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- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **School of Public Policy, University of Maryland—College Park**
Assistant Professor, 2017 – present
- EDUCATION **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
Ph.D., Department of Political Science (2016)
Colby College
B.A., Government (2007)
- PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS “Who Can Keep the Peace? Insurgent Organizational Control of Collective Violence.” *Security Studies*, volume 26, no. 3 (2017): 482-516
“Fatality Thresholds, Causal Heterogeneity, and Civil War Research: Reconsidering the Link Between Narcotics and Conflict.” *Political Science Research and Methods*, volume 7, no. 1 (2019): 85-105
- BOOK PROJECT *Organization and Community: The Determinants of Insurgent Military Power*
– 2017 Lucian Pye Award for best MIT dissertation in political science
- WORKS IN-PROGRESS “How Political is Violence? Developing a Typology of Insurgent Civil-Military Relations” *Revise and Resubmit at Armed Forces & Society*
“Rebels Fire and Maneuver Too: How Combat Training Sustains Insurgent Warfare”
“Veterans, Novices, and Patterns of Rebel Recruitment,” with Evan Perkoski
“A Typology of Rebel Public Health Behavior,” with Catherine Worsnop and Davin O’Regan
“The Worst Case Scenario? Assessing the Impact of a Complete ISAF Military Withdrawal from Afghanistan”
- BOOK REVIEWS **2021.** Theodore McLaughlin. 2020. *Desertion: Trust and Mistrust in Civil Wars*. Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press. *Perspectives on Politics*, forthcoming
- ESSAYS AND OPINION PIECES “[How the Taliban Exploited Afghanistan’s Human Geography](#)”, War on the Rocks, 2 September 2021.
“[From Guerrilla to Maneuver Warfare: A Look at the Taliban’s Growing Combat Capability](#)”, Modern War Institute, 6 June 2018.
“[A Closer Look at ISIS in Iraq](#)”, with Evan Perkoski (University of Pennsylvania), Political Violence @ a Glance, 16 June 2014.
“[Insurgent Organizational Structure and the Control of Collective Violence](#)”, *Précis*, Fall 2013.
- GRANTS AND AWARDS 2021-2022 Research Excellence Program Grant
University of Connecticut, with Evan Perkoski
2021-2022 Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland Seed Grant
University of Maryland, with Catherine Worsnop

2020-2021 Faculty-Student Research Award, The Graduate School
University of Maryland

2020-2022 Research and Scholarly Activity Fund
University of Toronto, with Noel Anderson

2017-2018 Modern War Institute at West Point Military Academy
Non-Resident Fellow

2017 Lucian Pye Award for best MIT political science dissertation

2016-2017 Belfer Center at Harvard Kennedy School
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Security Program

2015-2016 George Washington University Institute for Security and Conflict Studies
Predoctoral Research Fellow

2015-2016 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship

2014 Levitan Award for Excellence in Teaching

2013, 2014 MIT Center for International Studies Research Grant

2014 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship

2013 Tobin Project National Security Fellowship

2010-2015 MIT Graduate Fellowship

TEACHING

- “Quantitative Aspects of Public Policy”
- “Military Intervention, Civil Conflict, and Terrorism”
- “Political Science Scope and Methods” (Teaching Assistant)

INVITED TALKS

Belfer Center International Security Program Seminar, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA—April 2017)

Triangle Institute for Security Studies New Faces Conference (Chapel Hill, NC—October 2015)

PRIO/MIT Conference on Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism, MIT (Cambridge, MA—November 2011)

SELECTED
CONFERENCES
AND WORKSHOPS

APSA Annual Meeting (September 2021)

ISA Annual Convention (2020)

APSA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC—September 2019)

ISA Annual Convention (Toronto, Canada—March 2019)

APSA Annual Meeting (Boston, MA—September 2018)

ISA Annual Convention (Baltimore, MD—February 2017)

APSA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA—September 2016)

ISA Annual Convention (Atlanta, GA—March 2016)

APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA—September 2015)

ISA Annual Convention (New Orleans, LA—February 2015)

APSA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC—August 2014)
Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT (Cambridge, MA—May 2014)
Harvard-Yale-MIT Conference on Political Violence (April 2014)

SERVICE AND
MEMBERSHIPS

Committee Member, Programs, Courses, and Curriculum Committee, University of Maryland School of Public Policy
Faculty Liaison, Policy Student Government Association, University of Maryland School of Public Policy
Committee Member, PhD planning committee, University of Maryland School of Public Policy (2019-2020)
Manuscript Referee, International Security, Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly, Civil Wars
Member, American Political Science Association
Member, International Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Chemonics International, Washington, D.C.
Manager, Afghanistan and Pakistan Business Development 2009-2010
Traveled to Afghanistan to assist in the development of USAID programs.
Associate/Manager, Middle East 2007-2009
Managed planning, compliance, and budgeting for USAID programs in Egypt and Jordan.
National Democratic Institute, Washington D.C.
Project Assistant, Middle East and North Africa 2007