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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR), Tulane University, 2019-2020

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Otterbein University, Fall 2020-

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI, USA
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2019
M.A. in Political Science, 2015

Haverford College, Haverford, PA, USA
B.A. in Political Science and Latin American and Iberian Studies, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

2018. “What Drives Violence against Civilians in Civil War? Evidence from Guatemala’s Conflict Archives,” with Scott Straus, *Journal of Peace Research* 55(2): 222-235.

2018. “Rethinking Comparison,” with Erica S. Simmons and Nicholas Rush Smith, *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 16(1): 1-7.

2018. “From Reconciliation to Rule of Law: The Shifting Landscape of International Transitional Justice Assistance in Guatemala,” with Anita Isaacs, in *Transitional Justice, International Assistance, and Civil Society: Missed Connections*, eds. Paige Arthur and Christalla Yakinthou (New York: Cambridge University Press), 27-51.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Constructing the Criminal State: The Institutional Legacies of Civil War in Central America (in progress)

WORKING PAPERS

“Civil War, Institutional Change, and the Criminalization of the State: Evidence from Guatemala” (under review)

Awarded the 2018 Mildred Hovland Potter Article Prize, UW–Madison Department of Political Science

“Guatemala: The Military in Politics,” with Anita Isaacs (in preparation for the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Military in Politics*)

“The Legacies of Wartime Predation and the Failures of State Reform: Evidence from Guatemala”

“‘To Make Men Believe Their Rebellion Just’: On Thomas Hobbes, Civil War, and the Social Construction of Greed and Grievance,” with Dan Kapust

**COMMENTARY &
POLICY ANALYSIS**

2019. "A Victory for Guatemala's Pacto de Corruptos," *NACLA Report on the Americas* (online), June 21.

2019. "Guatemala's Anti-Corruption Struggle Teeters on the Edge," *NACLA Report on the Americas* (magazine) 51(2): 200-205.

2018. "Why are so many children coming to the U.S. from Central America in the first place?" The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, June 29.

2018. "Is Russia interfering in Guatemala's anti-corruption commission? The real story might surprise you," The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, May 9.

2017. "Guatemala's president tried to expel the U.N. commissioner who announced he was under investigation," The Monkey Cage, *The Washington Post*, September 6.

2015. "Confronting Government Corruption in Guatemala and Honduras," *SSN Basic Facts*, Scholars Strategy Network.

2013. "Repression, Resistance, and Indigenous Rights in Guatemala," with Anita Isaacs, *Americas Quarterly* (Winter): 32-7.

2012. "Democracy in Progress: El Salvador's Unfinished Transition," with Michael Shifter, *World Politics Review*, Feature Report: *After the Ink Dries: Long-Term Postconflict Reconciliation*.

2012. "El Salvador's Gang Truce Raises Troubling Questions for the Region," *World Politics Review*, May 11.

2011. "¿Equilibrio en la frontera? México en los medios de comunicación norteamericanos," with Michael Shifter, *Temas* 68 (Oct.-Dec.): 46-55.

**SELECT HONORS
& AWARDS**

ILS Law and Society Graduate Fellow, UW–Madison Law School, 2018-2019

Fulbright US Student Award (Guatemala), 2016-2017

United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship, 2016-2017

Graduate Student Fieldwork Award, International Institute, UW–Madison, 2015

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese), US Department of Education, 2014-2015

Tinker Nave Field Research Grant, Latin America, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies, UW–Madison, 2014, 2015

Herman M. Somers Thesis Prize, Haverford College, 2011

PRESENTATIONS

"Civil War, Institutional Change, and the Criminalization of the State"

- Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, 2019
- American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, 2018
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, 2018
- Comparative Politics Colloquium, UW–Madison, 2018
- Guatemala Scholars Network (GSN) Meeting, Antigua, Guatemala, 2017
- United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Scholar Workshop, Washington, DC, 2016

“From the Moreno Network to *La Línea*: Examining Postwar Institutional Persistence in Guatemala”

- Institute for Legal Studies Law and Society Fellows Workshop, UW–Madison Law School, 2018
- Latin America Studies Association Annual Congress, Barcelona, 2018

“Uncovering Wartime Criminal Networks through State Archives”

- Symposium for Archives and Historical Memory in Guatemala, Haverford College, planned for 2019

“Civil War, Institutional Evolution, and the State: Rethinking the Comparative Approach”

- “Rethinking Comparison in the Social Sciences” Workshop, City College of New York, 2017

“From Organized Terror to Organized Crime: The Criminalization of the State-Idea in Postwar Guatemala”

- Latin America Studies Association Annual Congress, Lima, 2017

“What Drives Escalation in Atrocity Violence? Evidence from Guatemala”

- American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, 2015

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Tulane University

Introduction to International Relations, Instructor, Fall 2019

University of Wisconsin–Madison

The Politics of Human Rights, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2018

Social Mobilization in Latin America, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2014

The Politics of Multiculturalism in the US, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2014

Haverford College

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2011

Writing Center Tutor and Mentor, Haverford College, 2009-2011

Consultancy

Supplemental Material Development, *International Studies* (textbook), Sage Publications, Inc., 2018

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Fieldwork

Guatemala: 18 months (May-July 2014; June-August 2015; September-November 2016; April-December 2017)

Nicaragua: 4 months (December 2016-March 2017)

Pro-Bono Consultancy

Expert Witness, Community Immigration Law Center, Madison, WI, 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, DC, USA
Program Assistant/Associate, Office of the President, 2011-2013
Coordinated programs and publications on citizen security and migration in Central America and Mexico and Congressional outreach.

SERVICE Graduate Fellow, Madison Chapter, Scholars Strategy Network, 2015-2016
Coordinator, Comparative Politics Colloquium, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison, 2015-2016
Coordinator, Political Economy Colloquium, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison, 2015-2016
Reviewer, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Peacekeeping*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS American Political Science Association
Latin American Studies Association
Guatemala Scholars Network
Scholars Strategy Network

ADDITIONAL TRAINING Teaching Academy Summer Institute, UW–Madison, 2018
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Syracuse University, 2016

LANGUAGE SKILLS English (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)

REFERENCES Scott Straus, Professor of Political Science and International Studies, UW–Madison, sstraus@wisc.edu, (608) 263-2036

Noam Lupu, Associate Professor of Political Science and Associate Director of the Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University, noam.lupu@vanderbilt.edu, (615) 875-9181

Erica S. Simmons, Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies, UW–Madison, essimmons@wisc.edu, (608) 263-2414

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