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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2015

Dissertation: *Multiparty Mediation: Identifying Characteristics of the Mediation Dream Team*

Advisors: Stephen E. Gent, Mark J.C. Crescenzi, Skyler J. Cranmer, Navin A. Bapat, and Kyle Beardsley

M.A. Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2011

B.A. Mathematics & Peace, War, and Defense, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008, *Phi Beta Kappa*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Faculty Affiliate, International Programs, 2017-present

Faculty Affiliate, Iowa Informatics Initiative, 2015-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Iowa, 2015-present

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

International Relations

International and Intrastate Conflict, Conflict Management, Mediation

Political Methodology

Statistical Methods, Network Analysis, Bayesian Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Complementary Mediation: Exploring Mediator Composition in Civil Wars” (2020) *International Interactions*.

“Competition, Aid, and Violence against Civilians” (2020) with Yooneui Kim *International Interactions*.

”More than therapy: The link between adverse childhood experiences, social support, and therapeutic services” (2020) with Megan Ronnenberg, Aislinn Conrad, and Armeda Stevenson Wojciak *Child & Family Social Work*, 25(3): 683-693.

“A social network analysis of international collaboration in Journal of Counseling Psychology and The Counseling Psychologist” (2018) with D. M. Kivlighan III, M.C. Adams, K. Deng, and Y. Xiaomeng *The Counseling Psychologist*, 46(3): 274-295.

“Coalition Quality and Multinational Dispute Outcomes” (2018) with Skyler J. Cranmer *International Interactions* 44(2): 217-243.

“Kantian Fractionalization Predicts the Conflict Propensity of the International System” (2015) with Skyler J. Cranmer and Peter J. Mucha. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 112(38):11812-11816.
Winner of the 2016 Political Ties Award

“The Reputation Trap of NGO Accountability” (2015) with Stephen E. Gent, Mark J.C. Crescenzi, and Lindsay Reid. *International Theory* 7(3):426-463.

“Complex Dependencies in the Alliance Network” (2012) with Skyler J. Cranmer and Bruce A. Desmarais. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 29(3):279-313.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Network Analysis” (2021) with Lindsey Allemang in *Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations* Eds. R. Joseph Huddleston, Tom Jamieson, and Patrick James. Edward Elgar Publishing

“Multiparty Mediation in Civil War ” (2019) in *Handbook on Mediating International Crises* Eds. Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Kyle Beardsley, and David M. Quinn. Edward Elgar Publishing

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Bias and Balance in Civil War Mediation” (R&R at JPR)

“Revealed Sincerity and Negotiations in Civil War” with Alyssa Prorok (R&R at ISQ)

GRANTS & AWARDS

External Grants

Army Research Office, (2020-2021) Grant Award of \$358,200, “Tainting the Well or Priming the Pump? The Dynamics of Cooperation in Civil War”, co-PI with Alyssa Prorok

Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Grant (2020), Folke Bernadotte Academy, Grant Award of \$27,130.09, “Negotiation Dynamics: Evaluating the Cumulative Effects of Negotiations in Civil War Resolution”, co-PI with Alyssa Prorok.

Tanager Place Research Grant (2016–2018), Tanager Place, Grant Award of \$29,966.45, “Exploring Social Networks and Resources of Families at Risk for Adverse Childhood Experiences”, co-PI with Aislinn Conrad-Hiebner and Armeda Wojciak.

Internal Grants

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant (2016), University of Iowa, Grant Award of \$18,000, “The Meek and the Mighty: Exploring Diversity Programs Among Big Ten Universities”, co-PI with Aislinn Conrad-Hiebner and D. Martin Kivlighan.

Old Gold Summer Research Fellowship (2016), University of Iowa, Grant Award of \$3,000, “Multiparty Mediation: Data Collection and Analysis”, PI

Royster Society of Fellows Chancellor’s Fellowship (2009–2014), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Awards

Collegiate Teaching Award (2019), College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Iowa

Political Ties Award: Best Paper Published on Political Networks (2016), Political Networks Section of APSA

Prothro Award for Outstanding Research: Best MA Thesis in Political Science (2012), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

WORKING PAPERS

“Capturing Uncertainty in Network Centrality” with Abigail Matthews

Previous drafts presented at: Networks in International Relations Shambaugh Conference (2019)

“Complex Interdependence as a Network Phenomenon: The Case of Trade” with W.K. Winecoff

Previous drafts presented at: Political Networks Annual Meeting (2018); International Studies Association Annual Convention (2018)

“External Support Networks in Civil Wars”

Previous drafts presented at: Political Networks Annual Meeting (2017)

“Mediator Leverage and Context-Specific Peace Agreements” with Lindsay Reid

Previous drafts presented at: International Studies Association Annual Convention (2017)

“Mediator Learning: The Evolution of Peace Agreements”

Previous drafts presented at: Peace Science Annual Meeting Workshop (2016)

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

“Significance of Cooperative Patterns and Conflict Dynamics for Peace Settlements” Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop, Occidental, CA (2018)

“Tainting the Well or Priming the Pump? The Dynamics of Cooperation in Civil War” Peace Building in Conflict & Post Conflict Society Workshop, Knoxville, TN (2018)

“Mediation to End Civil Wars: Assembling the Dream Team” Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, Iowa City, IA (2017)

“Identifying the Mediation Pool” Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden (2017)

“Identifying Communities in International Conflict and Economic Networks” University of Houston, Houston, TX (2017)

“Mediator Leverage and Context-Specific Peace Agreements” Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI (2017)

“Diversity Program Adoption Across the Big 10” Inequality Seminar, University of Iowa (2016)

“Kantian Fractionalization and the Conflict Propensity of the International System” Informatics Showcase, University of Iowa (2016)

“Graph Theory in the Social Sciences” Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO (2015)

Conference Presentations

Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting (2012; 2014; 2016; 2020)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012; 2014; 2016; 2019)
International Studies Association Annual Convention (2012; 2013; 2014; 2017; 2018; 2019)
International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting (2018)
Political Networks Conference (2013; 2014; 2017; 2018)
New Faces in International Conflict Conference (2014)
International Studies Association-South Annual Conference (2013)

Workshop Presentations

Networks in International Relations Shambaugh Conference, University of Iowa (2019)
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting Workshops (2016; 2017; 2018)
Modeling Spatial and Network Interdependence in International Relations, International Studies Association Workshop (2018)
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Duke University (2014)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Statistical Research Consultant, Odum Institute for Research in Social Science (2011–2015)

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Iowa

Introductory Methodology (Graduate; FA 2015, FA 2016, FA 2017, FA 2018, FA 2019, FA 2020)
Adv. Topics in Methodology: Social Network Analysis (Graduate; FA 2015, SP 2018, SP 2020)
Adv. Topics in Methodology: Bayesian Statistics (Graduate; SP 2017, SP 2021)
Intro to International Relations (Undergraduate; FA 2016, FA 2017, FA 2018, FA 2019)
Intro to International Relations EXW (Undergraduate Online; FA 2020)
Analyzing Political Data (Undergraduate; SP 2018)
Understanding Political Research (Undergraduate; SP 2017)
Independent Study (Undergraduate; FA 2017, SP 2019, FA 2020)
Senior Research Project (Undergraduate; FA 2018)

ICPSR Summer Program

Advanced Bayesian Models (Graduate; SU 2016, SU 2017, SU 2018, SU 2019)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Undergraduate)
Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)

Workshops

Data Science Institute, University of Iowa

Network Analysis Using R (All levels; WI 2017, SU 2018)

H.W. Odum Institute for Research in Social Science

Introduction to R

Introduction to L^AT_EX

Duke TIP Summer Program

Game Theory

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

TILE Training & Certification (2015)

STUDENT MENTORING

Dissertation Committees

Christopher Junk, Political Science (In Progress)

Bomi Lee, Political Science (ABD)

Qianyi Shi, Sociology (ABD)

Cody Schmidt, Political Science (ABD)

Yooneui Kim, Political Science (ABD)

Ki Eun Ryu, Political Science (Completed)

Aubree Herrin, Political Science (Thiel College)

Joshua Tschantret, Political Science (Emory University)

JongHwan Han, Political Science (July 2019, South Korean Navy)

Graham Miller, College of Education (May 2018, Suffolk University)

Abigail Rury, Political Science (May 2017, Miami University (Ohio))

Master's Thesis Committees

Wei Xei, Informatics (Completed)

Undergraduate Mentorship

ICRU Research Fellow (SU 2017, SU 2019, SU 2020)

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Communications Officer, *Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association* (2018-present)

Program Chair, *Political Networks Conference* (2020)

Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, *Conflict Processes Section of the American Political Science Association* (2019)

Co-Organizer, Peace Science Workshop: “Advancing Measurement in the Study of Conflict and Political Violence” (2018)

Chair, NSF Fellowship Committee, *Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association* (2018)

Member, Best Poster Award Committee, *Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association* (2017)

Member, Best Book on Political Networks Committee, *Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association* (2017)

Member, NSF Fellowship Committee, *Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association* (2016; 2017)

Co-Organizer, Peace Science Workshop: “Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Data on Mediation in Civil Wars” (2017)

Member, Political Ties Award Committee for Best Paper Published on Political Networks, *Political Networks Section of the American Political Science Association* (2014; 2015)

Discussant, *Online Peace Science Colloquium* (2019); *Visions in Methodology* (2018); *International Studies Association-Midwest* (2017, 2018); *Journeys in World Politics* (2016, 2017, 2018); *MPSA Annual Conference* (2016); *Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop* (2015); *Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference* (2014)

Grant Reviewer, Minerva Research Initiative Proposals (2017)

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science* (2016; 2017; 2019); *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (2015; 2016; 2018); *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2018); *International Interactions* (2016; 2017; 2018; 2020); *International Organizations* (2015; 2018; 2019); *International Studies Review* (2015; 2020); *International Studies Quarterly* (2016; 2017; 2019; 2020); *Journal of Peace Research* (2014; 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019); *Political Analysis* (2015; 2016; 2017; 2018); *Political Research Quarterly* (2018); *Political Science Research Methods* (2018)

Service to the College & University

Unit Representative, Faculty Assembly (FA 2016; FA 2017; AY 2018-2019; FA 2019-present)

Reviewer, Stanley Awards for International Research Grant Proposals, University of Iowa International Programs (2018; 2019; 2020)

Co-Organizer, Data Science Institute (FA 2017, SP 2017, SP 2018, FA 2018, SU 2019)

Reviewer, Global Research Partnership Grant Proposals, University of Iowa International Programs (2018)

Alternate Unit Representative, Faculty Assembly (AY 2015–2016; SP 2017; SP 2018)

Service to the Department

Member, Computing and Technology Committee (AY 2016–2017; FA 2019-present)

Member, Methodology Qualifying Exam Committee (FA 2016; SP 2017; FA 2017; FA 2019; FA 2020)

Co-Organizer, Networks in International Relations Conference, Hosted by University of Iowa's Department of Political Science (FA 2019)

Chair, Methodology Qualifying Exam Committee (FA 2018)

Member, Executive Committee (AY 2016-2017)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society (International), Political Methodology, Political Networks, Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Working Groups

REFERENCES

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