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CURRENT POSITIONS

Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, *Harvard University*, 2009-10 academic year

Peace Scholar, *United States Institute of Peace*, Washington, D.C. (nonresident), 2009-10 academic year

EDUCATION

Ph.D. *Northwestern University*, Political Science, December 2009
Dissertation: "The Treatment of Civilians in Effective Counterinsurgency Operations"

MA *Northwestern University*, Political Science, June 2006

BA *University of Minnesota, Morris*, Political Science and History double major, *with distinction*, June 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International security; insurgency and counterinsurgency; terrorism and counterterrorism; military effectiveness; violence against civilians; civil wars; ethnic cleansing and mass killing; conflict resolution

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2008. The Geography of Insurgent Organization and its Consequences for Civil Wars: Evidence from Liberia and Sierra Leone. *Security Studies* 17(1): 107-237.

2007. Negotiated Settlements and Government Strategy in Civil Wars: Evidence from Darfur. *Civil Wars* 9 (4): 359-377.

2007. International Norms, Commerce, and the Political Economy of Insecurity in Sierra Leone. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 41(1): 66-94.

2004. Timber Booms, State Busts: The Political Economy of Liberian Timber. *Review of African Political Economy* 101: 441-456.

UNDER REVIEW

“Manipulating the Peace: Government Strategy and Spoiler Problems in the Sudanese Peace Processes”

WORKING PAPERS

“The Effectiveness of Leadership Decapitation in Counterinsurgency Campaigns”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Development Aid and Violence in Insurgency and Counterinsurgency” (with Benjamin Crost and Joe Felter)

“Initiative and Effectiveness in Counterinsurgency Operations” (with Joe Felter)

“Why the Weak Win Wars: The Role of External Assistance to Insurgencies”

“Explaining the Duration of Counterinsurgency Campaigns” (with Brian Urlacher)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Research Fellowship, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Program on Intrastate Conflict & International Security Program, *Harvard University*, 2009-10 academic year (declined 2008-09)

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, 2009-10 academic year (nonresident)

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, *Stanford University*, 2007-2009

Dissertation Year Fellowship, *Northwestern University*, 2008-09 academic year (declined 2007-08)

Summer Travel Grant, Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, *Northwestern University*, April 2008

Research Grant, Kellogg Business School’s Dispute Resolution Research Center, *Northwestern University*, April 2007

Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Business,
Northwestern University, April 2006

Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, *Northwestern University*, May 2005

Hans Panofsky Award, Program of African Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2005

Travel Grant, Center for International and Comparative Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2005

Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Business,
Northwestern University, May 2005

Travel Grant, Center for Comparative and International Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2004

Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Business,
Northwestern University, May 2004

Travel Grant, Program of African Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2004

FIELD RESEARCH

Sierra Leone (Summer 2005)
Liberia & Sierra Leone (Summer 2004)

ACADEMIC & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Consultant, Empirical Studies of Conflict Project, *Princeton University*, 2009-10
academic year

Solo Instructor, "Civil Wars and Violence in Africa," *Stanford University*, Winter 2008

Participant, Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, *Arizona State University*,
January 2007

Manuscript Reviewer, *International Security*, *Journal of Peace Research*

Research Assistant to Hendrik Spruyt, Fall 2006

Assistant Master, Chapin/Humanities Residential College, *Northwestern University*,
2006-07

Graduate Assistant, Office of Fellowships, *Northwestern University*, 2006-07

Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, *Northwestern University*,
2005-06

Teaching Assistantships:

Globalization (Roshen Hendrickson, instructor)
Introduction to the World System, 1500-1914 (William Reno, instructor)
National Security (Risa Brooks, instructor)
Introduction to International Relations (Hendrik Spruyt, instructor)
Political Research Methods (James Mahoney, instructor)

Average student evaluation rating: 5.14/6.00

REFERENCES

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