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Employment

Columbia University

- Postdoctoral Research Scholar, School of International & Public Affairs 2015-2016
- Visiting Fellow, Columbia Global Policy Initiative 2016
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2016

Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership, New York

- Research Fellow 2015-2016
- Director of Research, “Congress of Vienna 2015” project 2015-2016

Education

Columbia University

Ph.D. (with distinction), Political Science, May 2015
Dissertation: “Ritual Contention in Divided Societies: Participation in Loyalist Parades in Northern Ireland”
Committee: Jack Snyder (Chair), Alfred Stepan, Michael W. Doyle, Timothy Frye, and James M. Jasper

M.Phil., Political Science, 2011
M.A., Political Science, 2009

University of California, Berkeley

B.A., Political Science, 2007
Highest distinction; Phi Beta Kappa

Works in Progress *Contentious Rituals: Parading the Nation in Northern Ireland* (under review at major university press)

“Ethnic Elites and Rituals of Provocation: Pastors, Politicians, and Paramilitaries in Northern Ireland” (under review)

“Identity on the March: Contentious Rituals in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland” (working paper)

“What’s Religious About Religious Violence?” (working paper)

“By the Sword of God’: Explaining Forced Religious Conversion” (working paper)

“Stability in Sacred Competition? Pentecostals in the Global Religious Marketplace” (working paper)

Awards & Fellowships

Honorable mention, Aaron Wildavsky Dissertation Award, Religion and Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2016

Martin O. Heisler Award for best graduate student paper, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section, International Studies Association, 2015

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-1263772), 2013

Donald E. Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship, British Politics Group, American Political Science Association, 2013

Dissertation Development Grant, Department of Political Science, Columbia, 2013

Research grant, Christian Johnson Endeavor Foundation, 2012-13

AC⁴ Graduate Student Fellowship, Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict and Complexity, Earth Institute, Columbia, 2011-12

Fieldwork Seed Grant, Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, Columbia, 2011

Travel grant, Christian Johnson Endeavor Foundation, 2011

Faculty Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia, 2008-2013

Invited Talks & Workshops

“The Puzzle of Participation in Contentious Rituals”

- Politics and Protest Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2016

“Culture, Politics, and the Paradox of Anti-Politics in Northern Irish Parades”

- Department of Political Science and Irish Studies Program, Villanova University, February 2016

“Religious Rituals and Violence”

- Conference on Religion, Rulers, and Political Order, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, April 2015

“Identity on the March: Contentious Rituals in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland”

- Comparative Politics Seminar, Columbia University, September 2015
- Columbia University International Politics Seminar, October 2014
- Politics and Protest Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, October 2014
- Cooperative on Working-Class Politics in Northern Ireland, Queen’s University Belfast, June 2014

“Marching to Different Beats: How Participants Perceive Parades”

- Politics and Protest Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, March 2014

Conference Presentations

“The Politics and Anti-Politics of Culture in Divided Societies”

- Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 2016
- International Studies Association, New Orleans, February 2015
- Political Science Graduate Student Conference, University of Pennsylvania, February 2015

“Identity on the March: Contentious Rituals in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland”

- American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015
- American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2014

“The Variety of Political Rituals: A Typological Analysis”

- Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 2014

“The Determinants of Participation in Contentious Rituals”

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014
- International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014

“Ethnic Elites and Rituals of Provocation: Pastors, Politicians, and Paramilitaries in Northern Ireland”

- International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014

“Ritual Contention: Participation in Loyalist Parades in Northern Ireland”

- Sustaining Peace: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Teachers College, Columbia University, November 2012 (poster)

“What’s Religious About Religious Violence?”

- International Studies Association, San Diego, April 2012

“Monumental Battles: Contested Memory, Contentious Memorials, and Ethnic Conflict in Divided Societies”

- Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York, April 2011
- Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University, April 2010

Other Writing

“In Search of Principles for a Stable World Order” New York: Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership, October 2015 (with Joel Bell).

“Around the World, Do Symbols like the Confederate Flag Stand for Heritage or Hate?” *The Monkey Cage*, June 26, 2015.

“Results of Recent Surveys on Parades,” Research report submitted to The Panel of Parties in the Northern Ireland Executive (“The Haass Talks”), Belfast and New York, September 2013.

Review of *Symbols and Legitimacy in Soviet Politics* by Graeme Gill, *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 40, No. 2 (March 2012), pp. 273-4.

“Costing the Millennium Development Goals: A Needs Assessment for the Republic of Liberia,” Monrovia, Liberia: United Nations Development Program, August 2009.

Teaching

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University, 2016

- War, Peace, and Religion (upper-division undergraduate seminar)

Teaching Fellow, Columbia University, 2009-2015

- Civil Wars and International Interventions in Africa
- Rising Great Powers in International Relations
- Scope and Methods of Political Science (guest lecture: “Field Research”)
- Introduction to Human Rights (guest lecture: “Genocide and Mass Atrocity”)
- Nationalism and Contemporary World Politics (guest lecture: “Religion and Nationalism”)
- U.S. Foreign Policy

- Political Economy of Development
- Introduction to International Politics (guest lecture: “Transnational and Non-State Actors and Processes”)

Pedagogical Training

- Teagle Summer Institute, Columbia University’s Preparing Doctoral Students for 21st-Century Teaching Initiative, Summer 2014
- Certification in Collaborative Learning, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Center, Spring 2014

Research & Work Experience

Visiting Research Associate, Queen’s University Belfast, 2013
 Consultant, International Rescue Committee, Sierra Leone, 2011
 Research assistant for Prof. Michael Doyle (Columbia), 2011
 Consultant, United Nations Development Programme, Liberia, 2009
 Research assistant for Prof. Page Fortna (Columbia), 2008-2009
 Research assistant for Prof. Steven Weber (UC Berkeley), 2007
 Research assistant for Prof. Steven L. Spiegel (UCLA), 2004-2007
 Summer Research Associate, Monitor Group, San Francisco, CA, 2007
 Research Intern, International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington, D.C., 2005

University Service

Columbia University
 ○ Program Manager, Undergraduate Human Rights Program, 2010-11

UC Berkeley
 ○ Founding Member, Steering Committee, Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program, 2006-7
 ○ Student Member, Committee on Courses of Instruction, Academic Senate, 2004-5

Languages & Skills

Languages: Spanish (intermediate), Hebrew (intermediate), Portuguese (basic)
Software: Stata, R, NVivo
Other: Rapid Response Research Training, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, 2012

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