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Contact Information

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Education

University of Connecticut

Doctoral Candidate (ABD) Expected Date of Completion, January 2007
Ph.D. Exam Fields: International Relations & Comparative Politics (South Asia)
Certificate in Global Governance

Dissertation: "Third Parties and the Tacit Mediation of Intra-State Conflict."
Major Advisor: Mark A. Boyer
Associate Advisors: Elizabeth Hanson and Jennifer Sterling-Folker

Summary:
Diplomatic signals sent by powerful third parties have a subtle but important impact on the duration of intrastate conflicts. Even without direct or indirect applications of force, powerful states manipulate the environment in which conflicts occur. This project uses duration analysis of 150 intrastate conflicts to illustrate how and when diplomatic signals affect the process of conflict resolution.

University of South Dakota

Masters of Public Administration 2000–2002

B.A. in History, Minor in German 1997–2000

Additional Training

ICPSR Summer Institute, University of Michigan
Program Scholar, July & August 2005

Research Interests

Conflict Processes

South Asian Politics and Security

Negotiation and Bargaining

Foreign Policy Analysis

Comparative Public Administration and Corruption

Research

Refereed Articles

1. Cantankerous Cooperation: Democracies, Authoritarian Regimes, and the Prisoner's Dilemma. (Second Author with Joseph K. Young)
   International Interactions. Forthcoming: January 2007.
2. Experimenting with Global Governance: Understanding the Potential for Generational Change (Fourth Author, with Mark A. Boyer, Scott W. Brown, Anat Niv-Solomon, Natalie Florea Hudson, Paula Johnson, and Clarisse Lima)
   Globalization, Societies, and Education. Forthcoming: 2007.

Papers Currently Under Review

1. Walking out of Social Traps (With a Little Help From my Friends)
   Simulation and Games. Submitted June 2006.

Conference Presentations

1. Democracy and De-Escalation: Understanding the Democratic Peace through the India Pakistan Conflict.
   International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2006
2. Understanding Tomorrow's Security Needs and Their Challenges. (Fourth Author, with Mark A. Boyer and Natalie Florea Hudson, Presented by Anat Niv-Solomon)
   International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2006
3. Gendered Negotiations: Understanding the Role of Gender in Global Interaction. (Fourth Author, with Mark A. Boyer, Natalie Florea Hudson, Anat Niv-Solomon Presented by Laura Janik)
   International Studies Association North East Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005
4. The Prudence of Avoiding Anarchy: Explaining the Truncation of Ethnic Violence in Strong States.
   American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, September 2005
5. Curbing Corruption in Post Communist States: Looking for Explanations both Within and Without.
   First Global International Studies Conference, Istanbul Turkey, August 2005
6. The OECD Convention on Bribery in Context: Maintaining Hegemony through Capacity, Cooperation, and Possibly Morals.
   New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Portland ME, April 2005
7. Negotiation as a Constructivist Process: Perceptual Assumptions and Negotiator Choice in Simulated International Negotiations. (Fourth Author, with Mark A. Boyer, Anat Niv-Solomon, Scott W. Brown, Paula Johnson, and Clarisse Lima. Presented by Natalie Florea Hudson)
   International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu HI, March 2005
8. Constructiv(ist) Negotiations: Perceptual Assumptions and Choice in Simulated International Negotiations. (Sixth Author, with Mark A. Boyer, Anat Niv-Solomon, Scott W. Brown, Paula Johnson, and Clarisse Lima)
   North East International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston MA, November 2004
9. Cantankerous Cooperation: Democracies, Authoritarian Regimes, and the Prisoner's Dilemma. (Second Author, with Joseph Young)
   North East Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portsmouth NH, April 2004

Works in Progress

1. Three party security spirals: Explaining the pursuit of unconventional military capacity.
2. Foreign Policy Stability and Institutional Veto Points. (with Joseph Young)
3. Problem Based Learning and Student Self-Efficacy in Quantitative Methods. (with Robert Gross)

Research Assistance

1. Global Ed Project, University of Connecticut, December 2003 – Present. Support for simulated negotiations, research assistance, and administrative duties. www.globaled.uconn.edu
2. Robert Gross, University of Connecticut History Department, May 2004 – Present. Database management and quantitative analysis for a forthcoming book.
3. Global Corruption Report, Transparency International, 2004. Fact checker. www.transparency.org/publications/gcr
4. Corruption Online Resource and Information System (CORIS) hosted by Transparency International, September 2002 to March 2003. Developed an anti-corruption projects database for the CORIS. system. www.corisweb.org

Teaching Experience

Independent Instructor

1. Introduction to American Politics and Government (Jackson Community College, MI)
   Fall 2006
2. Quantitative Methods in Political Science (U. of Conn.)
   Summer 2005 – Spring 2006 (4 sections)

Teaching Assistant

1. Introduction to American Politics and Government, Grader (Jackson Community College, MI)
   Spring 2004
2. Quantitative Methods in Political Science, Grader (U. of Conn.)
   Spring 2004
3. Introduction to International Relations, Discussion Section Leader (U. of Conn.)
   Fall 2003

Awards and Honors

1. Pass with Distinction, International Relations Comprehensive Exam, U. of Conn. May 2006
2. G. Lowell Field Graduate School Fellowship, U. of Conn., 2005-2006
3. Summer Fellowships, U. of Conn. summers of 2004, 2005, 2006
4. Dillion Graduate Political Science Fellowship, U. of South Dakota, May 2002

Professional Activities

Service to Department & University

1. Political Science Grad Student Association, Officer, May 2005 - May 2006
2. Conference Webmaster, *Assessing the Status and Treatment of Women in a New Century*, March 2003, U. of South Dakota
3. Conference Aid, *Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the 20th Century*, October 2000, U. of South Dakota

Memberships

American Political Science Association, Since September 2004

International Studies Association, Since October 2003

International Experience

Language

German: Basic reading and speaking

Residency

Germany: Berlin, August 2002 – December 2002

Germany: Jena, January 2000 – May 2000

Related Professional Experience

1. Administrative Assistant for the Teachers For a New Era Project, U. of Conn. Aug. 2004 – May. 2005.
2. Intern for Transparency International Secretariat, Berlin Germany, Aug. 2002 – Dec. 2002.
3. Assistant Archivist, University of South Dakota Special Collections, Sept. 2000 – May 2001.

Computing Skills

Proficient in Stata, SPSS, ArcView GIS, MS Office, Dream Weaver

Proficient in HTML, JavaScript, and Visual Basic languages

References

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