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Current Positions

7/2014 – present *Associate Professor*, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland
2/2017 – present *Academic Council Member*, International Center for Nonviolent Conflict
1/2012 – present *Senior Researcher*, Peace Research Institute Oslo
7/2011 – present *Research Associate*, Center for International Development and Conflict Management,
University of Maryland

Previous Positions

7/2011 – 7/2014 *Assistant Professor*, Dept. of Government and Politics, University of Maryland
2/2010 – 6/2010 *Researcher*, Fulbright Foundation
7/2009 – 9/2010 *Senior Researcher*, Center for the Study of Civil War, International Peace Research
Institute, Oslo
8/2007 – 5/2011 *Assistant Professor*, Dept. of Political Science, Iowa State University

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, August 2007
M.A. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, June 2002
Inter-University Consortium of Political and Social Research (ICPSR). Summer Program in Quantitative
Methods. Summer 2002
B.A., cum laude, with High Honors, in Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 1999

Book

2014. *Inside the Politics of Self-determination*. New York: Oxford University Press.
Book of the Year 2015, Conflict Research Society

Refereed articles

- Forthcoming. “Is self-determination contagious? A spatial analysis of the spread of self-determination claims” with Katherine Sawyer. *International Organization*.
2017. “Strategies of Dissent: Diffusion and Diversification” with Marianne Dahl, and Anne Frugé. *American Journal of Political Science*. doi: [10.1111/ajps.12304](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12304)
2016. “E pluribus unum, ex uno plures: Competition, violence, and fragmentation in ethnopolitical movements” with Kristin M. Bakke and Lee Seymour. *Journal of Peace Research* 53(1): 3-18.
2015. “The Role of External Support in Civil War Termination” with Katherine Sawyer and William Reed. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. doi: [10.1177/0022002715600761](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002715600761)
2013. “Actor Fragmentation and Civil War Bargaining: How Internal Divisions Generate Civil Conflict” *American Journal of Political Science* 57(3): 659-672.
2013. “Understanding strategic choice: The determinants of civil war and non-violent campaign in self-determination disputes” *Journal of Peace Research* 50(3): 291-304.
2013. “Understanding nonviolent resistance: An introduction” with Erica Chenoweth. *Journal of Peace Research* 50(3): 271-276.

2012. "A Plague of Initials: Fragmentation, Cohesion and Infighting in Civil Wars" with Kristin M. Bakke and Lee Seymour. *Perspectives on Politics* 10(2): 265-283.
2012. "Shirts Today, Skins Tomorrow: The Effects of Fragmentation on Conflict Processes in Self-Determination Disputes" with Kristin M. Bakke and Lee Seymour. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(1): 67-93.
2012. "Nonstate actors, fragmentation, and conflict processes: Introducing the special issue" with Wendy Pearlman. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(1): 3-15.
2011. "Divide and Conquer or Divide and Concede: How Do States Respond to Internally Divided Separatists?" *American Political Science Review* 105(2): 275-297.
2010. "Shared Space: Ethnic Groups, State Accommodation and Localized Conflict," with Nils B. Weidmann, *International Studies Quarterly*, 54(4): 1035-1054.

Book chapters

2016. "Identity Issues and Civil War: Ethnic and Religious Divisions" with Lee M.J. Seymour in *What Do We Know About Civil War*, eds. T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell. Rowman and Littlefield.
2010. "Dissidents, Repression, and Inconsistency" with Emily Beaulieu in Chenoweth, Erica and Adria Laurence Eds., *Rethinking Violence: State and Nonstate Actors in Conflict*, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, pp. 173-198.

Working papers

- "Conflict Resolution and Rebel Leader Selection" with Katherine Sawyer. *Revise and Resubmit*.
- "Defections, splits, following territorial power sharing." *Under review*.
- "Foundations of Rebel Groups, Conflict Bargaining, and Concessions" with Jessica Maves Braithwaite.
- "Rebel Legitimacy and Wartime Sexual Violence" with Katherine Sawyer and Kanisha Bond.
- "Grounds for Separation: Comparing Recruitment into Separatist Rebel Groups" with Scott Gates, Kristian Gleditsch, and Ragnhild Nordas.
- "Emerging Diaspora: Exploring Mobilization Outside the Homeland?" with Stephen Saideman and Erin Jenne.
- "Divided Negotiations, Joint Consequences: Modeling Government Bargaining with a Factionalized Self-determination Movement" with Christopher Butler.

Other publications

2017. Understanding fragmentation in conflict and its impact on prospects for peace. Oslo Form Papers. Centre for Humanitarian Dialog. <https://www.hdcentre.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Understanding-fragmentation-in-conflict.pdf>
2016. Cunningham, Kathleen Gallagher. "Dyads and Conflict – Beyond Interstate War." *International Studies Quarterly Symposia*. <http://www.isanet.org/Publications/ISQ/Posts/ID/5190/Dyads-and-Conflict->

[Beyond-Interstate-War](#)

2016. Cunningham, Kathleen Gallagher; Marianne Dahl & Anne Frugé (2016) “Diversification and Diffusion.” *PRIO Policy Brief*, 20. Oslo: PRIO.
<https://www.prio.org/Publications/Publication/?x=9203>
2013. “Actor Fragmentation and Conflict Processes.” *The Political Science of Syria’s War*. POMEPS Studies 5.
<http://pomeps.org/2014/02/12/actor-fragmentation-and-conflict-processes/>
2007. “The Shining Path Insurgency,” in DeRouen, Karl and Uk Heo, Eds., *Civil Wars of the World: Profiles of the Most Intense Internal Conflicts Since World War II*. Santa Barbara: ABC Clio.
2007. “Intra-Group Differences and the Status of Religious and Ethnic Minorities” in *Strengthening Religious Tolerance for a Secure Civil Society in Albania and the Southern Balkans*. James Pettifer and Mentor Nazarko, eds. Amsterdam: IOS Press. pp. 74-76.

Conference and invited presentations

2016. “Foundations of Rebel Groups, Conflict Bargaining, and Concessions.” Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1 – 4.
2016. “The Efficacy of Non-violence in Self-determination Disputes”. Presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1 – 4; Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 15 – 20; University of Pittsburg, April 15; Rice University May 20; Peace Science Society, Shanghai, China, June 10.
2016. “Conflict Resolution and Rebel Leader Selection.” With Katherine Sawyer. Presented at Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 15 - 20.
2016. “Strategies of Dissent: Diffusion and Diversification” with Marianne Dahl, Anne Frugé. Presented at Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 15 – 20; University of Arizona, February 5.
2015. “Foundations of Rebel Groups in Africa” with Jessica Maves Braithwaite. Presented at the Annual meeting of the Peace Science Society, Oxford, Mississippi, November 13-14.
2015. “Rebel Legitimacy and Wartime Sexual Violence” with Katherine Sawyer and Kanisha Bond. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2 – 6.
2015. Inside the Politics of Self-determination. Plenary lecture at the Conflict Research Society, University of Kent, September 14-15.
2015. “Strategies of Dissent” with Marianne Dahl, Anne Frugé. Presented at the workshop on “Conflict, Strategies, and Tactics” University of Essex, June 19-20.
2015. “Insurgency in the Middle East and Its Threat to the United States,” Elliott School of International Affairs, April 27.

2015. "Conflict Resolution and Rebel Leader Selection." With Katherine Sawyer. Invited Presentation. George Washington University. March 19.
2014. "Conflict Resolution and Rebel Leader Selection." With Katherine Sawyer. Invited Presentation. Michigan State University. November 20; Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Philadelphia, PA, October 10 – 11; Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28 – 31.
2014. "Is Self-determination Contagious?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28 – 31; Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 26 – 29.
2014. "Emerging Diasporas: Exploring Mobilization Outside the Homeland." with Erin Jenne and Steve Saideman. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28 – 31.
2014. "E Pluribus Unum, Ex Uno Plures? Correlates and Causes of Fragmentation in Ethnopolitical Movements." With Kristin M. Bakke and Lee J. M. Seymour. American University. March 4.
2014. "Inside the Politics of Self-determination." Invited Presentation. University of California, Irvine. February 21.
2013. "Actor Fragmentation and Civil War Onset." Invited Presentation. Rice University, December 2.
2013. "Strategies of Dissent" with Marianne Dahl and Anne Furge. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Knoxville, TN, October 24 – 25.
2013. "E Pluribus Unum, Ex Uno Plures? Correlates and Causes of Fragmentation in Ethnopolitical Movements." With Kristin M. Bakke and Lee J. M. Seymour. Invited presentation at George Mason University. November 5.
2013. "The Rebels' Commitment Problem." With Katherine Sawyer, and William Reed. Presented at the DC-IR Workshop, Georgetown, June 4.
2013. "Emerging Diasporas: Exploring Mobilization Outside the Homeland." with Erin Jenne and Steve Saideman. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 3 – 6.
2013. "Understanding strategic choice: The determinants of civil war and non-violent campaign in self-determination disputes." Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 3 – 6.
2012. "Actor Fragmentation and Civil War." Invited Presentation. SUNY Binghamton, April 20.
2012. "Understanding Organizational Behavior." Presented at the Ethnicity and Conflict Workshop, Uppsala University, Sweden, April 26 – 28.
2012. Mapping Peace: A Roundtable Commemorating 10 Years of Peace Research at Prio's Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, April 1 – 4.

2012. "Understanding strategic choice: The determinants of civil war and non-violent campaign in self-determination disputes." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, April 1 – 4.
2011. Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Annual Peace Address Commentator, September 28.
2011. "A Plague of Initials." With Kristin Bakke and Lee Seymour. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 1 – 4.
2010. "Rebel Leadership." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Fort Worth, Texas, October 24 – 26.
2010. "Group Fragmentation and Civil War." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2 – 5.
2009. "Shirts today, skins tomorrow." With Kristin Bakke and Lee Seymour. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY February 15 – 18 and the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 3 – 6.
2008. "Threats, Promises, and Credibility in Crisis Bargaining." Presented at the Journeys in World Politics Meeting, Iowa City, Iowa October 9 – 10, and the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Claremont, California, October 24 – 25.
2007. "Shared Space and Violent Contestation: How territory affects minority disputes with the state," with Nils Weidmann. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbia, South Carolina, November 2 – 4.
2007. "The Politics of Self-determination." Invited presentation, Penn State University, October 30.
2007. "The Politics of Self-determination: Internal Fractionalization and Bargaining," Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30 – September 2.
2006. "Divided and Conquered: Why States and Self-determination Groups Fail in Bargaining Over Autonomy." Invited presentation, Harvard University; Northwestern University; Marquette University.
2006. "Inter-group Differences and the Status of Religious and Ethnic Minorities." Invited presentation. NATO Science for Peace Project, Tirana, Albania September 29-October 1.
2006. "Success and Failure of Regional Autonomy: An Empirical Evaluation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3.
2005. "The Breakup of States: Why States and Self-determination Groups Fail in Bargaining Over Autonomy." Presented at Peace Research Institute of Oslo. Oslo, Norway, November 3.

Reviews

2015. Review of *Transnational Dynamics of Civil War*. Edited by Jeffrey Checkel. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Perspective on Politics* 12(4): 978-979.

2015. Review of *What Rebels Want: Resources and Supply Networks in Wartime*. By Jennifer Hazen. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2013. *Perspective on Politics* 12(4): 978-979.
2014. Review of Global Security Upheaval: Armed NSGs Usurping State Stability Functions by Robert Mandel. Palo Alto, CA, Stanford University Press, 2013. *Political Research Quarterly* 129(1); 162-163.
2013. Review of *Secessionism: Identity, Interest, and Strategy*. By Jason Sorens. McGill: McGill University Press, 2012. *Perspective on Politics* 1:354-355.
2008. Review of *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis, Volume 1: Africa*. Collier, P., & Sambanis, N., eds. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2005. *Armed Forces and Society* 34: 338-339.

Honors and Grants

2017. University of Maryland. Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean's Research Award. \$10,000
2017. Global Religion Research Initiative Project Launch Grant. \$11,000
2017. Emerging Scholar Award. International Studies Association, International Security Studies Section
2016. International Studies Association Catalytic Workshop Grant. \$7,700
2015. Book of the Year, Conflict Research Society. *Inside the Politics of Self-determination* (New York: Oxford University Press).
2013. University of Maryland. Research and Scholarship Award. \$10,000
2013. University of Maryland. Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean's Research Award. \$18,530
2013. University of Maryland. Department of Government and Politics. Elmer Plischke Annual Faculty Research Award.
2012. Research Council of Norway with Erica Chenoweth, David Cunningham, Scott Gates, and Kristian Gleditsch. \$1.5 million
2012. International Studies Association Venture Workshop Grant. \$9,000
2011. Peace Research Institute Oslo, Strategic Initiatives Grant with David Cunningham. \$60,000
2010. Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) with Steve Saideman and Erin Jenne. \$98,429 Canadian
2010. Fulbright Foundation, Research Fellowship
2009. International Studies Association Catalytic Workshop Grant recipient. \$5000
2008. Iowa State University, College of Liberal Arts and Science Research Grant. \$13,300
2008. Iowa State University, Foreign Travel Grant. \$1000
2006. Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, Dissertation Fellowship. Writing stipend
2005. UCSD. Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies Travel Grant
2005. UCSD. Dean's Social Science Travel Fund Grant.
- 2000-2007. UCSD Mark Twain Fellowship

Teaching

Formal Theory
 Graduate Dissertation Prospectus Development
 Theories of Conflict
 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict
 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Honors Seminar
 Capstone I: International Development and Conflict Management
 Research Seminar in International Relations and Comparative Politics
 International Security

Graduate Student Advising

Chair, Doctoral Committee, Peggy McWeeney, University of Maryland, Expected Spring 2019
 Chair, Doctoral Committee, Caitlin McCulloch, University of Maryland, Expected Spring 2019
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Kaitlyn Webster, Duke University, Expected Spring 2020
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Daniel Seigel, University of Maryland, Expected 2019
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Agatha Hultquist, University of Maryland, Expected 2018
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Steve Arves, University of Maryland, Expected 2018
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Chris Meserole, University of Maryland, Spring 2017
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Katherine Sawyer, University of Maryland, Spring 2017
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Anne Frugé, University of Maryland, 2016
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Deniz Cil, University of Maryland, 2016
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Dorothy Ohl, George Washington University, 2016
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Sabine Otto, Konstanz University, Germany, 2016
 Faculty Supervisor, Sabine Otto (Konstanz University), Center for International Development and Conflict Management Spring 2015
 Faculty Supervisor, Marianne Dahl (PRIO), Center for International Development and Conflict Management Spring 2014
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Kiyong Chang, University of Maryland, Spring 2015
 Member, Doctoral Committee, Yousef Munayyer, University of Maryland, Spring 2015
 Member, Masters Committee, Rachael Voas, Iowa State University, Spring 2011
 Chair, Masters Committee, Hector Bombiella, Iowa State University, Spring 2011
 Chair, Masters Committee, Rabah Omer, Iowa State University, Spring 2009
 Chair, Masters Committee, Joanna Awonyi, Iowa State University, Spring 2009

Undergraduate Student Advising

Honors thesis, Michael Legget, 2018
 Honors thesis, Caroline Johnson, 2018
 Honors thesis, Alia Kane, 2017
 Honors thesis, Maya Hardimon, 2015
 Honors thesis, Gregory Apino, 2015
 Faculty advisor, Maryland International Affairs Society, 2014-2015
 Advisor, Individual Studies Program, Major in Global Development, Dan Granot, Graduated 2013

University and Departmental Service

Flagship Fellowship Selection Committee, UMD 2017
 Summer Research and Scholarship Awards (RASA), UMD, 2016
 Graduate Placement Director, UMD Government and Politics Department, 2014-present
 Merit Pay Committee, University of Maryland, 2013
 Graduate Committee, University of Maryland, 2013-2015
 Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics Prize Committee, Iowa State University, 2010
 Public Policy Search Committee, Iowa State University, 2010
 International Relations Search Committee, Iowa State University, 2008
 Public Policy Search Committee, Iowa State University, 2007
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Iowa State University, 2007-2010

Professional Activities

Chair, International Studies Association Status on the Committee of Women 2017-present
 Committee Member, American Political Science Association, Committee on the Status of Women 2016-present.
 Associate Editor, *Journal of Peace Research*, 2012-present
 Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review* 2016-present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics* 2016-present

Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Security Studies* 2015-present

Editorial Committee, *Journal of Peace Research* 2010-2012

Section Chair, Conflict Processes, American Political Science Association, 2015

Councilor, Conflict Processes, American Political Science Association, 2016-2017

Councilor, Peace Science Society, 2012-2015

Manuscript Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *World Politics*, *Demography*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*

Proposal Reviewer, *European Science Foundation*, *National Science Foundation*, *Army Research Council*, *Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences)*

Member, *American Political Science Association*, *International Studies Association*, *Peace Science Society International*