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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. in Teaching, 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)

“The Military and Revolutions: Simulating Civil-Military Relations during Mass Uprisings” (with Marc R. DeVore)

“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 (with Rex Douglass, UC San Diego).

### Teaching Grants

2018. University of St. Andrews Enhancement Fund, £570 for “Workshop: Evaluating, Sharing, and Publishing Innovative Teaching Practices” (with Ryan Beasley and Faye Donnelly, University of St. Andrews).

2018. University of St. Andrews Teaching Development Fund, £3500 for “Improving the IR PGT Learning Experience through Simulations” (with Adam Bower and Faye Donnelly, University of St. Andrews).

### 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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| <b>University of St. Andrews</b>   | 2012-present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IR3060 "Rebellion and Revolution"</li><li>• IR4548 "Force and Statecraft"</li><li>• IR5001 "International Security" (graduate)</li><li>• IR5065 "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>• IR4099 "Honours Dissertation in International Relations" on comparative methods and research ethics</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> |              |
| <b>Duke University</b>   | 2011-2012    |
| <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>  |              |
| <b>Princeton University</b>  | 2010-2011    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wri 156 "Pirates, Privateers, and State Power" (Freshman Writing Seminar)</li></ul>  |              |

### PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

#### Invited Talks

2019 (January). **University of Edinburgh**, Centre of African Studies

“Mass Protests and Ethnic Armies: How Coup Proofing Impacts Regime Survival and Repression”

- 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: 2019(p,c,d), 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(p,c), 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* (2019, 2017, 2014)

- *Comparative Political Studies* (2019, 2016, 2015, 2013)
- *Comparative Politics* (2016)
- *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2012)
- *Democratization* (2019, 2017, 2016)
- *Foreign Policy Analysis* (2019)
- *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