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ACADEMIC POSITIONS **Arizona State University**  
Associate Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2018–  
Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2012–2018  
Faculty Affiliate, Center on the Future of War, 2014–

EDUCATION **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2012

**University of North Texas**

M.S., Political Science, 2007

B.A., Political Science, 2005

EXTERNAL GRANTS 2016-2019. *Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project*, Principal Investigator. (with K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood [Co-PIs], and Rebecca Cordell [Post-Doctoral Researcher]). National Science Foundation, October 2016-September 2018. \$513,434 (\$211,422 to ASU)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS Forthcoming. “Changing Standards or Political Whim? Evaluating Changes in the Content of US State Department Human Rights Reports following Presidential Transitions.” *Journal of Human Rights* (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)

2018. “Refugees, Economic Capacity, and Host State Repression.” *International Interactions*, 44 (1): 132-155, (with Shweta Moorthy)

2016. “Responding to Catastrophe: Repression Dynamics following Rapid-onset Natural Disasters.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 60 (8): 1446-1472, (with Reed M. Wood)

2016. "A Conditional Defense of the Dyadic Approach." *International Studies Quarterly*, 60 (2): 363-368, (with Paul F. Diehl)
2016. "Unpacking Territorial Disputes: Domestic Political Influences and War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 60 (4): 645-669, (with Paul F. Diehl)
2014. "Territorial Revision and State Repression." *Journal of Peace Research*. 51 (3): 375-87.
2014. "Disputed Territory, Defensive Alliances, and Conflict Initiation." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 31 (2): 119-44, (with Toby J. Rider)
2012. "Staying the Course: Assessing the Durability of Peacekeeping Operations." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 29 (2): 127-47, (with J. Michael Greig)

WORKING  
PROJECTS

- "Revisionist Conflict and State Repression," invited to revise and resubmit.
- "Assessing How the US reports on refugees over time." (with Rebecca Cordell)
- "Recording Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Annual Country Human Rights Reports." (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)
- "Changing Standard of Accountability or the Decline in Violence?" (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood).
- "All repression is local: The sub-national determinants of physical integrity rights abuse" (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)
- "Assessing the Impact of Conflict on Media Freedom" (with Daniel Berliner)
- "Is Peacemaking Good Politics? Investigating the Relationship between Border Settlement and Leader Turnover" (with Andrew P. Owsiak and Krista Wiegand)
- "International Conflict, Repression, and the Onset of Civil Violence." (with Bryce W. Reeder)
- "Territorial Competition, Rivalry, and Alliance-Seeking Behavior." (with Toby J. Rider)

INVITED

- PRESENTATIONS 2017. “Press During Wartime: Exploring Conflict’s Effects on Media Freedom”  
School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona, February 3.
2017. “Potential Implications of the Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project.”  
Workshop on Conflict, Aid, & Refugees, University of Arizona, March 23-24.
2017. “Refugees, Human Rights, and Security.” Thomas S. Foley Institute for  
Public Policy and Public Service. Washington State University. April 20.

RECENT

- CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS 2019. “Recording Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations  
in Annual Country Human Rights Reports.” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood). Presented at the annual  
meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA.
2018. “Machine and Human Coding Approaches to Measuring Subnational  
Variation of Repression.” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher  
J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood). Presented at the annual meeting of the Inter-  
national Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
2017. “The Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project.” (with K. Chad Clay,  
Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood). Presented at the the annual meeting of  
the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD as well as the Midwest  
Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.
2016. “Assessing the Impact of Conflict on Media Freedom” with Daniel Berliner.  
Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, At-  
lanta, GA, and the Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago,  
IL.
2015. “Border Settlement and Leadership Tenure.” with Andrew P. Owsiak and  
Krista Wiegand. Presented at the annual Midwest Political Science Associa-  
tion Conference, April 16-19, Chicago, IL. Also presented at the annual con-  
vention of the American Political Science Association, San Fransisco, CA,  
September 3-6, 2015.
2014. “Refugee Inflows and Host State Repression.” with Shweta Moorthy.  
Presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society (International),  
October 10-11, 2014, Philadelphia, PA. Also presented at the annual meeting  
of the International Studies Association–Midwest, November 7-9, 2014, St.  
Louis, MO and the annual meeting of the International Studies Association,  
February 19-21, 2014, New Orleans, LA.

2014. “Come Hell or High Water: State Repression in the Wake of Natural Disasters,” with Reed M. Wood. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, March 25-28, Toronto, CA. Earlier version presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), October 25-26, 2013, Knoxville, TN.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University:

Graduate:

- POS 560: International Relations (graduate proseminar), Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.
- POS 664: War, Peace, and Conflict Processes, Spring 2013, Fall 2015.
- International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee: Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018.

Ph.D. committee member:

- Christopher Davis
- Pablo Ortega
- Samuel Goldenberg

Undergraduate:

- POS 467: International Security, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016.
- POS 360: World Politics, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.
- POS 305: Conflict & Film, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.

Directed Readings Courses:

- International Conflict (Graduate, Spring 2013, Spring 2018)
- Peacekeeping and Conflict Management (Undergraduate, Spring 2014).

Barrett Honors College Thesis Committees:

- Rohit Rajan (chair, 2014-2015)
- Yonit Upart (second reader, 2014-2015)
- Connor Sonksen (second reader, 2016)
- Sierra Winans (chair, 2017).

- Margaret Tucker (chair, 2018).
- Nicole Floda (chair, expected 2019).

Junior Fellows research supervision:

- Fall 2014: Weston Aviles, Brendan Porter, Zalman Stern-Zapad
- Fall 2015: Julio Cuen
- Spring 2016: Sari Inaba, Che Forgeron, Sarah Atchinson
- Fall 2016: Jame Peru
- Spring 2017: Lubaba Ahmed, Samantha Mohn, Madelyn Nelson, Margaret Tucker
- Fall 2017: Piper Nelson, Shenika Butler
- Spring 2018: Esther Choe, Kathryn Ziglin

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE:  
DISCIPLINE

Academic year 2018-2019:

- At-large member, ISA-West executive council.
- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 21-22

Academic year 2017-2018:

- At-large member, ISA-West executive council.
- Councillor, Four Corners Conflict Network.
- Discussant, Four Corners Conflict Network meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 31-April 1.
- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September

Academic year 2016-2017:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD. February 22-25.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

Academic year 2015-2016:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

- Discussant, Four Corners Conflict Network meeting, Tempe, AZ, April.
- Participant, Workshop on Four Corners Conflict Network, Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Oxford, MS, November.

Academic year 2014-2015:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA. February 22-25.
- Section Program Co-Chair, Human Rights Section, International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Panel Chair, International Studies Association-Midwest Meeting, St. Louis, MO

Academic year 2013-2014:

- Panel Chair, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Academic year 2012-2013:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE:  
SCHOOL OF  
POLITICS AND  
GLOBAL  
STUDIES

Academic year 2018-2019:

- Co-supervisor, Honors Thesis Program (with Avital Simhony)
- Member, Graduate Committee

Academic Year 2017-2018:

- Member, Advisory Committee
- Service presentation for Graduate Teaching & Writing Workshop

Academic Year 2016-2017:

- Member, Graduate Committee
- Service presentation for Fall Transfer Student Orientation
- Service presentation for Graduate Teaching & Writing Workshop

Academic Year 2015-2016:

- Member, Graduate Committee

Academic Year 2014-2015:

- Member, Committee on Colloquia, Workshops and Guest Speakers
- Co-coordinator, Academic Job Market Workshop
- Organizer, School Workshop Series

Academic Year 2013-2014:

- Member, Search committee for Global Studies hire (successful)
- Member, Committee on Colloquia, Workshops and Guest Speakers
- Co-coordinator, Academic Job Market Workshop
- Organizer, School Workshop Series
- Organizer, Conflict and Human Rights Working Group

Academic Year 2012-2013:

- Co-coordinator, Academic Job Market Workshop
- Organizer, School Workshop Series

REVIEWER  
SERVICE

Academic Journals:

*American Journal of Political Science*  
*American Political Science Review*  
*Conflict Management and Peace Science*  
*Comparative Political Studies*  
*Foreign Policy Analysis*  
*International Area Studies Review*  
*International Interactions*  
*International Peacekeeping*  
*International Studies Quarterly*  
*International Studies Review*  
*Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
*Journal of Human Trafficking*  
*Journal of Peace Research*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*PLOS-One*  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*Political Science Research and Methods*  
*Security Studies*  
*Terrorism and Political Violence*

Book Presses:

Oxford University Press  
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

External Grant Agencies:

National Science Foundation

PUBLIC

SCHOLARSHIP, Public Presentations

PRESENTATIONS AND SERVICE 2017. “Refugees, State Repression, & Political Violence” Genocide Awareness Week, Scottsdale Community College, April 17.

Blog Posts and Media Commentary

2018. “How Does the Trump Administration Think About Human Rights? Evidence from the State Department Country Reports.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, June 1, 2018.

2017. “Refugees, Host Country Politics, and Human Suffering.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, February 10, 2017, (with Shweta Moorthy)

CONSULTING  
WORK

2015-2016. Research consultant, McCain Institute Fortune 500 Project, (with Reed M. Wood)

REFERENCES

Christian Davenport

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