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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

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

Faculty Affiliate, International Programs, 2017-present

Faculty Affiliate, Iowa Informatics Initiative, 2015-present

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

International Relations

International and Intrastate Conflict, Conflict Management, Mediation

Political Methodology

Statistical Methods, Network Analysis, Bayesian Methods, Formal Theory

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“A social network analysis of international collaboration in *Journal of Counseling Psychology* and *The Counseling Psychologist*” with D. M. Kivlighan III, M.C. Adams, K. Deng, and Y. Xiaomeng *The Counseling Psychologist*, (In Press).

“Coalition Quality and Multinational Dispute Outcomes” with Skyler J. Cranmer *International Interactions* 44(2): 217-243, 2017.

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

Winner of the 2016 Political Ties Award

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

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

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Bias and Balance in Civil War Mediation”

BOOK CHAPTERS

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

WORKING PAPERS

“External Support Networks in Civil Wars”

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

“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)

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

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

“Multiparty Mediation Onset: Patterns of Selection”

Previous drafts presented at: Peace Science Annual Meeting (2016); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)

“Mediator Learning: The Evolution of Peace Agreements”

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

“Identifying Characteristics of the Mediation Dream Team: Complementary Mediation”

Previous drafts presented at: International Studies Association Annual Convention (2014)

“Opening the Black Box of Mediation” with Stephen E. Gent

Previous drafts presented at: International Studies Association Annual Convention (2012)

GRANTS & AWARDS

External Grants

Tanager Place Research Grant, Tanager Place (2016–2018), co-PI (\$29,966.45)

Pending External Grants

“Tainting the Well or Priming the Pump? The Dynamics of Cooperation in Civil War”, Army Research Office, co-PI (\$399,890)

Internal Grants

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Interdisciplinary Research Grant, U of Iowa (2016)

Old Gold Research Fellowship, U of Iowa (2016)

Innovations in Teaching with Technology Award, U of Iowa (2016)

Royster Society of Fellows, Chancellor’s Fellowship, UNC (2009–2014)

Travel Grants

ISA Travel Grant, International Studies Association (2017)

PolNet Fellowship, NSF via Political Networks Section of APSA (2013)

Awards

Political Ties Award: Best Paper Published on Political Networks, PolNet (2016)

Prothro Award for Outstanding Research: Best MA Thesis in Political Science, UNC (2012)

INVITED TALKS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

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

“Complex Interdependence as a Network Phenomenon: The Case of Trade” Modeling Spatial and Network Interdependence in International Relations, ISA Workshop (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, U of Iowa (2016)

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

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

Conference Presentations

International Studies Association Annual Convention (2012; 2013; 2014; 2017; 2018)

Political Networks Conference (2013; 2014; 2017; 2018)

Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting (2012; 2014; 2016)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012; 2014; 2016)

New Faces in International Conflict Conference (2014)

International Studies Association South Annual Conference (2013)

Workshop Presentations

Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (2016; 2017; 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

Analyzing Political Data (Undergraduate; SP 2018)

Adv. Topics in Methodology: Social Network Analysis (Graduate; FA 2015, SP 2018)

Introductory Methodology (Graduate; FA 2015, FA 2016, FA 2017, FA 2018)

Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate; FA 2016, FA 2017, FA 2018)

Adv. Topics in Methodology: Bayesian Statistics (Graduate; SP 2017)

Understanding Political Research (Undergraduate; SP 2017)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Undergraduate)

Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)

ICPSR Summer Program

Advanced Bayesian Models for the Social Sciences (Graduate; SU 2016, SU 2017, SU 2018)

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

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Dissertation Committees

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

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

JongHwan Han, Political Science (In Progress)

Joshua Tschantret, Political Science (In Progress)

Yooneui Kim, Political Science (In Progress)

Lance Bennett, Communication Studies (In Progress)

Undergraduate Mentorship

Independent Study/Research (FA 2017, SP 2018, FA 2018)

ICRU Research Fellow (SU 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

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, *Visions in Methodology* (2018); *International Studies Association-Midwest* (2017); *Journeys in World Politics* (2016, 2017); *MPSA Annual Conference* (2016); *Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop* (2015); *Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference* (2013)

Grant Reviewer, Minerva Research Initiative Proposals

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*; *Political Analysis*; *International Organizations*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *International Interactions*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Department Service

Member, Stanley Award Review Committee, International Programs (Spring 2018)

Member, Executive Committee (2016–2017)

Chair, Methodology Qualifying Exam Committee (Fall 2018)

Member, Methodology Qualifying Exam Committee (Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2017)

Member, Computing and Technology Committee (2016–2017)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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

Unit Representative: Faculty Assembly (Fall 2016; Fall 2017)

Alternate Unit Representative: Faculty Assembly (2015–2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2018)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society (International), Political Methodology, Political Networks, Midwest Political Science Association