

#### Teaching

2010-17 Geopolitics & Insurgency In Weak States (Formerly Titled “State-Building”)  
2010-17 Debating U.S. National Security Policy  
2013-17 Humanitarian Interventions  
2011-16 Capstone: Critical Issues In International Politics  
2013-17 Capstone: 21st Century Security Issues  
2010-12 Nongovernmental Organizations (*no longer taught*)

#### PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (ONLY SUCCESSFUL DEFENSES LISTED)

2017 Zachary Breig, Economics, School of Economics at the University of Queensland  
2016 David Lindsey, Political Science, Baruch College (CUNY)  
2016 Will Hobbs, Political Science, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Northeastern-Harvard  
2015 Kara Downey, Political Science (at Stanford University), Bay Area Private Sector  
2015 Blake McMahon, Political Science, the U.S. Air Force Research Institute  
2014 Cameron Brown, Political Science, AIPAC (in Jerusalem)  
2013 Christopher Fariss, Political Science, University of Michigan  
2011 Tiffany Chou, Economics, U.S. Department of Treasury

UCSD SENIOR HONORS THESIS ADVISEES (ONLY SUCCESSFUL HONORS GRANTEES LISTED)

2016 Yuki Narouka  
2015 Mairelise Robinson

Service, Grants, & Outreach

RECOGNITION, GRANTS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS (ONLY LAST 5 YEARS LISTED)

2016 Student Veterans Resource Center Recognition: “Best Professor For Military Students”  
2015-16 Faculty Senate: Militant Trends in Ukrainian Public Opinion  
2015-16 Program Design and Evaluation Lab: Militant Trends in Ukrainian Public Opinion  
2014-16 Academic Mentorship/Teaching Award, UCSD Security Studies Group  
2014-15 Program Design and Evaluation Lab: Using Cell Phones To Assess Somali Welfare  
2013-15 UCSD Hellman Fellowship: Using Cell Phones To Assess Somali Welfare  
2012-13 Resident Fellow, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies  
2011-12 NSF RAPID SES-1216070: Service Provision and Security in Mogadishu, Somalia  
2010-11 EMPAC Research Grant: Market Prices and Violence in Mogadishu, Somalia

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES & POLICY-RELEVANT OUTREACH

2017 “Ukraine’s Civil War,” Mershon Center, The Ohio State University. (Presentation Archived: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7FY2e9CvOKw>)

2016 Ambassadorial Briefing for Elizabeth Millard, Incoming U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

2015 “Conceptualizing the War in Donbas,” Danyliw Seminar 11 Year Anniversary, University of Ottawa. (Presentation Archived: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf29IgTNu-M>)

2015 “Sampling, Satellites, Cell-Phones, and Safety: Surveying Mogadishu.” Presentation at the 2015 Joint Statistical Meetings of the American Statistical Association, Seattle. (*Science Daily* write-up: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/08/150813092814.htm>)

2011 “Observations on Thoughtcrime & Thoughts on Observer Bias”, Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism in 2011, Oslo Peace Research Institute (PRIO) and the MIT Security Studies Program, Boston, MA.

2010 “That Girl In That Picture: What We Think We Are Fighting For When We Fight In Afghanistan”, Keynote Address For Afghan Students Association, UCSD.

2007 “Forgotten Frozen Conflicts: Explaining The Territorial Integrity of Tajikistan”, Presentation at Sukhumi State University. Sukhumi, Abkhazia.

GPS (FORMERLY IR/PS) & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2014- Faculty Chair of the Global Leadership Initiative

2012-5 Various IR/PS (now GPS) Faculty Search Committees  
2014 Fulbright Selection Committee  
2011 IR/PS Math Camp, Summer Session  
2010-7 IR/PS (now GPS) Technology Committee  
2010-7 IR/PS (now GPS) Committee on Gender

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
Central Eurasian Studies Society  
Association for the Study of Nationalities  
Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies  
International Studies Association

#### PEER REVIEWER

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Caucasus Survey, Central Asian Survey, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Sciences, Freedom House, IO (International Organization), International Security, Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, National Science Foundation, Nationalities Papers, Nations and Nationalism, Perspectives on Politics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Politics and Religion, Political Science Quarterly, Security Studies, Russian Review, Slavic Studies, World Politics*

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