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CURRENT POSITION

**Senior Lecturer (Associate Professor)** 2018-current  
*School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews*

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

**Lecturer (Assistant Professor)** 2013-2018  
*School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews*

**Postdoctoral Fellow** 2012-2013  
*Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame*

**Visiting Lecturer (Predoctoral)** 2011-2012  
*Department of Political Science, Duke University*

**Instructor** 2010-2011  
*Princeton Writing Program, Princeton University*

EDUCATION

**Princeton University**

Ph.D., Department of Politics, June 2012

M.A., Department of Politics, September 2007

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory

Dissertation Committee: Jennifer Widner (chair), Robert Keohane, Evan Lieberman

**Johns Hopkins University**

M.A.T., School of Education, May 2005

**Macalester College**

B.A., International Studies and Political Science, May 2002

*Magna cum Laude* with Honors in International Studies

HONORS & AWARDS

Research

2017. African Politics Conference Group (APCG) Best Article Award for “The Ethnic Army and the State: Explaining Coup Traps and the Difficulties of Democratization in Africa.”

## Teaching

2017. University of St. Andrews Students' Association *Excellent Module (Arts/Divinity)* Teaching Award.
2014. University of St. Andrews Students' Association *Innovation in Teaching* Award.

## PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

### Books

2018. *When Soldiers Rebel: Ethnic Armies and Political Instability in Africa*. Cambridge UP.

### Peer Reviewed Articles

2018. "Measuring the Landscape of Civil War: Evaluating Geographic Coding Decisions with Data from the Mau Mau Rebellion" (with Rex Douglass). *Journal of Peace Research* 55(2): 190-205.
2017. "Military Loyalty and the Failure of Democratization in Africa: How Ethnic Armies Shape the Capacity of Presidents to Defy Term Limits." *Democratization* 24(5): 801-818.
- 2018. Reprinted in, David Kuehn (ed.), *The Military's Impact on Democratic Development: Midwives or Gravediggers of Democracy?* Routledge.
2016. "The Ethnic Army and the State: Explaining Coup Traps and the Difficulties of Democratization in Africa." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 60(4): 587-616.
2015. "US Security Assistance in Africa: The Case for More." *Parameters* 45(2): 13-24.
2015. "Military Maladaptation: Counterinsurgency and the Politics of Failure" (with Michael Hunzeker). *Journal of Strategic Studies* 38(6): 777-800.
2014. "The Strategy Project: Teaching Strategic Thinking through Crisis Simulation" (with Michael Hunzeker). *PS: Political Science & Politics* 47(2): 513-517.

### Book Chapters

2019. "Militaries." In, Gabrielle Lynch and Peter VonDoepp (eds.), *Handbook of Democratization in Africa*. Routledge. (Forthcoming)

### Book Reviews

2014. "Is Vision Enough? Review: *Africa Emerges: Consummate Challenges, Abundant Opportunities* by Robert I. Rotberg (Cambridge and Malden, MA: Polity Press)." *Review of Politics* 76(3): 525-527.
2013. "Review: *The Soldier and the Changing State: Building Democratic Armies in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas* by Zoltan Barany (Princeton: Princeton University Press)." *Political Science Quarterly* 128(3): 572-574.

### Blogposts

2017. "Without Mugabe, Is Democracy Coming to Zimbabwe? Probably Not" (November 22). *Monkey Cage*. At [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/11/22/without-mugabe-is-democracy-coming-to-zimbabwe-probably-not/?utm\\_term=.da17e2916625](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/11/22/without-mugabe-is-democracy-coming-to-zimbabwe-probably-not/?utm_term=.da17e2916625).
- 2016 "To Promote Stability and Democracy in Africa, Focus on Its Militaries" (October 2). *Lawfare*. At <https://lawfareblog.com/promote-stability-and-democracy-africa-focus-its-militaries>.

## Working Papers (available upon request)

“The Role of Ethnicity in African Militaries: Generating New Data on Ethnic Stacking Practices”

“Mass Protests and Ethnic Armies: How Coup Proofing Impacts Military Defection” (with Kara Kingma Neu)

“Learning (and Failing to Learn) from Failure” (with Michael Hunzeker)

“The Costs of Silence: Collective Punishment and Intelligence Extortion during the Kenya Emergency” (with Rex Douglass)

“Logics of Brutality: An Analytical Framework for Comparing COIN Tactical Effectiveness Across Contexts”

“Barriers to Peace: Ethnic War and the Paradox of Rebel-Military Integration”

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

### Research Grants

2017. British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant, £8230 for “The Role of Ethnicity in African Militaries: Generating New Data on Ethnic Stacking Practices.”

2013. Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) program, \$7500 for processing microlevel Mau Mau conflict events data.

### Teaching Grants

2018. University of St. Andrews Enhancement Fund, £570 for “Workshop: Evaluating, Sharing, and Publishing Innovative Teaching Practices.”

2018. University of St. Andrews Teaching Development Fund, £3500 for “Improving the IR PGT Learning Experience through Simulations.”

### Fellowships and Scholarships

2012-2013. Postdoctoral Fellowship, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame.

2010–2011. Quinn Morton Teaching Fellowship, Princeton Writing Program, Princeton University.

2010-2011. PIIRS Dissertation Writing Grant [declined], Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University.

2005-2010. Princeton University Fellowship.

1998-2002. National Merit Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship Corporation and Macalester College.

1998-2002. DeWitt Wallace Distinguished Scholarship, Macalester College.

1998. National Italian-American Mid-Pacific Regional Scholarship, National Italian-American Foundation.

### Dissertation Grants

2010. Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice grant for fieldwork in Kenya and Senegal

- 2009. Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies grant for archival research in Britain
- 2008. Princeton Politics Department Stafford Fund grant for Kansas University Statistics Camp for Multi-Level Modeling
- 2007. Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies grant for archival research in France
- 2007. Princeton Politics Department Stafford Fund grant for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research
- 2006. Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies grant for summer language study in French

#### Conference Travel Grants

- 2010. Princeton Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel for Midwest Political Science Association annual conference in Chicago
- 2009. American Political Science Association Travel Grant for annual conference in Toronto

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <p><b>University of St. Andrews</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IR 3060 “Rebellion and Revolution”</li> <li>• IR 4548 “Force and Statecraft”</li> <li>• IR 5001 “International Security” (graduate)</li> <li>• IR 5065 “The Military in Politics” (graduate)</li> <li>• lectures contributed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IR2006 “Issues in International Relations” on ethnic conflict</li> <li>• IR5601 “Research Methods in International Relations” (Graduate) on comparative methods, quantitative analysis, and research ethics</li> <li>• ID5102 “Curriculum Design and Assessment” (graduate) on incorporating simulations, debates, and policy workshops into teaching practice</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>2012-present</p> |
| <p><b>Duke University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polsci 299S “Civil War” (graduate)</li> <li>• Polsci 144 “Force and Statecraft”</li> <li>• Polsci 199D “Pirates, Privateers, and State Power”</li> </ul>  | <p>2011-2012</p>    |
| <p><b>Princeton University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wri 156 “Pirates, Privateers, and State Power” (Freshman Writing Seminar)</li> </ul>   | <p>2010-2011</p>    |

#### PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

##### Invited Talks

- 2018 (November). **University of Oxford**, Comparative Politics Seminar  
“Mass Protests and Ethnic Armies: How Coup Proofing Impacts Regime Survival and Repression”
- 2018 (September). **IE University Madrid**, Politics Research Group Seminar  
“Mass Protests and Ethnic Armies: How Coup Proofing Impacts Regime Survival and Repression”
- 2018 (September). **Naval Postgraduate School**, AFRICOM training workshop for Foreign Area Officers held in Stuttgart, Germany

“Shaping the Domestic Context: Military Actors as Domestic Political Constraints”

- 2018 (April). **University of Central Florida**, Workshop on U.S. Military Assistance  
“Rethinking Security Force Assistance in Africa: The Case for Building Merit-Based Militaries”
- 2017 (December). **University of Strathclyde**, School of Government and Public Policy  
“When Soldiers Rebel: Ethnic Armies and Political Instability in Africa”
- 2017 (November). **University of Glasgow**, School of Social and Political Sciences  
“When Soldiers Rebel: Ethnic Armies and Political Instability in Africa”
- 2016 (June). **RAND**, Washington D.C.  
Discussant and Panel Expert: African Insurgencies
- 2013 (May). **Northwestern University**, Buffett Center Working Group on Security Studies  
“The Ethnic Army and the State: Explaining Coup Traps and the Difficulties of Democratization in Africa”
- 2012 (November). **University of Notre Dame**, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies  
“Barriers to Peace: Ethnic War and the Paradox of Rebel-Military Integration”
- 2010 (October). **University of Pennsylvania**, Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism  
“Dangers to Democratization: Military Responses to Constitutional Changes of Leadership in Africa”

#### Conferences

*(c)hair; (d)iscussant; (p)aper; p(o)ster; (w)orkshop*

- American Political Science Association: 2018(p,w), 2017(p), 2014(p), 2013(p), 2011(p), 2010(p), 2009(p)
- International Studies Association: 2018(p), 2017(p,p,d), 2016(p,p), 2015(p,p,d), 2013(p,p,p,c), 2012(p)
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2013(p,p,d), 2011(p), 2010(c,p), 2008(p)
- Network of European Peace Scientists: 2018(p), 2017(p)
- Peace Science Society: 2017(w), 2016(w,w), 2015(p), 2013(p), 2012(p)
- Princeton Conference on Psychology and Policy Making: 2010(d)

#### UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

##### Journal Editorial Service

- *Contemporary Voices*: Editorial Board Member and Reviewer (2018-present)

##### Journal Referee Service

- *American Journal of Political Science* (2019, 2015)
- *American Political Science Review* (2017, 2014)
- *Comparative Political Studies* (2019, 2016, 2015, 2013)
- *Comparative Politics* (2016)
- *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2012)
- *Democratization* (2017, 2016)
- *International Area Studies Review* (2018)
- *International Studies Quarterly* (2018, 2017)
- *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)
- *Journal of Global Security Studies* (2018)
- *Journal of Peace Research* (2017, 2016)
- *World Politics* (2018, 2014)

##### Book Referee Service

- Palgrave MacMillian (2017 book proposal)

#### Professional Society Service

- African Politics Conference Group, member 2018 Best Book Awards Committee
- American Political Science Association, co-leader 2018 Annual Meeting Dissertation Workshop “Militaries and Security Forces: From Repression to Democratization”

#### University of St. Andrews

- Ethics Committee Convener, Fall 2017-current
- Sub-Honours Advising, Fall 2016-current
- Staff & PhD Research Workshop Co-convener, Fall 2014-current
- Academic Misconduct Officer, Fall 2014-Spring 2017
- Ethics Committee Member, Fall 2016-Spring 2017
- International Security Studies MLitt Program Co-director, Spring 2015

#### Princeton University

- Independent Work Committee, Princeton Writing Program, Spring 2011
- Reunions Crew Manager, 2007-2009
- Special Events Coordinator, Graduate College House Committee, 2006-2007

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

#### Active

- African Politics Conference Group (APCG), 2013-present
- American Political Science Association, 2005-present
- European Research Group on Military and Society (ERGOMAS), 2018-present
- International Studies Association, 2011-present
- Network of European Peace Scientists, 2017-present
- Peace Science Society, 2012-present
- Security Force Loyalty Networking Group, 2013-present
- Women in Conflict Studies, 2017-present

#### Past

- Midwest Political Science Association, 2007-2013
- Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society, inducted 2002
- Princeton University Center for International Security Studies, 2010-2012
- Sigma Delta Pi National Spanish Honors Society, inducted 2002