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Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst **Amherst, MA**

Ph.D., Political Science, Expected: 2017

“Rules, Norms, and Violence: How International Politics Affects the Victimization of Civilians in Civil War” (working title)

Committee: Charli Carpenter (Chair); MJ Peterson, and Jon Western (Mount Holyoke College)

San Diego State University **San Diego, CA**

M.A., Political Science, 2012

“A Kosovar Nation: Heroes, Education, Diaspora, and the (Re)Imagining of Kosovar Nationhood”

Committee: Latha Varadarajan (Chair), Jonathan Graubart, and Andrew J. Abalahin (History)

San Francisco State University **San Francisco, CA**

B.A., Political Science, 2007

Grants and Awards

International Studies Association Travel Grant (\$300): To Attend the 56th Annual International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, February 2015. *Declined.*

Department of Political Science Summer Methods, Language and Training in Research Grant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst: To attend the Institute of Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at Syracuse University, June 2014.

Graduate Research Initiative Project: Summer Research-Assistantship (\$2276): To assist [Dr. Charli Carpenter](#) in research and writing regarding the extent to which international legal understandings of who constitutes a civilian and what constitutes a violation of civilian immunity are represented in civilian casualty/targeting datasets. Summer 2014.

Department of Political Science Travel/Conference Grant (\$255), University of Massachusetts, Amherst: To attend the 55th Annual International Studies Association Convention, Toronto, March 2014.

Terhune Fellowship, San Diego State University (\$1000): Awarded to top applicants and continuing graduate students on the basis of merit, 2009, 2010.

Recognition

Nominated by the Delta Lambda chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha for Outstanding Teaching Assistant. April 2014.

Selected to Participate in the Junior Scholar Symposium at the 55th Annual International Studies Association Convention, Toronto, March 2014.

Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year (San Diego State University): Awarded to one student by faculty nomination each year. The student is chosen for his or her vibrancy in the graduate student and department community, consistent intellectual engagement in seminars, devotion as a teaching assistant, and academic excellence of his or her thesis. May 2011.

Works in Progress

“Rules, Norms, and Violence: How International Politics Affects the Victimization of Civilians in Civil War” – Dissertation

“Civilian Immunity and Victimization: Can International Rules and Norms Affect Warring Parties in Civil War?”

“Body Counts: Civilian Casualty Data and International Humanitarian Law”

“Pernicious Effects: Civilian Immunity, Technology, and War Making”

Other Writing

“Why didn’t the US “Re-Interpret” the UN Charter on Syria?” with Charli Carpenter. Duck of Minerva, October 10, 2013.

Professional Development

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, June 2014.

Participant/Note-taker for Global Trends in War, Conflict, and Political Violence Working Group, 55th Annual International Studies Association Convention, Toronto, March 2014.

Teaching Interests

International Relations: Human Security, International Humanitarian Law (Compliance, Effectiveness), Civilians in Armed Conflict, Human Rights, Norms, American Foreign Policy

Comparative Politics: Violence and State Formation, Civil War, Counterinsurgency, Terrorism, Nations and Nationalism.

Teaching Experience

American International College Springfield, MA
Instructor, American Foreign Policy (Fall 2013)

University of Massachusetts, Amherst Amherst, MA
Teaching Assistant
American Foreign Policy (Fall 2011, 2012, 2013; Spring 2012)
Making a Global World (Spring 2013)
Introduction to Legal Studies (Fall 2015)
American Politics Through Film (Spring 2014)

San Diego State University San Diego, CA
Teaching Assistant
American Politics in Global Perspective (Fall 2009-Fall 2010)

Bal Ashram Rajasthan, Jaipur, India
English Teacher (October 2007 – January 2008)

Conference Papers

“Rethinking the Logic of Violence in Civil War: Civilian Victimization and the International Political Environment.” Presented at the 55th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, ON, Canada. March 2014.

“Civilian Victimization and International Intervention: Reexamining the Logic of Violence in Civil War.” Presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Conference, Providence, RI, November 2013.

“A Kosovar Nation? Nations, States, and Heroes.” Presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Conference, Providence, RI, November 2011.

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

References

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