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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 (IRPS)

Interests

Post-Soviet Eurasia. Intra- and Interstate Security. State-Building. Coup-Proofing.

Education

- 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

Scholarship

BOOKS

Doing Global Fieldwork: A Social Scientist's Guide to Mixed-Methods Research Far From Home, Columbia University Press, 2021.

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

- Honors *Central Eurasian Studies Society (Best Book In The Social Sciences, 2015-2016)*
Furniss Book Award from the Mershon Center for International Security Studies (2017)

- Essays Author-Critic Roundtables in *Central Asian Affairs* with Bernard Finel, Alexander Ku-

patadze, 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

“Poverty and Economic Dislocation Reduce Compliance with COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Protocols” (with A. Wright, K. Sonin, and J. Wilson), *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, December 2020, Vol. 180, 544-554.

“Social Media And Russian Territorial Irredentism: Some Facts and A Conjecture” (with Z. Steinert-Threlkeld), *Post-Soviet Affairs*, Winter 2020, Vol. 36, Issue 2, 101-121.

“Calling Mogadishu: How Reminders of Anarchy Bias Survey Participation” (with E. Denny), *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, Fall 2018, Vol. 57, Issue 1, 30-48.

“Spies Like Us” (with C. Schuster), *Ethnography*, September 2018, Vol. 19, Issue 3, 411-430.

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

“Did Georgian Voters Desire Military Escalation in 2008? Experiments & Observations” (with D. Maliniak), *Journal of Politics*, January 2016, Vol. 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

“Matched-Guise Reloaded: Revising A Classic Experiment for Complex Multi-Lingual Settings,” (with T. Blauvelt and C. Berglund), in Fred Fleron *Soviet and Russian Studies: Co-optation, Congruence, and Mediation*, Lexington Press, forthcoming.

“Being Watched and Being Handled,” in B. Bliesmann de Guevara and Morten Boas *Doing Fieldwork in Areas of International Intervention*, Bristol University Press, 2020.

“Hobbesian Neopatrimonialism,” in M. Laurelle *Tajikistan on the Move: Statebuilding and Societal Transformations*, Lexington Press, 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.

BOOK REVIEWS

Mobilizing in Uncertainty: Collective Identities and War in Abkhazia by Anastasia Shesterinina, *Ethnopolitics* (forthcoming).

Multiparty Mediation in Violent Conflict: Peacemaking Diplomacy in the Tajikistan Civil War by Tetsuro Iji, *Russian Review*, Vol. 79, no. 4, October 2020.

Rivalry and Revenge: The Politics of Violence During Civil War by Laia Balcells, *Nationalities Papers*, 48, no. 3, July 2020.

Qazaqliq, or Ambitious Brigandage, and the Formation of the Qazaqs: State and Identity in Post-Mongol Eurasia by Joo-Yup Lee, *Inner Asia*, Vol. 21, 2019.

The Origins of the Civil War in Tajikistan: Nationalism, Islamism, and Violent Conflict in Post-Soviet Space by Tim Epkanhans, *Civil Wars*, Vol. 20, No. 3, Summer 2018.

Russia’s Far East by Ruesselaer Lee & Artyom Lukin, *Russian Review*, Vol. 75, No. 3, July 2016.

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW

Ukraine’s Unnamed War: Civil War and Russian Intervention with D. Arel (Forthcoming, *Cambridge University Press*)

“Side-Switching As State-Building: The Case of Russian-Speaking Militias In Eastern Ukraine”, with A. Chinchilla, R&R at *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*.

“Why We Fight: Extreme Uncertainty in Eastern Ukraine” with N. Saveleva

“Institutions, Oil Spots, and Relational State Capacity: A Mogadishu Case Study”, with M. Seese

“Non-Western Postmodern Imperialism” with D. Girod

The Curious Case of Mikheil Saakashvili: A Study In Post-Soviet Brinksmanship (book project with D. Maliniak)

Service & Teaching

- 2014- Faculty Chair of the Global Leadership Initiative
2012- Various GPS Committees (Equity & Diversity, Admissions, Searches, etc.)

COURSES TAUGHT

- 2018- Counterterrorism & Counterinsurgency
2010- Critical Debates in U.S. National Security Policy
2013- Humanitarian Interventions
2010- Modeling State Capacity (Formerly Titled “State-Building”)
2013- Capstone: 21st Century Security Issues
2010-12 Nongovernmental Organizations

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, Cornell University
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

PEER REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Caucasus Survey, Central Asian Survey, Central Asian Affairs, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Sciences, Economics and Politics, European Journal of International Relations, European Research Council, Freedom House, HURI, IO (International Organization), International Security, International Studies Quarterly, 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, Politics and Religion, Political Science Quarterly, Post-Soviet Affairs, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Security Studies, Russian Review, Slavic Studies, World Politics

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (life member)
Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (life member)
Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia)
Association for the Study of Nationalities
Central Eurasian Studies Society

Select Grants & Recognitions

2021-22 Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowship
2019 Invitee to “Protecting Communities in Social Science Studies: Towards A New Ethics,” meeting hosted by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
2016 Student Veterans Resource Center Recognition: “Best Professor For Military Students”
2014-16 Academic Mentorship/Teaching Award, UCSD Security Studies Group
2013-15 UCSD Hellman Fellow
2011-12 NSF RAPID SES-1216070: Service Provision and Security in Mogadishu, Somalia
2009-2013 Academy Fellow, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies

Select Policy Writing & Non-Peer Reviewed Outreach (w/ Hyperlinks)

“Will Putin Try To ‘Trumpify’ Nevalny?” Monkeycage, January 2021

“Yes, Stimulus Checks Really Do Keep People Home” Monkeycage, November 2020

“Ukraine’s Civil War: Would Accepting This Terminology Help Resolve the Conflict?”
PONARS Memo, January 2019

“Ukraine’s Civil War,” Mershon Center, The Ohio State University, September 2017.

“Comparing the War in Donbas,” University of Ottawa, 2016, Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine. (Q & A Session w/ Panelists & Audience Archived Here)

Ambassadorial Briefing for Elizabeth Millard, Incoming U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan.

“Can Anonymity Promises Possibly Be Credible In Police States? Interview Strategies in Post-War Authoritarian Regimes,” *Comparative Politics Newsletter*, Volume 25, Issue 1.

ScienceDaily: “Sampling, Satellites, Cell-Phones, and Safety: Surveying Mogadishu,” presented at the 2015 Meetings of the American Statistical Association.

“Social Media And the War in Ukraine”, University of Ottawa, 2014, Danyliw Research Seminar on Contemporary Ukraine. (Interview w/ Dominique Arel Archived Here)

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