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## CURRENT POSITIONS

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Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, *Harvard University*, 2009-10 academic year

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. *Northwestern University*, Political Science, December 2009  
Dissertation: "The Treatment of Civilians in Effective Counterinsurgency Operations"
- MA *Northwestern University*, Political Science, June 2006
- BA *University of Minnesota, Morris*, Political Science and History double major, *with distinction*, June 2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International security; insurgency and counterinsurgency; terrorism and counterterrorism; military effectiveness; violence against civilians; civil wars; ethnic cleansing and mass killing; conflict resolution

## RESEARCH

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### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2008. The Geography of Insurgent Organization and its Consequences for Civil Wars: Evidence from Liberia and Sierra Leone. *Security Studies* 17(1): 107-237.
2007. Negotiated Settlements and Government Strategy in Civil Wars: Evidence from Darfur. *Civil Wars* 9 (4): 359-377.
2007. International Norms, Commerce, and the Political Economy of Insecurity in Sierra Leone. *Canadian Journal of African Studies* 41(1): 66-94.
2004. Timber Booms, State Busts: The Political Economy of Liberian Timber. *Review of African Political Economy* 101: 441-456.

## **UNDER REVIEW**

“Manipulating the Peace: Government Strategy and Spoiler Problems in the Sudanese Peace Processes”

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“The Effectiveness of Leadership Decapitation in Counterinsurgency Campaigns”

“Development Aid and Violence in Insurgency and Counterinsurgency: Evidence from the Philippines” (with Benjamin Crost and Joe Felter)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Explaining the Duration of Counterinsurgency Campaigns” (with Brian Urlacher)

“Initiative and Effectiveness in Counterinsurgency Operations” (with Joe Felter)

“Why the Weak Win Wars: The Role of External Assistance to Insurgencies”

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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Research Fellowship, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Program on Intrastate Conflict & International Security Program, *Harvard University*, 2009-10 academic year (declined 2008-09)

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, 2009-10 academic year (nonresident)

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for International Security and Cooperation, *Stanford University*, 2007-2009

Dissertation Year Fellowship, *Northwestern University*, 2008-09 academic year (declined 2007-08)

Summer Travel Grant, Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies, *Northwestern University*, April 2008

Research Grant, Kellogg Business School’s Dispute Resolution Research Center, *Northwestern University*, April 2007

Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Business, *Northwestern University*, April 2006

Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, *Northwestern University*, May 2005

Hans Panofsky Award, Program of African Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2005

Travel Grant, Center for International and Comparative Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2005

Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Business, *Northwestern University*, May 2005

Travel Grant, Center for Comparative and International Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2004

Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Business, *Northwestern University*, May 2004

Travel Grant, Program of African Studies, *Northwestern University*, May 2004

## **FIELD RESEARCH**

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Sierra Leone (Summer 2005)

Liberia & Sierra Leone (Summer 2004)

## **ACADEMIC & TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Consultant, Empirical Studies of Conflict Project, *Princeton University*, 2009-10 academic year

Solo Instructor, "Civil Wars and Violence in Africa," *Stanford University*, Winter 2008

Participant, Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, *Arizona State University*, January 2007

Manuscript Reviewer, *International Security*, *Journal of Peace Research*

Research Assistant to Hendrik Spruyt, Fall 2006

Assistant Master, Chapin/Humanities Residential College, *Northwestern University*, 2006-07

Graduate Assistant, Office of Fellowships, *Northwestern University*, 2006-07

Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, *Northwestern University*, 2005-06

Teaching Assistantships:

Globalization (Roshen Hendrickson, instructor)  
Introduction to the World System, 1500-1914 (William Reno, instructor)  
National Security (Risa Brooks, instructor)  
Introduction to International Relations (Hendrik Spruyt, instructor)  
Political Research Methods (James Mahoney, instructor)

*Average student evaluation rating: 5.14/6.00*

**REFERENCES**

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