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Political Economy of Violence, Domestic Influences on Foreign Policy, Accountability and the Media

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POSITIONS

Henry A. Kissinger Postdoctoral Fellow Beginning September 2019
International Security Studies and the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs
Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy
Johnson Center for the Study of American Diplomacy
Yale University

Herb York Fellow 2017-2018
Institute for Global Conflict & Cooperation
University of California, San Diego

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2013—Expected June 2019
M.A. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2015
B.A. Economics & Political Science, Southern Illinois University, 2011

POLITICAL SCIENCE PUBLICATIONS

1. **Denmark, 1940-45:
Armed Resistance and Agency Slippage in Germany's Model Protectorate.**
in *Proxy Wars: Suppressing Violence Through Local Agents*,
edited by Eli Berman & David A. Lake. Cornell, NY: Cornell University Press, pp. 53-79, 2019.
Presented at George Washington University in 2016.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Book Projects:

1. **Wars for the People: Leaders, Audiences, and the Use of Force.** (Dissertation)
2. **The Governance Market: Insurgency, Civil Conflict, and the Accountable State.**
with Alexei Abrahams
Presented at Ohio State University in 2019.

Papers:

1. **Unprogrammed Abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation / Cutting.**
Revise and Resubmit at *World Development*
with Brian Engelsma and Gerry Mackie
Presented at the 2018 Population Council Annual Meeting.
2. **Vetoing the Peace: The Agency Dilemma in Crisis Decision-Making.**
Presented at the ISA 2018 panel "Impact of Public Opinion on Foreign Policy: Beyond the United States," the SPSA 2019 panel "Domestic Politics & International Conflict," and the MPSA 2019 panel "Domestic Sources of International Politics"

3. **The War Referendum: Hawkish Preferences and Domestic Support for War.**
Presented at the APSA 2016 panel "Public Opinion and International Conflict."
4. **Monopolies of Violence? Civil Insurgency and the Accountability Deficit.**
with Alexei Abrahams
Presented at the APSA 2018 panel "Formal Models of Military Conflict," the SPSA 2019 panel "Non-State Actors in Armed Conflicts," the ISA 2019 panel "(Re)Conceptualizing Peacebuilding and Statebuilding," and the MPSA 2019 panel "Assessing Terrorism's Effects on the State."
5. **The Secrecy Gambit: Clandestine Power Shifts and Preventive Conflict.**
with Alexei Abrahams
Presented at the APSA 2017 panel "New Scholarship on Crisis Dynamics," the SPSA 2018 panel "Intelligence and Secrecy," and the APSA 2018 panel "Bargaining and War."
6. **King Makers and Peace Breakers: International Intervention and Post-War Violence.**
with Alexei Abrahams
Presented at the ISA 2019 panel on "Intervention" and the MPSA 2019 panel "Foreign Relations, Foreign Policy, & Conflict."
7. **Media Bias in Presidential Press Questions.**
with Kevin J. Calderwood
Presented at the APSA 2017 panel "Media Bias in the Mainstream Media," the SPSA 2018 panel "Media Bias: Perceptions and Reality," and the ICA 2018 panel "Covering Politics: New Political Journalism Research."
8. **Renaming and Credit Claiming in Federal Agencies.**
with Richard Flores
Presented at the APSA 2017 panel "Agency Performance and Executive Leadership," the MPSA 2018 panel "Agency Design, Transparency, and Reform," and in 2018 at the University of Chicago.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS

1. **The Intersection of Competitions and Classrooms in Forensics Pedagogy.**
with Kevin J. Calderwood and Richard Flores
Communication Studies, Vol. 66, No. 4, pp. 433-47, August 2015.
Submitted December 21, 2014. Accepted May 27, 2015.
2. **Contrasting Structures, Conditional Strategies:
Designing Format-Specific Theories for Competitive Debate.**
with Todd Graham
Parliamentary Debate, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 1-37, May 2016.
Submitted September 20, 2013. Accepted February 22, 2016.
Reprinted in abridged form in *The Parliamentary Debate Prebook*, ed. Kyle Dennis. Liberty, MO: NPTE.
3. **Back to its Roots: Accuracy as the Litmus Test for Topicality.**
with Todd Graham
Parliamentary Debate, Vol. 13, No. 2, pp. 21-68, November 2016.
Submitted September 15, 2013. Accepted September 14, 2016.
Reprinted in abridged form in *The Parliamentary Debate Prebook*, ed. Kyle Dennis. Liberty, MO: NPTE.
4. **Debate Across the Disciplines: Structured Classroom Debates in Interdisciplinary Curricula.**
with Kevin J. Calderwood and Todd Graham
Contemporary Argumentation and Debate, Vol. 37, pp. 57-74, 2017.
Submitted July 14, 2016. Accepted July 3, 2017.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Illegal Wildlife Trafficking—The Unseen Environmental Harms.**
with Thomas J. Schally
in *Up for Debate: U.S. Foreign Policy Options Towards the Greater Horn of Africa*,
edited by Danny Cantrell & Brandy Brickey, pp. 1-24. La Mirada, CA: Picket Fence, 2009.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2019	ESOC (discussant), ISA, MPSA, Ohio State University, SPSA
2018	APSA, ISA, SPSA, United States Institute of Peace
2017	APSA
2016	APSA, George Washington University

TEACHING

Instructor of Record	Applied Data Analysis for Political Science (x2) Crisis Areas in World Politics (x2) Data Analytics for the Social Sciences International Crisis Diplomacy Introduction to American Politics Mathematical and Statistical Foundations (graduate, x3)
Discussion Sections	International Politics & Security (graduate) Introduction to International Relations (x3)
Research Mentor	Frontiers of Political Science (senior honors thesis course, x2) Policy Responses to Global Problems (graduate research capstone course) Political Science Research Apprenticeship Program

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Grants and Fellowships	Herb York Fellowship, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, 2017 Sanford-Lakoff Research Fellowship, 2017 PDEL / CGT Research Grant, 2016 UCSD Political Science Department Fellowship, 2013
Teaching Awards	Barbara and Paul Saltman Excellent Teaching Award, UCSD, 2018 TA Excellence Award, UCSD Political Science, 2015; 2016 WDI Fellow, University of Vermont, 2014 Beihang Exchange Fellowship, Beihang University, Beijing, 2014
Conference Funding	ISA Annual Convention Travel Grant, 2018 SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award, 2018 UCSD Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, 2017 APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, 2016; 2017; 2018

SERVICE

- Referee: *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*; International Communication Association Annual Meeting (Political Communication and Public Diplomacy sections)
- Coordinator, Graduate Admission Weekend, UCSD Political Science Graduate Council, 2017

REFERENCES

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