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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Department of Political Science
Professor, 2023-present
Associate Professor, 2018-2023

Hertie School, Centre for International Security
Visiting Research Fellow, 2022-2023

University of Sydney, Department of Government and International Relations
Senior Lecturer, 2016-2018
Lecturer, 2011-2016

Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI)
Visiting Professor, Autumn 2015

Yale University, the MacMillan Center, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence
Visiting Fellow, 2014-2015

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010-2011

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Department of Political Science
Ph.D. (with distinction), 2010. International Relations and Comparative Politics.
Dissertation: *Catch and Release: Expansion, Contraction, and the Downsizing of States*
Advisors: Alexander Cooley, Michael Doyle, Tanisha Fazal, Jack Snyder

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs
M.I.A., 2004
Concentration: International Political Economy; Regional Focus: Europe

University of California, Berkeley
B.A., 1997. Philosophy
B.A., 1997. Political Economy of Industrial Societies (Honors)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Secession and the Sovereignty Game: Strategy and Tactics for Aspiring Nations*. 2021. Cornell University Press.
 - Winner of the 2021 IEA Best Book Award.
 - Reviewed by Kieran Pender. January 21, 2022. Breaking Away: How to Enter the Private Club of the United Nations. *The Times Literary Supplement (The TLS)*.
 - Reviewed by Nikola Mirilovic. March, 2022. Mirilovic on Griffiths: 'Secession and the Sovereignty Game: Strategy and Tactics for Aspiring Nations.' *H-Diplo*.
 - Featured in 2024 *Ethnopolitics* symposium with review articles from Erin Jenne, Argyro Kartsonaki, and Scott Pegg. Vol. 23(1): 76-85.
- *Age of Secession: The International and Domestic Determinants of State Birth*. 2016. Cambridge University Press.

Edited Volumes:

- *Routledge Handbook on Self-Determination and Secession*. 2023. Routledge (with Aleksandar Pavkovic and Peter Radan)
- *Strategies of Secession and Counter-Secession*. 2020. London: Rowman & Littlefield (with Diego Muro)
 - Reviewed by Carles Ferreira. 2020. *Journal of Self-Government* 32(December): 191-194.
 - Reviewed by Marc Sanjaume-Calvet. 2021. Chess or Poker? The Triumph of the *Realpolitik*. *Las Torres de Lucca: International Journal of Political Philosophy* 10(18): 279-284.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- "Rebels and the Form of Rule: Lessons From Empire." *International Politics* (forthcoming in special issue).
- "Are Secessionists Making the Right Arguments for Independence?" *Nations and Nationalism*, 2023, Vol. 29(2): 498-511 (with Kari Waters).
- "Toward a Theory of Heteronomy." *International Studies Quarterly*, 2022, Vol. 66(1): 1-9 (with Charles Butcher).
- "Local Conditions and the Demand for Independence: A Dataset of Secessionist Grievances." *Nations and Nationalism*, 2021, Vol. 27(2): 580-590 (with Angely Milagros Martinez).
- "Secessionist Strategy and Tactical Variation in the Pursuit of Independence." *Journal of Global Security Studies*, 2021, Vol. 6(1): 1-19.
- "War, Interaction Capacity, and the Structures of State Systems." *International Theory*, 2021, Vol. 13(2): 372-396 (with Charles Butcher).
- "States and their International Relations Since 1816: Introducing Version 2 of the International System(s) Dataset (ISD)." *International Interactions*, 2020, Vol. 46(2): 291-308 (with Charles Butcher).
 - Winner of the 2020 *International Interactions* Best Data Paper Award.
- "Does Violent Secessionism Work?" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2019, Vol. 63(5): 1310-1336 (with Louis Wasser).
- "The Waltzian Ordering Principle and International Change: A Two-Dimensional Model." *European Journal of International Relations*, 2018, Vol. 24(1): 130-152.
- "Between Eurocentrism and Babel: A Framework for the Analysis of States, State Systems, and International Orders." *International Studies Quarterly*, 2017, Vol. 61(2): 328-336 (with Charles Butcher).
 - Featured in "Comparing International Systems in World History: Anarchy, Hierarchy, and Culture." *International Studies Quarterly Online Symposium*, November 28, 2017.

- “Admission to the Sovereignty Club: The Past, Present, and Future of the International Recognition Regime.” *Territory, Politics, Governance*, 2017, Vol. 5(2): 177-189.
 - Also published in *Territory Designs and International Politics: Inside-Out and Outside-In*, edited by Boaz Atzili and Burak Kadercan. London: Routledge, 2017.
- “States, Nations, and Territorial Stability: Why Chinese Hegemony Would be Better for International Order.” *Security Studies*, 2016, Vol. 25(3): 519-545.
- “Between Dissolution and Blood: How Administrative Lines and Categories Shape Secessionist Outcomes.” *International Organization*, 2015, Vol. 69(3): 731-751.
- “Alternative International Systems? System Structure and Violent Conflict in 19th Century West Africa, Southeast Asia, and South Asia.” *Review of International Studies*, 2015, Vol. 41(4): 715-737 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Between the Sword and the Wall: Spain’s Limited Options for Catalan Secessionism.” *Nations and Nationalism*, 2015, Vol. 21(1): 43-61 (with Pablo Guillen and Fernando Martinez).
- “Secession and the Invisible Hand of the International System.” *Review of International Studies*, 2014, Vol. 40(3): 559-581.
- “The Future of Self-Determination and Territorial Integrity in the Asian Century.” *The Pacific Review*, 2014, Vol. 27(3): 457-478.
- “Membership Has Its Privileges: The Changing Benefits of Statehood.” *International Studies Review*, 2014, Vol. 16(1): 79-106 (with Tanisha Fazal).
- “Introducing the International System(s) Dataset (ISD), 1816-2011.” *International Interactions*, 2013, Vol. 39(5): 748-768 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Security Threats, Linguistic Homogeneity, and the Necessary Conditions for Political Unification.” *Nations and Nationalism*, 2010, Vol. 16(1): 169-188.

Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes:

- “Secession and the Strategic Playing Field.” In Ryan D. Griffiths, Aleksandar Pavkovic, and Peter Radan (eds), *The Routledge Handbook on Self-Determination and Secession*. London: Routledge, 2023.
- “Quantitative Approaches to Historical International Relations.” In Benjamin de Carvalho, Julia Costa López, and Halvard Leira (eds), *The Routledge Handbook of Historical International Relations*. London: Routledge, 2021 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Dynamics of Secession and State Birth.” In Gezim Visoka, John Doyle, and Edward Newman (eds), *The Routledge Handbook of State Recognition*. London: Routledge, 2019.
- “Kurdistan, the International Recognition Regime, and the Strategy of Secession.” In Alex Danilovich (ed), *Federalism, Secession and the International Regime of Recognition: Iraqi Kurdistan at a Crossroads*. London: Routledge, 2018.
- “War and Variation in the Structure of Historical International Systems: A Theoretical Model.” In Martin Hall, Jens Bartelson, and Jan Teorell (eds), *De-Centering State-Making: Historical and Geographical Perspectives*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2018 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Admission to the Sovereignty Club: The Past, Present, and Future of the International Recognition Regime.” In Boaz Atzili and Burak Kadercan (eds), *Territorial Designs and International Politics: Inside-Out and Outside-In*. London: Routledge, 2017.
- “Kurdistan’s Independence and the International System of Sovereign States.” In Alex Danilovich (ed), *Iraqi Kurdistan in Middle Eastern Politics*. London: Ashgate, 2016.
- “Secession.” In Michael T. Gibbons and Diana Coole (eds), *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- “Globalization and Separatism: The Influence of Internal and External Interdependence on the Strategy of Separatism.” In Jerry Harris (ed), *The Nation in the Global Era: Conflict and Transformation*. Leiden: Brill, 2009 (with Ivan Savic).

Invited Articles:

- “Legitimacy and Control: Introduction to the Special Issue on Rebel Governance,” *International Politics* (forthcoming in special issue) (with Heidi Stallman, lead author).
- “Secession and the Sovereignty Game,” *Ethnopolitics*, 2024, Vol. 23(1): 76-85.
- “Der Drang Zum Eigenen Staat,” *Welt-Sichten*, June 6, 2021.
- “Between Eurocentrism and Babel: A Response to Our Critics.” *International Studies Quarterly Online Symposium*, November 28, 2017 (with Charles Butcher).
- “Who Counts? Why do Governments Deny Secession in Some Cases But Not Others?” *Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)*, December, 2017.
- “Europe in the Time of State Proliferation.” *Perspectives on Europe*, 2015 Autumn 45:2.
- “A State of One’s Own: The Rise of Secession Since World War II.” *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, 2008, Vol. 15(1): 199-208 (with Tanisha Fazal).

Book Reviews:

- “Before the West: The Rise and Fall of Eastern World Orders,” by Ayse Zarakol, H-Diplo. September 15, 2023.
- “Boxing Pandora: Rethinking Borders, States, and Secession in a Democratic World,” by Timothy William Waters, *Political Science Quarterly*, 2020, Vol. 135(3): 527-528.
- “Break All the Borders: Separatism and the Reshaping of the Middle East,” by Ariel I. Ahram, *Perspectives on Politics*, 2019, Vol. 17(4): 1251-1252.
- “Power Politics and State Formation in the Twentieth Century: The Dynamics of Recognition,” by Bridget Coggins, H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. January, 2015, <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=42717>.
- “Good Fences, Bad Neighbors: Border Fixity and International Conflict,” by Boaz Atzili, *Australian Army Journal*, 2012, Vol. 9(3): 175-176.

Datasets:

- Secessionist Grievances
- International System(s) Dataset (ISD), Version 2, 1816-2016
- Secessionist Tactics of Compellence and Normative Appeal, 1946-2011
- Secessionist Types and Methods, 1946-2011
- Secessionist Movements, 1816-2011, Version 3, 1816-2011
- Proto-States, Version 3 1816-2005
- International System(s) Dataset (ISD), Version 1, 1816-2011

Selected Media:

- “Sometimes Secession Works: Why it Won’t Work for the US,” *The Hill*, April 13, 2023.
- Interview on “Secession and the Sovereignty Game,” *New Books Network*, December 20, 2021.
- “El Sentimiento Independentista en el Mundo,” Q&A in *La Razón*, June 8, 2021.
- “60 or so secessionist movements around the world want independence in 2020. Guess which one might succeed,” *The Monkey Cage*, January 3, 2020.
- “Q&A with Ryan Griffiths: On Sovereignty and Football,” USC Dornsife Institute of Armenian Studies, June 5, 2019.
- “New Caledonia Vote Shows Difficulty of Winning Independence, And Lessons for Others,” *Global Observatory*, November 6, 2018.
- “Geopolitics and the CONIFA World Cup,” *Global Observatory*, July 9, 2018.
- “West Papua’s Struggle for Independence” *openDemocracy*, March 9, 2018.
- Interview on Iraqi Kurdistan, *SBS Radio*, November 3, 2017.
- “Five Secessionist Movements to Watch in 2018,” *News and Opinion*, The University of Sydney, October 30, 2017.

- Interview on Catalan Secessionism, *El Independiente*, October 7, 2017.
- “Why Spain needs to negotiate with Catalonia,” *ABC News Australia*, October 4, 2017.
- Interview on Catalan Referendum, *CNN*, September 30, 2017.
- “Kurdistan and Catalonia are voting on independence. Welcome to the age of secession,” *The Monkey Cage*, September 23, 2017.
- “Cultural Diplomacy and Soft Power Show,” *The Election Nerds*, January 29, 2017.
- “The State of Secession in International Politics,” *E-International Relations*, September 23, 2016.
- “How Spain’s New Fault Lines Could Shape Catalan Secessionism,” *Global Observatory*, December 4, 2015.
- “Democratized Secession in Scotland and Catalonia” *openDemocracy*, September 16, 2015.
- “For Iraqi Kurds, Administrative Status Offers Path to Statehood,” *Global Observatory*, July 21, 2015.
- “España entre la espada y la pared,” *El Diario*, November 11, 2014 (with Pablo Guillén Álvarez and Ferran Martínez i Coma).
- “In Light of Scottish Referendum, What Future for Frustrated Secessionists?” *Global Observatory*, September 30, 2014 (with Tanisha Fazal).
- “Where Scotland led, others will follow,” *The Drum (ABC)*, September 19, 2014.
- “Why is Statehood So Popular?” *Global Observatory*, June 27, 2014 (with Tanisha Fazal).
- “The Potential Impact of Secession,” *ABC Australia*, March 19, 2014.
- “Atop the Sovereignty Bubble,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, August 14, 2012 (with Bridget Coggins and Tanisha Fazal).

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS

Conference and Workshop Presentations:

- International Studies Association (ISA):
 - Annual Conference (2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023)
 - ISA Hong Kong, 2017
 - PSS-ISA Conference, Budapest, 2013
 - ISA-Asia Pacific, Brisbane, 2011
 - ISA-Northeast (2006, 2009)
- American Political Science Association (APSA):
 - Annual Conference (2008, 2010, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2021)
 - Northeast Political Science Association (2009)
- Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), 2015, 2019, 2022
- Peace Science Society Conference, 2023
- Workshop on Rebel Governance, Minnowbrook Conference Center, New York, 2022
- State Making and Global Order in Historical Perspective, Lund University, 2021
- Secession and (Post-) Liberal International Order, University of Groningen, 2021
- International Political Science Association (IPSA), Brisbane, 2018
- Australian Political Studies Association (APSA), Melbourne, 2017
- Secession and Counter-Secession: An International Relations Perspective, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Barcelona, 2017
- European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR):
 - Annual Conference (2017, 2022)
 - Joint Sessions (2018)
- Iraqi Kurdistan at a Crossroads, University of Kurdistan-Hewler, Erbil, 2017
- Joint Quantitative Political Science Conference for Asia and Australia, Sydney, 2017
- Sovereignty in Contested Spaces, Princeton University, September 2016
- Pacific Peace Science, Kyoto 2016

- Future of Kurdistan, University of Kurdistan-Hewler, Erbil, 2015
- Australian Society for Quantitative Political Science, Sydney 2013
- China Studies Centre Annual Conference, Sydney, 2013
- Workshop on Chinese Power, University of Technology, Sydney, 2013
- Oceanic Conference on International Studies (OCIS), Sydney, 2012
- New Zealand Political Science Association, Otago, 2011
- New York State Political Science Association, New York, 2009
- Global Studies Association, New York, 2008

Events:

- CONIFA (Confederation of Independent Football Associations):
 - 2019 European Cup, Artsakh
 - 2018 World Cup, London
 - 2017 European Cup, Northern Cyprus
 - 2017 General Board Meeting, Geneva
- Academic Exchange Network, 2019, Israel
- Self-Determination in Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Liechtenstein Institute, Princeton, 2018
- Politics in the Time of Trump, Sydney, 2017
- Peace and Security Under Uncertainty, A CISS Global Forum, Sydney, 2017
- Quantum Symposium, Centre for International Security Studies (CISS), Sydney (2014, 2016)
- Independence in Catalonia, Omnium Cultural, Barcelona, 2015
- Whither Self-Determination? Liechtenstein Institute, Princeton, 2015
- Bridging the Gap, Washington, D.C., 2015

Invited Talks and Presentations:

- Centre for International Security, Hertie School, September 22, 2022
- Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, December 3, 2021
- Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA), Western Region, November 12, 2021
- Centre on Constitutional Change, University of Edinburgh, October 21, 2020
- Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, March 11, 2019
- Century Club Series, Syracuse, February 7, 2019
- Department of International Relations, Australian National University, October 23, 2017
- Artsakh Independence Anniversary Conference, Sydney, September 16, 2017
- Department of Politics and International Relations, Macquarie University, May 9, 2017
- Government and International Relations, University of Sydney, April 7, 2016
- The Carlos III Juan March Institute (IC3JM), November 27, 2015
- Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI), October 2015
- Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence (OCV), Yale University, January 2015
- Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, January 2015
- School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews, September 2014

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation, Security and Preparedness (NSF-SAP) Grant, 2023-2026
 European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant (co-Investigator), 2022-2027
 Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship, 2022-2023
 IEA Best Book Award, 2021
 Institute for Humane Studies (HIS) Research Grant, 2021
International Interactions Best Data Paper Award, 2020
 Tenth Decade Grant, Syracuse University. 2019-2022
 Appleby-Mosher Research Fund, Syracuse University. 2018

Australian Research Council (ARC)/Discovery Project, 2016-2018
Australian Research Council (ARC)/Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA), 2015-2017
China Studies Centre Travel Grant, 2014
University of Sydney Incubator Grant, 2014
International Program Development Grant, Sydney University, 2014-2015
Sydney Southeast Asian Centre Collaboration Grant, Sydney University, 2013-2014
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Conference to Journal Article Grant, Sydney University, 2013
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Small Grant Award, Sydney University, 2012-2013
Lynn Weiss Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008-2010
Nominated for the Fred Hartman Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ISA-NE, 2006
Teaching Fellowship, Columbia University, 2005-2009
GSAS Summer Fellowship, Columbia University, 2005, 2007, 2008
Mayme and Herb Frank Scholarship Program, 2005, 2007
University Fellow, Columbia University, 2004-2005
SIPA Program Fellowship, Columbia University, 2003-2004
California Grant, 1992-1997

EXPERIENCE

Teaching:

- Maxwell School, Syracuse University
 - Introduction to International Relations (UG, 2023)
 - Comparative Foreign Policy (Masters, 2020, 2021)
 - United States Foreign Policy (UG, 2020, 2021, 2022)
 - International Actors and Issues (Masters, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
 - Order and Change in the International System (PhD, 2020, 2023)
 - Nationalism and World Politics (UG, 2023, 2024)
 - Rebel Governance (PhD, 2021)
 - Civil War (PhD, 2019)
 - Civil War (UG Seminar, 2019)
 - Theories of Nationalism (UG Seminar, 2019, 2023, 2024)
 - Revolutions (UG Seminar, 2022)
- University of Sydney
 - Civil War (UG Honors, 2017)
 - World Politics (HS, 2014)
 - The State, Secession, and Civil War (Masters and UG Honors, 2013, 2014)
 - International Security (Masters, 2012; fall and spring 2013)
 - Geopolitics (UG, 2011, 2012, 2013)
- Johns Hopkins University
 - Secession, Civil War, and the Modern State (PhD, 2011)
 - American Foreign Policy (UG, 2011)
 - Nationalism and World Politics (UG, 2010)
 - Theories of International Relations (UG, 2010)
- Columbia University
 - Introduction to International Relations (UG, 2007, 2009)

PhD Supervision:

- Current: Rachael Beattie, Michael McCall, Katharine Burrage Russell, Heidi Stallman, Falak Nur Hadi, Kari Waters

- Completed: George Boone (University of Sydney), Keshab Giri (University of Sydney), Angely Milagros Martinez (Syracuse University), Sascha Nanlohy (University of Sydney), Kyungwon Suh (Syracuse University)

Membership Organizations:

- American Political Science Association
- Association for the Study of Nationalities
- Australian Political Studies Association
- International Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- European Consortium for Political Research
- Pacific Peace Science

Institutional Service:

- Maxwell School, Syracuse University
 - Maxwell Promotion and Tenure Committee (2023-2024)
 - International Relations Job Search Committee, Political Science (2023)
 - International Relations Job Search Committee (Chair), Political Science (2021)
 - Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science (2020-2021)
 - International Relations Field Coordinator, Political Science (2019-2020)
 - Sovereignty, Order, and Conflict (SOC), Coordinator and Marcher Lord (2019-2022)
 - Masters of International Relations (MAIR) Advisory Committee (2018-2020)
 - Graduate College Review Committee (2019)
 - International Relations Job Search Committee, PAIA (2018)
- University of Sydney, Department of Government and International Relations
 - Undergraduate Honours Coordinator (2016-2018)
 - Collaborative Research Scheme Committee (2016-2017)
 - Colloquium Organizer (2013)
 - Chair, Website Redesign Committee (2012)
 - Strategic Management Committee (2011-2012)

Service in the Discipline:

- Reviewer for various journals and academic presses
- Assessor for the National Science Foundation (2023 onward)
- Advisory Board – Learning from Failure: Tackling War Recurrence in Protracted Peace Processes (2021 onward)
- Assessor for the Australian Research Council (2015-2018)
- Committee for the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (QMMR) Sage Best Paper Award (2018), American Political Science Association
- Committee for Outstanding Article Award in International History (2017), American Political Science Association
- Conference Committee for Australian Political Studies Conference (2014)
- Program Director for Council for European Studies (2004-2009)

Non-Academic Professional:

- *Project Manager*, EAInvest.com, San Francisco, CA, 2000-2002
- *Research Analyst*, State of California, San Francisco, CA, 1999-2000
- *Consulting Analyst*, William M. Mercer, San Francisco, CA, 1997-1999