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APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor: School of Public Affairs, American University, August 2018-present.

Assistant Professor: School of Public Affairs, American University, 2014-2018.

Co-Director: Peace and Violence Research Lab, American University, 2015-present.

Postdoctoral Fellow: Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance in Regional Political Economy, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 2013-2014.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Politics, New York University, 2008-September 2013.

Fields: International Relations, Conflict, Comparative Politics, and Political Psychology.

Dissertation: Three Essays on the Macro- and Microfoundations of Conflict.

Committee: Bruce Bueno de Mesquita (co-chair) and Rose McDermott (co-chair, Brown University), Bernd Beber, John T. Jost (Psychology), and Alexandra Scacco.

M.A. Politics, New York University, 2010.

M.A. Political Economy, Washington University in St. Louis, 2008.

B.A. *cum laude* Economics, Latin American Studies, Washington University in St. Louis, 2007.

RESEARCH

Publications

17. "Conspiracy and Misperception Belief in the Middle East and North Africa." (with Brendan Nyhan). *Conditionally Accepted in Journal of Politics*.
16. "Refugee Influxes, Xenophobia, and Domestic Conflict:: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Turkey." (with Anna Getmansky and Tolga Sinmazdemir). *Forthcoming in Journal of Peace Research*.
15. "Fighting the Past: Perceptions of Control, Historical Misperceptions, and Corrective Information in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." *Forthcoming in Political Psychology*. (with Brendan Nyhan).
14. "The New Public Address System: Why Do World Leaders Adopt Social Media." *Forthcoming in International Studies Quarterly*. (with Pablo Barberá).
13. "A Bargaining Theory of Conflict with Evolutionary Preferences." *Forthcoming in International Organization*. (with Andrew Little).

12. "How Social Media is Changing Conflict." *Forthcoming in Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
11. "Does Social Media Influence Conflict? Evidence from the 2012 Gaza Conflict." *Forthcoming in Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
10. "Anger, Legacies of Violence, and Group Conflict: An Experiment in Post-Riot Acre, Israel." *Forthcoming in Conflict Management and Peace Science*.
9. "A Bottom-Up Theory of Public Opinion about Foreign Policy." 2017. *American Journal of Political Science*. 61(3): 543-558. (with Joshua Kertzer).
8. "Addressing Violent Intergroup Conflict from the Bottom Up?" 2017. *Social Issues and Policy Review*. 11(1): 38-77. (with Ruth K. Dittmann and Cyrus Samii).
7. "Citizen Information, Electoral Incentives, and Provision of Counter-Terror: An Experimental Approach." 2015. *Political Behavior*. 37(3): 723-748. (with Andrew Bausch).
6. "Using Social Media to Measure Foreign Policy Dynamics: A Case Study of the Iranian-Israeli Confrontation on the Iranian Nuclear Weapons Program (2012-2013)" 2015. *Journal of Peace Research*. 52(3): 368-383. (with John Kelly and Gilad Lotan).
5. "Anger, Exposure to Violence, and Intragroup Conflict: A "Lab in the Field" Experiment in Southern Israel." 2014. *Political Psychology*. 30(3): 309-335.
4. "Terrorism and Voting: The Effect of Rocket Threat on Voting in Israeli Elections." 2014. *American Political Science Review*. 108(3): 588-604. (with Anna Getmansky).

Blog and media mentions:

- The Monkey Cage
 - Vox
 - Marginal Revolution
 - CFR Daily Brief, July 17, 2014
 - The Dish
3. "Warnings, Terrorist Threats and Resilience: A Laboratory Experiment." 2013. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 30(5): 433-451. (with Andrew W. Bausch and Joao R. Faria).
 2. "Using Social Media to Measure Conflict Dynamics: An Application to the 2008- 2009 Gaza Conflict." 2011. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 55(6): 938-969. ****Winner of the 2011 Bruce Russett Award for the best article published in the journal during the previous year****
 1. "Vote-Seeking Incentives and Investment Environments: The Need for Credit Claiming and the Provision of Protectionism." 2010. *Electoral Studies*. 29(2): 221-226. (with Brian F. Crisp, Nathan M. Jensen, and Guillermo Rosas).

Working Papers

- "In the Shadow of Conflict: How Emotions and Past Victimization Influence Foreign Policy Attitudes." (with Alexander Kupatadze) *Revise and Resubmit*.
- "Some Things Just Won't Do: Scaling Perceptions of Challenger and Government Tactics." (with Dave Armstrong and Christian Davenport).
- "The Allure of Distant War Drums: Refugees, Geography, and Foreign Policy Preferences in Turkey." (with Anna Getmansky, Tolga Sinnmazdemir).
- "Are Voters too Afraid to Tackle Corruption? Survey and Experimental Evidence from Mexico." (with Omar García-Ponce and Leonard Wantchekon).

Projects

- “Anger and Support for Vigilante Justice in Mexico’s Drug War.” (with Omar García-Ponce and Lauren Young).
- “From Riot Police to Tweets: How World Leaders Use Social Media During Contentious Politics.”(with Pablo Barberá Anita R. Gohdes, and Evgeniia Iakhnis).
- “Conflict, Corruption, and Trust in Governance: A Survey Evidence From Ukraine.” (with Alexander Kupatadze and Yuri Zhukov).
- “Rolling Out the Welcome Mat: A Facebook Experiment to Reduce Anti-Immigrant and Anti-Muslim Bias.” (with Pablo Barberá, and Tricia Bacon).
- “Sleaze, Outrage, and Slime: How Leaders Use Dirty Tricks and Moral Outrage to their Strategic Benefit.” (with Jonathon Renshon).
- “How Political Entrepreneurs Mobilize Support and Become Leaders.”
- “Why do Cyberattacks Corrode?” (with Joshua Kertzer and Harry Oppenheimer).

Field Research

Israel (June-August 2010, May-August 2011, March 2016), Mexico (July 2012, July 2016, September 2016), Turkey (June 2014), Georgia (July 2015), and Ukraine (May 2017).

Conferences

- International Society for Political Psychology Annual Convention, 2016.
- Association for Psychological Science’s Annual Convention, 2015.
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2013 (poster), 2014, 2016.
- International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2013, 2015, 2016.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2011, 2012, and 2013.
- Peace Science Society Annual Meeting: 2012, 2014.

Grants

- Sub-awardee, Research Council Norway (016-2021), for \$2,393,597 (joint with Dave Armstrong, Christian Davenport, Hanne Fjelde, Scott Gates, Ragnhild Nordas, and Havard Nygard). “The Costs of Contention: Comprehensively Understanding the Impact of State and/or Challenging Behavior.” 2016-2021.
- Co-Principal Investigator, American University and Faculty Research Support Grant, for \$22,530 (joint with Tricia Bacon and Joseph K. Young). “Winning Hearts and Minds or Preaching to the Choir? Gauging the Influence of Extremist Messaging and Counter Messaging”
- Co-Principal Investigator, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant National Science Foundation (SES-1064501) for \$11,900 entitled “The Effect of Anger and Sadness on Vengeance.” May 2011-April 2012.
- Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation Grant for \$5,000 entitled “A Strategy for Enhancing Community Resilience Against Ongoing Terrorist Threat.” November 2010-December 2011.

Invited Talks and Participation

Department of Government, University of Essex (U.K.), August 2017.
Department of Political Science, Yale University, March 2017.
Department of Political Science George Washington University, March 2017.
Working Group in Political Psychology, Harvard University, February 2017.
Department of Political Science, Stanford University, January 2017.
Symposia organizer at International Society for Political Psychology, Warsaw, Poland, July 2016.
School of Political Science, University of Haifa, Israel, March 2016.
International Studies Association Innovation Panel, March 2016.
Department of Politics, University of Virginia, November 2015.
Symposium in Psychology, Biology, and Political Attitudes, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, April 2015.
Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University, March 2015.
Blogs and Bullets Conference, Stanford University, March 2015.
Johns Hopkins University and Applied Physics Lab, February 2015.
Social Media and Political Participation Conference, New York University, October 2013.
RAND Corporation, September 2012.
Jeremy Ginges Lab, The New School, November 2011.
Blogs and Bullets Conference, Stanford University, February 2011.
Bridging Areas of Expertise: Funding Research on Terrorism, at University of Texas at Dallas, October 2010.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Teaching (American University)

Introduction to Justice Research (BA-level research methods class). Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016.
Psychology of Political Violence and Terrorism (MA-level). Fall 2014, Spring 2016.
Causes of Terrorism and Political Violence (MA-level). Fall 2015, Fall 2016.
Causal Inference in the Lab, the Field, and in Nature (PhD-level). Spring 2015, Spring 2016.

Advising

Erin M. Kearns: PhD dissertation committee member. Tenure-track faculty University at Alabama (2017-present).
Jason Fritz: PhD dissertation committee member.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Security British Journal of Political Science Journal of Experimental Political Science, Political Psychology, World Development, and Conflict Management and Peace Science.

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association and International Studies Association.

REFERENCES

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