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Education

Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, 2017.

Dissertation: “Civilian Participation in Politics and Violent Revolution: Ideology, Networks, and Action in Peru and India”

Committee Members: Charles King (Chair), Daniel Nexon, Emmanuel Teitelbaum (GWU)

Major Field: Comparative Politics | Minor Field: International Relations

Research Interests: political mobilization and civil conflict in developing societies; peacebuilding; rural politics; post-war memory and justice; qualitative methods.

Primary Regions: Latin America and South Asia

Passed with Distinction: Comparative Government Comprehensive Exam

M.A. International Studies, University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, 2009.

Field: Comparative Politics; Concentration: Human Rights

M.A. Thesis: “Transformation of Rebel Movements into Political Parties in Transitions from Civil Conflict: A Study of Rebels’ Decision-making amid Violence in El Salvador and Zimbabwe.”

Thesis Advisor: Timothy D. Sisk

B.A. Political Science, Duke University, 2004.

Academic Employment

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Lehigh University (August 2021-present)

Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo (School of Public Policy) Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, Jan. 2019-May 2020.

Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow, Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo, Universidad de Los Andes, Jan. 2017-Jan. 2019.

Pre/Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Dec. 2014-Dec. 2016.

Research

Articles in Journals

Devin Finn, “International Authority, Deliberative Legitimacy, and the Responsibilities of States.” *Global Governance* 16(4). Autumn 2010.

Book Chapters

Devin Finn, “The Political Agency of Victims through Transnational Processes of Forensic Anthropology and Memory Construction in Latin America.” In *Agency in Transnational Memory Politics*, eds., Aline Sierp and Jenny Wüstenberg (2020, Berghahn Books)

Devin Finn, “The Participation of Victims’ Family Members in the Search for Disappeared Persons in Postconflict Colombia.” In *The Implementation of Peace in Colombia: An Evaluation after Five Years*, eds. Angelika Rettberg and Laura Betancur Restrepo, Universidad de los Andes Press (forthcoming, late 2021).

Articles and Working Papers

Conflict and governance in two mining sites in Peru: local politics, power, and corporate strategy (with Deborah Avant and Tricia Olsen) (article under review)

Trajectories of civilian encounters with insurgency in Peru and India: wartime politics of collapse, resilience, and fluidity (article prepared for submission to peer-reviewed journal)

Intersections of rebel ideology and peasant participation: Class struggle, nationalism, and armed rebellion in Telangana, India (1946-1951) (article prepared for submission to peer-reviewed journal)

Civilian protection and aid delivery during civil war: the politics of early warning of mass atrocities in Sri Lanka, 2000-2009 (chapter author and co-editor of volume edited with Andrew Bennett)

Additional Ongoing Research Projects

Understanding citizens’ distinct experiences of wartime violence and the state: Postwar “forensic politics” in Perú and Colombia

“Humanizing the Enemy”: How Colombian citizens and demobilized combatants practice empathy in behavioral games (with Sebastián Bitar, Angelika Rettberg, and Michael Weintraub)

Selected Conference Presentations

“Postwar Forensic Politics: Mobilization of Victims and State-building in Perú and Colombia.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress, Boston, MA, May 2019.

“Inclusive Processes in Corporate-Community Relationships: Explaining Variation in Peru’s Mining Industry.” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto, March 2019.

“Understanding Distinct Experiences of Violence and the State: Political Mobilization of Victims in Peru and Colombia.” LASA International Congress, Barcelona, May 2018.

“Humanizing the Enemy: Experimental Evidence from Ex-combatants in Colombia.” ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, Apr. 2018.

“The strategic ambiguity of citizens’ participation during and after war: interpreting political agency in Hualla, Ayacucho.” LASA International Congress, Lima, Peru, Apr. 2017.

“Civilian Participation in Violence and Politics: Ideology, Networks, and Action in Peru, 1980-1992.”
LASA International Congress, New York City, May 2016.

“Radical politics in the context of state formation: How participation in peasant struggle, nationalism and armed rebellion intersected in Andhra Pradesh.”
Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) Security Studies Workshop, U. Penn, Apr. 2016.

“Participation in Politics and Revolution: Civilian Support for Insurgencies in Democratic States.”
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2013.

Awards and Fellowships

Excellence in Teaching Award, Universidad de los Andes Escuela de Gobierno, awarded December 2017.

University of Denver PROF Faculty Research Grant (with Deborah Avant), Apr. 2016, \$18,000.

Pre/Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Dec. 2014-Dec. 2016.

Short-term Research Scholarship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Sept.-Oct. 2014.

Dissertation Research Award, Georgetown University Department of Government, Summers 2013 and 2014.

Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Georgetown University, Nov. 2012.

Selected as GU participant in The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) of the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Maxwell School of Syracuse University, June 2012.

Georgetown University Center for Latin American Studies Research Grant, Summer 2012.

“Distinction” on Comparative Government Comprehensive Examination, Fall 2011.

Critical Language Scholarship (Bengali), U.S. State Department. Summer 2011, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Georgetown University Department of Government Graduate Fellowship, May 2009. \$22,000 per year.

Professional Affiliations

Member, International Studies Association (ISA); Member, Human Rights Section
Member, Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Member, Peru Section

Advising, Teaching, and Research Assistance

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá (most courses below taught in Spanish)

Professor: Analysis of Global Problems (Undergraduate), Fall 2019.

Professor: Introduction to Global Public Affairs (Undergraduate), Fall 2018; Spring 2019.

Professor: Advanced Research Seminar (Undergraduate), Political Science, Spring 2019; Fall 2019.

Professor: The Politics of Peacebuilding (Masters in Public Policy; MA, Peacebuilding), Fall 2017.

Thesis Director: “A Critique of the Victim-Victimizer Dichotomy in Postwar Transitional Justice,”
María Paula Espejo Duarte (MA, Peacebuilding)

Thesis Director: “Popular Football (Soccer) and the Defense of Human Rights in the South of
Bogotá,” Laura Alejandra Naranjo (MA, Public Policy)

Thesis Director: “Toward an insurgent feminism: new debates among ex-FARC women,” Luisa
Fernanda González (BA, Political Science)

Georgetown University Department of Government

Teaching Assistant: Comparative Political Systems: Prof. Matthew Carnes, Fall 2013.

Research Assistant: Prof. Sara Wallace Goodman (UC-Irvine), Spring 2013.

Teaching Assistant: International Relations: Prof. Andrew Bennett, Fall 2012.

Teaching Assistant: International Relations: Prof. Kier Lieber, Spring 2012.

Research Assistant: Prof. Daniel Nexon, Spring 2012.

Research Assistant: Prof. George Shambaugh, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.

Teaching Assistant: Comparative Political Systems: Prof. Thane Gustafson, Spring 2010.

United States Institute of Peace, Jennings Randolph Fellowship Program

Research Assistant: Caroline Hartzell, September 2010-July 2011.

Research Assistant: Andries Odendaal, September 2009-February 2010.

Employment in Policy and Governance

Political Instability Task Force, Jun. 2013-Jul. 2014, casebook research on mass atrocity prevention.

United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, Sept. 2009-Jul. 2011, Research Assistant.

Department of Political Affairs, United Nations, Americas and Europe Division, Sept.-Dec. 2008.

Department of State, United States Embassy, Lima, Peru, June-August 2008.

The International Budget Partnership of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Jan.-Oct. 2006.

The Inter-American Dialogue, Reporter and Asst. Editor, June 2004-April 2006.

Service and Leadership

Reviewer, *Democratization*, *Forensic Anthropology*, *Comparative Political Studies*

Officer, Graduate Political Science Association, Georgetown University, Fall 2010-Spring 2012.

Coordinator, Georgetown Univ. Govt. Dept. DC Area Graduate Student Conference, 2010-2011.

Symposium Coordinator, Center on Rights Development (CORD), U. Denver, May 2008-June 2009.

Volunteer, Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement Program, Denver, Sept. 2007-Sept. 2008.

Related Skills

Proficient in Spanish

Extensive research and work-related travel in Peru, Nepal, and India.