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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations (IR), Domestic Sources of International Conflict, Political Violence, Political Psychology of Conflict, Experimental Methods, Machine Learning.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison. Ph.D. Student, Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology

University of Chicago. M.A., with Honors, Committee on International Relations 2017

Specializations: International Security, Nationalism.

Australian National University. Bachelor of International Relations 2015

Specialization: International Security, Minor: Modern European History

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Conference and Working Papers:

Fear or Anger: a quasi-experimental approach to the analysis of big data on collective emotion responses to international conflict escalation

Harm Intended: an experimental study of conflict-generated utility

Policy Reports and Selected Op-Eds:

“China’s Foreign Policy Experiment in South Sudan – Africa Report N°288”, *International Crisis Group*, 10 July 2017, <https://www.crisisgroup.org/africa/horn-africa/south-sudan/288-china-s-foreign-policy-experiment-south-sudan>

“China and Japan: It’s Not about History.” *Australian Outlook-Australian Institute of International Affairs*, September 15, 2015, http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australian_outlook/china-and-japan-its-not-about-history/

“Hostage crisis wasn’t Japan’s 9/11.” *The Strategist, The Australian Strategic Policy Institute*. February 11, 2015, <http://www.aspistrategist.org.au/hostage-crisis-wasnt-japans-911/>

“A U.S.-China War in Asia: Could America Win by Blockade?” *The National Interest*, November 25, 2014, <http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/us-china-war-asia-could-america-win-by-blockade-11733>.

Awards:

Departmental Grant, Department of Political Science, UW–Madison 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021

UW–Madison University Fellowship, 2021-2022

Department of Political Science Award 2019

UW–Madison University Fellowship, 2018–2019

International Relations Research Group Award 2018

Sage Fellowship, Cornell University (Declined)

School of International Relations Fellowship, University of Southern California (Declined)

TEHCNICAL and LANGUAGE SKILLS

Method interests: Experiment design, Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Text Analysis.

Computer skills: Stata, R, Qualtrics, MTurk, Python, Tableau, SQL, Microsoft Access.

Languages: English, Chinese

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- Domestic Politics and International Relations Session, 76th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, April, 2018.
 - Women and Military Conflict Panel, 76th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, April, 2018.
 - 2017 China and International Relations (CHAIR) Graduate Research Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, November 4, Philadelphia.
 - East Asia Workshop: Politics, Economy & Society, October 3, 2017, University of Chicago.
 - The Program on International Politics, Economics and Security (PIPES) Workshop, May 4, 2017, the University of Chicago
 - Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), November 11, 2014.
 - College of Arts and Social Science, Australian National University, November 4, 2014
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017 Analyst

July ***University of Chicago, Project on Political Violence-Minerva Research Initiative***

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Sep Responsibilities: 1. Case studies of armed groups-state interaction in northeastern Myanmar; 2. Building a dataset coding state-insurgent dyad-year interactions. 3. Research assistance to Professor Paul Staniland.

2015 Intern Analyst

Dec ***International Crisis Group – Beijing Office***

- Responsibilities: 1. Monthly Asia Situation Report; 2. Assisting senior analyst with producing a policy report on China’s diplomatic, military missions in South Sudan; 3. Coordinating field works and interviews in Beijing, South Sudan, and Kenya.

2015 Research-Administrative Trainee

Aug ***Australian Institute of International Affairs - National Office***

- Responsibilities: 1. Assisting National Executive Director in background research and speechwriting; 2. Organizing the 2015 Australia in World Affairs workshop; 3. Social Media manager, website and database management.

2014 ANIP Scholar

Jun ***Sea Power Centre - Royal Australian Navy***

- Responsibilities: research project simulating Sino-American energy security, naval strategic interactions, and the role of nuclear deterrence in conventional contingency.
