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### EDUCATION

1999 **Ph.D., Political Science**

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA  
Concentrations: World Politics and Comparative Politics  
Dissertation Title: The Ties That Bind: Status Quo Preferences, Democracy, and Conflict  
(chair, Jacek Kugler)

1996 **M.A., International Political Economy**

Claremont Graduate University

1994, 1995, 1999 (summers) 3 full sessions and 1 week-long session at ICPSR, Ann Arbor, MI  
Concentrations: Statistics and Mathematical Modeling

1993 **Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies**

Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble, France  
Concentration: International Security and Defense

1992 **B.A., International Relations**

University of California, Davis

1991 One year at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Grenoble, France.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor.** Fall 2009-Present

Department of Political Science  
University at Buffalo, SUNY

**Assistant Professor.** Fall 2001-Present

Department of Political Science  
University at Buffalo, SUNY

**Visiting Assistant Professor.** Fall 1999-2001

Department of Political Science  
University at Buffalo, SUNY

### PUBLICATIONS

“UN Bias and Force Commitments” (with Jacob Kathman), 2014. *Journal of Politics*. 76(2): 350-363.

“The Dynamics of Ethnonationalist Contention.” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2010. *British Journal of Political Science*. 40(2): 305-331.

### PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- “Choosing Sides: UN Resolutions and Non-Neutrality in International Conflicts.” (with Nil Satana). Forthcoming in Jacob Bercovitch and Scott Gartner, eds. *International Conflict Mediation: New Approaches and Findings*. Routledge Press.
- “Means, Motives, and Opportunities in the Expression of Ethno-Nationalist Demands” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2008. *International Interactions*. 34(1): 53-83.
- “Status Quo Preferences and Disputes Short of War.” 2007. *International Interactions*. 33(3): 271-288.
- “Extending Power Transition Theory.” 2007. *International Interactions*. 33(3): 211-215.
- “Structure, Politics, and Action: An Integrated Model of Nationalist Protest and Rebellion” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2006. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 12(2): 1-39.
- “The Relevance of Politically Relevant Dyads in the Study of Interdependence and Dyadic Disputes.” 2005. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 22(2): 113-133.
- “Social Capital and the Growth of the Nonprofit Sector” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2005. *Social Science Quarterly* 86(1): 16-35.
- “Dyadic Hostility and the Ties that Bind: State-to-State versus State-to-System Security and Economic Relationships.” 2004. *Journal of Peace Research* 41(6): 659-676.
- “Interpersonal Trust and the Magnitude of Protest: A Micro- and Macro-Level Approach” (with Thomas Rochon). 2004. *Comparative Political Studies* 20(10): 1-23.
- “The Origins of Socially and Politically Hostile Attitudes toward Immigrants and Outgroups: Economics, Ideology, or National Context?” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2003. *Journal of Political Science* 31: 101-37.
- “Power Parity, Democracy, and the Severity of Internal Violence” (with Jacek Kugler). 1998. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 42(2): 196-209.
- “Anticipating Domestic Violence with Political Capacity” (with Jacek Kugler, Andy Hira, and Dmitri Panasevitch). 1997. In Jacek Kugler and Marina Arbetman, eds. *Political Capacity and Economic Behavior*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

### GUEST EDITORSHIP

Guest Editor of special peer-reviewed edition: “Extensions to Power Transition Theory.” *International Interactions*. Contributors include Michelle Benson, Glenn Palmer, T. Clifton Morgan, Frank Zagare, Vesna Danilovic, Joe Claire, Monica Duffy-Toft, Siddharth Swaminathan, and John Thomas.

## WORKING PAPERS

- “Democracy, Rebel Politics, and the Demand for Mediation in Civil Wars.” 2015. (with Paul Poast and Gary Uzonyi). *Revise and Resubmit*.
- “UN Security Council Resolutions and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizeles)
- “UNSC Bias and Peacekeeping Effectiveness.” (with Jacob Kathman)

## RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “UNSC Bias and Peacekeeping Effectiveness.” (with Jacob Kathman) 2016. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA.
- “UN Security Council Resolutions and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizeles) 2016. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA.
- “Is the UN a Credible Actor in Global Conflict?” 2014. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.
- “Democracy and Mediation in Civil Wars”. (with Paul Poast and Gary Uzonyi) 2013 Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- “UNSC Bias and Peacekeeping Effectiveness.” (with Jacob Kathman) 2013. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- “In it to Win It: Civil War Victory and the Duration of Authoritarian Regimes.” (with Reverien Mfizi, graduate student) 2012. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “UN Bias and Force Commitments in Civil Wars.” (with Jacob Kathman) 2011. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.
- “UNbiased: UNSC Resolutions in Civil Wars.” (with Erik Gartzke). 2010. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.
- “UNbiased: UNSC Resolutions in Civil Wars.” (with Erik Gartzke). 2009. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society International Meetings, Chapel Hill, NC.
- “UNbiased: A logic of Security Council Action.” (with Erik Gartzke). 2009. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, NY.
- “The Determinants of Trade During War.” 2008. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society, Claremont, CA.
- “Choosing Sides: UN Resolutions and Non-Neutrality.” (with Nil Satana). 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Assessing the Determinants of Trade Decreases During War.” 2007. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- “Democracy, Rebel Politics, and the Demand for Mediation in Civil Wars.” 2015. (with Paul Poast and Gary Uzonyi). Han Jyun-Hou Conference, SUNY Binghamton.
- “UN Security Council Resolutions and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizeles) 2015. Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Stockholm, Sweden. June 5th -7th 2105
- “IGOs and Bridging Ties: An Unlikely Peace?” 2006. Paper presented at the *IGOs in Action* conference. San Diego, CA.
- “Intergovernmental Organizations and International Conflict: Follow the Leader or Follow the Rules?” June 2005. Presented at the conference on Power Transitions. Carmel, CA.
- “Intergovernmental Organizations and the Duration of Dyadic Disputes.” 2003. Presented at The Baldy Center. University at Buffalo, SUNY. Buffalo, NY.

## SERVICE

- 2016- UB Committee on Assessment of MQR General Education Requirements
- 2015-2016 Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee
- 2105- UB University Committee on Academic Integrity
- 2015-2017 Section Chair, Scientific Studies of International Processes (SSIP) for *ISA*
- 2015 UB Math and Quantitative Reasoning General Education Subcommittee
- 2014-2016 UB College of Arts and Sciences General Education Subcommittee
- 2013-2016 UB College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee
- 2012-2016 UB College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
- 2012 UB College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee Alternate (Fall 2012)
- 2013-2014 CAS Strategic Planning Committee on Creative Activities and Research Subcommittee
- 2012-14 Department of Political Science Graduate Committee
- 2013-2015 Chair, Professional Development Committee, *International Studies Association*
- 2012 Section Chair for the *Midwest Political Science Association* Program Committee
- 2007-2008 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, SUNY Buffalo
- 2007-2008 *Pi Sigma Alpha* Undergraduate Honor Society Chapter Advisor
- 2008 Chair and Convenor of the *International Studies Association* Nominating Committee
- 2007-2010 *International Studies Association* Nominating Committee member
- 2006-2009 *APSA* Conflict Processes Section Councilor
- 2004-2006 *International Studies Association* workshop grant committee member.
- 2002-2004 University at Buffalo Department of Political Science Advisory Committee
- 2002-2003 Faculty Undergraduate Grievance Pool Representative
- 2002 Program Chair, Scientific Studies of International Processes Section of the *International Studies Association* Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2000 *Peace Science Society* Nominating Committee
- 2001 – Department of Political Science Undergraduate and Graduate Committees
- Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *National Science Foundation*.

### Community

- 2016, 4/4: Speaker for the International Institute of Buffalo, Great Decision Series
- 2016, 3/29: Christian Science Monitor Interview on EU Cooperation on Terrorism
- 2016, 3/25: USA Today Interview on EU Cooperation on Terrorism

- 2015, 12/7: Vice Digital News Interview on sending ground troops to Syria.
- 2015, 11/16: Time Warner Cable News Interview on Paris Terrorist Attacks
- 2015, 11/16: Channel 4 News Interview on Paris Terrorist Attacks
- 2015, 8/24: USA Today Digital Edition Interview on North/South Korea
- 2003, 2/26, 3/28, 4/4, 4/17, 5/1. T.V. guest appearance: *A.M. Buffalo*, Channel 7 (WKBW). Topics: The Second Gulf War, the history of Iraq, postwar Iraq.
- 2003, 3/21. Radio interview on the Second Gulf War on WCOT-FM.
- 2003, 4/9. Tonawanda High School. Class of at-risk freshmen. Discussion of the history of Iraq and the war in Iraq.

### **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2006. *Baldy Center Small Research Grant* (\$1000)  
2002-2003. *Baldy Center Grant* for research assistance (\$3,500)  
1998. Nomination by the School of Politics and Economics for the Morris Abrams Award in IR.  
1997-1998. Haynes Social Science Dissertation Grant (\$16,000)  
1993-96. Claremont Graduate University Fellowship Award (\$4,000, \$8,000, \$8,000)  
1996-1998. Graduate Student Council Research Award (\$300, \$250)

### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

#### **Language**

English (native speaker)  
Fluent French