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### Education:

- Ph.D. (Political Science), August 2016. University of North Texas.  
**Dissertation:** *“Clenching the Fists of Dissent”: Political Unrest, Repression, and the Evolution to Civil War.*  
**Committee:** Idean Salehyan (Chair), T. David Mason (Chair), Jacqueline H.R. DeMeritt, and John Ishiyama.
- M.A. (Political Science), 2004. Villanova University.
- B.S. (Political Science and History), 2001. Texas A&M University-Commerce.  
(cum laude- with High Honors)  
**Honors Thesis:** *A Kurdish Nation: Myth or Reality? A Case Study in Political Mobilization.*

### Teaching Interests:

Comparative Politics  
International Relations  
Conflict (Interstate and Intrastate)  
Human Rights  
Peace Science  
Revolutions and Political Violence  
Middle East Politics  
African Politics

### Research Interests:

Civil Conflict and Political Violence  
Human Rights and State Repression  
Revolutions and Political Unrest  
Conflict Management  
Ethnic Politics

### Peer Reviewed Publications:

- 2015. “Review Fatigue? Why Scholars Decline to Review their Peers’ Work” (with Marijke Breuning, Jeremy Brannon, Ben Gross, and Michael Widmeier) *P.S. Political Science & Politics* 48(4): 595-600.
- 2014. “Patterns of Protest in the People’s Republic of China: A Provincial Level Analysis” (with Victor Cheung Yin Chan and T. David Mason) *Asian Affairs: An American Review* 41(3): 91-107.
- 2011. “Reconciliation and Conceptual Complexity: The Case of Post Conflict Kenya” (with John Ishiyama) *African and Asian Studies* 10(4): 366-386.

### Non- Peer Reviewed Publications:

- 2016. “Overburdened Reviewers and the Future of Peer Review.” *European Science Editing* 42(2): 42.

- 2010. “American Foreign Policy,” in *21<sup>st</sup> Century Political Science: A Handbook*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 2 volumes. John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning, editors. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, pp. 822-830.

### **Working Papers:**

- “‘Appetite for Destruction’? Institutional Survival and Political Unrest.’ Dissertation Chapter.
- “‘Legacy of Brutality’: How Low Level Political Violence Evolves into Civil War.’ Dissertation Chapter.
- “Beasts of Burden: Refugees, Economic Grievances, and Social Conflict,” with Brandon Stewart and Michael Widmeier
- “Does a Punishment in U.S. Foreign Aid Generate an Improvement in Human Rights Violations?,”
- “Female Participation in Rebel Groups,” with Brooke E. DeSipio.
- “Gender Violence during Civil Wars,” with Brooke E. DeSipio.
- “Gender Violence during Political Unrest,” with Brooke E. DeSipio.
- “Institutions and Ethnic Unrest in Emerging Democracies,” with John Ishiyama.
- “Insurgencies, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals,” with Christopher Linebarger.
- “Political Violence and Regime Response in Africa,” with Emily Stull.
- “Women as Peacemakers? The Effect of Female Legislators on Regime Repression,” with Emily Stull.
- “Regime Type and Methods of Repression,” with Emily Stull, Steven Liebel, and Benjamin Gross.
- “Teaching International Relations,” with Emily Stull, Steven Liebel, and Michael Widmeier.

### **Conference Presentations:**

- “Beasts of Burden: Refugees, Economic Grievances, and Social Conflict.” Presented with Brandon Stewart and Michael Widmeier at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.
- “Legacy of Brutality: How Low Level Political Violence Evolves into Civil War.” Presented at the 2013 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN, October 2013.
- “Only the Strong Survive? Regime Survival and Political Unrest.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August-September 2013.
- “Should I Stay or Should I Go: The Determinants of Dissident Reaction to Regime Repression and Reform during Political Unrest.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, CA, April 2012.
- “Protests and Government Repression in Africa.” Presented with Emily Stull at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2012.
- “Regime Responses to Political Unrest.” Presented at the 2012 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA, October 2012.

- “Political Institutions and Ethnic Unrest in Emerging Democracies.” Presented with John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Diego, CA, April 2012.
- “Patterns of Protest in the People’s Republic of China: A Provincial Level Analysis.” Presented with T. David Mason and Cheung Yin Chan at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Diego, CA, April 2012.
- “Insurgency, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals.” Presented with Christopher Linebarger at the Annual Meetings of the Northeastern Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, November 2011.
- “Insurgency, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals.” Presented with Christopher Linebarger at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association- Midwest in St. Louis, MO, November 2011.
- “Reconciliation, Parliamentary Debates, and Conceptual Complexity: The Case of Post Conflict Kenya.” Presented with Dr. John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA, January 2011.
- “Talking It Over: Parliamentary Debates, Conceptual Complexity and Post-Conflict Kenya.” Presented with Dr. Marijke Breuning and Dr. John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in New Orleans, LA, February 2010.
- “Talking It Over: Parliamentary Debates and Post-Conflict Kenya.” Presented with Dr. John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-Midwest in St. Louis, MO, November 2009.
- “A Kurdish Nation: Myth or Reality? A Case Study in Political Mobilization.” Presented at the Association of Third World Studies Conference in Savannah, GA, October 9-13, 2001.
- “The Iraqi Sanctions: Prospects for Political Change.” Presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Third World Studies Conference in Omaha, NE, October 6-8, 2000.

#### **Invited Talks:**

- Guest Speaker at the University of North Texas Founder’s Circle Dinner in Dallas, TX, November 16, 2013.
- “The Arab Spring and the Diversity of Regime Response.” Special Lecturer for *The Politics of the Middle East*, Spring 2012, University of North Texas.
- “Iraq: From the Ottoman Empire to the Hussein Regime.” Special Lecturer for *The Politics of the Middle East*, Spring 2012, University of North Texas.
- “Zionism and the Origins of the Modern Middle East.” Special Lecturer for *Historical Geography*, Summer 2008, Texas A&M University-Commerce.
- “Terrorism” Participant in a roundtable discussion on terrorism, September 2001, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

#### **Professional Experience:**

- **Associate**  
Global Terrorism Database, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland: May 2016- present.

- **Junior Researcher**  
Global Terrorism Database, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland: May 2015- May 2016.
- **Editorial Assistant**  
*American Political Science Review*: July 2012- September 2014.  
John Ishiyama (Lead Editor), Marijke Breuning, Steven Forde, Valerie Martinez-Ebers
- **Graduate Program Mentor**  
National Science Foundation- Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU) Program in Civil Conflict Management and Peace Science, University of North Texas: Summer 2010 and Summer 2011.  
John Ishiyama (Director) and J. Michael Greig (co-Principal Investigator).

#### **Research Assistantships:**

- Issues Correlates of War (ICOW). University of North Texas: Summer 2009- Spring 2012. Paul Hensel (Director)

#### **Teaching Assistantships:**

- University of North Texas: Fall 2008- Spring 2010.

#### **Teaching Experience:**

- *Comparative Politics*, Political Science Department, Albright College, Fall 2016.
- *Introduction to Political Science*, Social Sciences Division, Montgomery County Community College, Spring 2015.
- *American National Government*, Social Sciences Division, Montgomery County Community College, Spring 2015.
- *Revolutions and Political Violence*, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas, Summer 2013.
- *U.S. and Texas Government*, Social Science Division, Brookhaven College. Spring and Summer 2012.
- *Middle East Politics*, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Spring 2008.
- *U.S. and Texas Government*, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Spring 2008.

#### **Other Instruction:**

- *Stata IC Workshop*, NSF-REU Program in Civil Conflict Management and Peace Science, University of North Texas. Summer 2010 and Summer 2011.

#### **Honors and Awards:**

- American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2013.
- Graduate Assistantship Tuition Scholarship, University of North Texas: 2012-2013.

- Toulouse Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2013.
- University of North Texas Student Government Association Raupe Travel Grant, 2013.
- ICOW Data Project Scholarship, University of North Texas: 2011-2012.
- Department of Political Science Travel Grant, University of North Texas: 2012, 2013.
- Graduate Student Support Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Texas: 2011, 2012.
- Competitive Scholarship Waiver, University of North Texas: 2008-2009, 2009-2010.
- Claude and Ethel Hall Scholarship, Texas A&M University-Commerce: 2001.
- Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities: 2001-2002.
- USAA All-American Scholar.

**Reviewer Service:**

- *International Interactions*, 2012.

**Military Service:**

- United States Air Force, Security Police. E-4 (Senior Airman), 1993-1997.

**Professional Affiliations:**

- American Political Science Association
- Alpha Chi
- International Studies Association
- Peace Science Society (International)
- Pi Sigma Alpha

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