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EDUCATION

1999 **Ph.D., Political Science**

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
Concentrations: World Politics and Comparative Politics
Dissertation Title: The Ties That Bind: Status Quo Preferences, Democracy, and Conflict
(chair, Jacek Kugler)

1996 **M.A., International Political Economy**

Claremont Graduate University

1994, 1995, 1999 (summers) 3 full sessions and 1 week-long session at ICPSR, Ann Arbor, MI
Concentrations: Statistics and Mathematical Modeling

1993 **Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies**

Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble, France
Concentration: International Security and Defense

1992 **B.A., International Relations**

University of California, Davis

1991 One year at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Grenoble, France.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor. Fall 2009-Present

Department of Political Science
University at Buffalo, SUNY

Assistant Professor. Fall 2001-Present

Department of Political Science
University at Buffalo, SUNY

Visiting Assistant Professor. Fall 1999-2001

Department of Political Science
University at Buffalo, SUNY

PUBLICATIONS

“UN Bias and Force Commitments” (with Jacob Kathman). 2014. *Journal of Politics*. 76(2): 350-363.

“The Dynamics of Ethnonationalist Contention.” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2010. *British Journal of Political Science*. 40(2): 305-331.

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- “Choosing Sides: UN Resolutions and Non-Neutrality in International Conflicts.” (with Nil Satana). Forthcoming in Jacob Bercovitch and Scott Gartner, eds. *International Conflict Mediation: New Approaches and Findings*. Routledge Press.
- “Means, Motives, and Opportunities in the Expression of Ethno-Nationalist Demands” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2008. *International Interactions*. 34(1): 53-83.
- “Status Quo Preferences and Disputes Short of War.” 2007. *International Interactions*. 33(3): 271-288.
- “Extending Power Transition Theory.” 2007. *International Interactions*. 33(3): 211-215.
- “Structure, Politics, and Action: An Integrated Model of Nationalist Protest and Rebellion” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2006. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 12(2): 1-39.
- “The Relevance of Politically Relevant Dyads in the Study of Interdependence and Dyadic Disputes.” 2005. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 22(2): 113-133.
- “Social Capital and the Growth of the Nonprofit Sector” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2005. *Social Science Quarterly* 86(1): 16-35.
- “Dyadic Hostility and the Ties that Bind: State-to-State versus State-to-System Security and Economic Relationships.” 2004. *Journal of Peace Research* 41(6): 659-676.
- “Interpersonal Trust and the Magnitude of Protest: A Micro- and Macro-Level Approach” (with Thomas Rochon). 2004. *Comparative Political Studies* 20(10): 1-23.
- “The Origins of Socially and Politically Hostile Attitudes toward Immigrants and Outgroups: Economics, Ideology, or National Context?” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2003. *Journal of Political Science* 31: 101-37.
- “Power Parity, Democracy, and the Severity of Internal Violence” (with Jacek Kugler). 1998. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(2): 196-209.
- “Anticipating Domestic Violence with Political Capacity” (with Jacek Kugler, Andy Hira, and Dmitri Panasevitch). 1997. In Jacek Kugler and Marina Arbetman, eds. *Political Capacity and Economic Behavior*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

GUEST EDITORSHIP

Guest Editor of special peer-reviewed edition: “Extensions to Power Transition Theory.” *International Interactions*. Contributors include Michelle Benson, Glenn Palmer, T. Clifton Morgan, Frank Zagare, Vesna Danilovic, Joe Claire, Monica Duffy-Toft, Siddharth Swaminathan, and John Thomas.

SUBMISSIONS FOR PUBLICATION

- “UN Security Council Resolutions and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizeles).
- “Cut Short: UNSC Bias and Peacekeeping Effectiveness.” (with Jacob Kathman). Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

“UN Peacekeeping” Special Feature in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Co-Edited with Ismene Gizelis.

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“UN Resolutions and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizelis). 2017. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

“An Introduction to the UNSCR Intrastate Conflict-Month Data 1989-2014.” (with Colin Tucker) 2017. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA.

“UNSC Bias and Peacekeeping Effectiveness.” (with Jacob Kathman) 2016. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA.

“UN Security Council Resolutions and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizeles) 2016. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA.

“Is the UN a Credible Actor in Global Conflict?” 2014. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.

“Democracy and Mediation in Civil Wars”. (with Paul Poast and Gary Uzonyi) 2013 Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

“UNSC Bias and Peacekeeping Effectiveness.” (with Jacob Kathman) 2013. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

“In it to Win It: Civil War Victory and the Duration of Authoritarian Regimes.” (with Reverien Mfizi, graduate student) 2012. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“UN Bias and Force Commitments in Civil Wars.” (with Jacob Kathman) 2011. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

UNbiased: UNSC Resolutions in Civil Wars.” (with Erik Gartzke). 2010. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.

UNbiased: UNSC Resolutions in Civil Wars.” (with Erik Gartzke). 2009. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society International Meetings, Chapel Hill, NC.

“UNbiased: A logic of Security Council Action.” (with Erik Gartzke). 2009. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY.

“The Determinants of Trade During War.” 2008. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society, Claremont, CA.

“Choosing Sides: UN Resolutions and Non-Neutrality.” (with Nil Satana). 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

“Assessing the Determinants of Trade Decreases During War.” 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- “Naming Names in UNSC Conflict Resolutions: Implications for Peacekeeping.” With Colin Tucker. 2017. Presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy workshop at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- “Brexit: Implications for Conflict Intervention and Human Rights Policies.” 2017. Jean Monnet Chair event co-sponsored with CEUS and the Baldy Center, University at Buffalo, SUNY
- “Democracy, Rebel Politics, and the Demand for Mediation in Civil Wars.” 2015. (with Paul Poast and Gary Uzonyi). Han Jyun-Hou Conference, SUNY Binghamton.
- “IGOs and Bridging Ties: An Unlikely Peace?” 2006. Paper presented at the *IGOs in Action* conference. San Diego, CA.
- “Intergovernmental Organizations and International Conflict: Follow the Leader or Follow the Rules?” June 2005. Presented at the conference on Power Transitions. Carmel, CA.
- “Intergovernmental Organizations and the Duration of Dyadic Disputes.” 2003. Presented at The Baldy Center. University at Buffalo, SUNY. Buffalo, NY.

SERVICE

- 2017-pres. Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science
- 2016-pres. UB Committee on Assessment of MQR General Education Requirements
- 2012-pres. UB College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
- 2015-2016 Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee
- 2105-2016 UB University Committee on Academic Integrity
- 2015-2017 Section Chair, Scientific Studies of International Processes (SSIP) for *ISA*
- 2015-pres. UB Math and Quantitative Reasoning General Education Subcommittee
- 2014-2016 UB College of Arts and Sciences General Education Subcommittee
- 2013-2016 UB College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee
- 2012 UB College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee Alternate (Fall 2012)
- 2013-2014 CAS Strategic Planning Committee on Creative Activities and Research Subcommittee
- 2012-14 Department of Political Science Graduate Committee
- 2013-2015 Chair, Professional Development Committee, *International Studies Association*
- 2012 Section Chair for the *Midwest Political Science Association* Program Committee
- 2007-2008 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, SUNY Buffalo
- 2007-2008 *Pi Sigma Alpha* Undergraduate Honor Society Chapter Advisor
- 2008 Chair and Convenor of the *International Studies Association* Nominating Committee
- 2007-2010 *International Studies Association* Nominating Committee member
- 2006-2009 *APSA* Conflict Processes Section Councilor
- 2004-2006 *International Studies Association* workshop grant committee member.
- 2002-2004 University at Buffalo Department of Political Science Advisory Committee
- 2002-2003 Faculty Undergraduate Grievance Pool Representative
- 2002 Program Chair, Scientific Studies of International Processes Section of the *International Studies Association* Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2000 *Peace Science Society* Nominating Committee
- 2001 – Department of Political Science Undergraduate and Graduate Committees
- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *National Science Foundation*.

Community

- 2017, 1/29: USA Today Digital Edition Interview on “Experts: Refugee ban could be used as ISIL recruiting tool
- 2016, 7/20: “The Pros and Cons of UN Peacekeeping and Intervention in Civil Wars.” UB Newman Center Bridge Lecture Series
- 2016, 4/4: Speaker for the International Institute of Buffalo, Great Decision Series on “The United Nations.”
- 2016, 3/29: Christian Science Monitor Interview on “EU Cooperation on Terrorism”
- 2016, 3/25: USA Today Interview on “EU Cooperation on Terrorism”
- 2015, 12/7: Vice Digital News Interview on sending ground troops to Syria.
- 2015, 11/16: Time Warner Cable News Interview on “Paris Terrorist Attacks”
- 2015, 11/16: Channel 4 Television News Interview on “Paris Terrorist Attacks”
- 2015, 8/24: USA Today Digital Edition Interview on North/South Korea
- 2003, 2/26, 3/28, 4/4, 4/17, 5/1. T.V. guest appearance: *A.M. Buffalo*, Channel 7 (WKBW). Topics: The Second Gulf War, the history of Iraq, postwar Iraq.
- 2003, 3/21. Radio interview on the Second Gulf War on WCOT-FM.
- 2003, 4/9. Tonawanda High School. Class of at-risk freshmen. Discussion of the history of Iraq and the war in Iraq.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS

2006. *Baldy Center Small Research Grant* (\$1000)
- 2002-2003. *Baldy Center Grant* for research assistance (\$3,500)
1998. Nomination by the School of Politics and Economics for the Morris Abrams Award in IR.
- 1997-1998. Haynes Social Science Dissertation Grant (\$16,000)
- 1993-96. Claremont Graduate University Fellowship Award (\$4,000, \$8,000, \$8,000)
- 1996-1998. Graduate Student Council Research Award (\$300, \$250)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS**Language**

- English (native speaker)
- Fluent French