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Professional Appointments

University of Pennsylvania

Distinguished Presidential Professor of Political Science (2016-present)

Yale University

Director, Program in Ethics, Politics, and Economics (2009-2016)

Department of Political Science, Director of Graduate Studies (2009-2010)

Philip R. Allen Professor of Political Science (2015-2016)

Professor of Political Science (2007-2015)

Associate Professor of Political Science (2004-2007)

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2001-2004)

The World Bank, Development Economics Research Group

Economist (07/2000 - 06/2001)

Consultant (05/1999 - 06/2000)

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Visiting Scholar, International Economics Department (1993-94)

Research and Teaching Fellow, SAIS International Economics Department (1992-93)

Education

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (1994 - 1999)

Ph.D. in International Affairs (June 1999)

Fields: International Relations; Political Economy; International Economics

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (1990 - 1992)

M.A. in International Economics & European Studies; Graduated with Distinctions (May 1992)

Middlebury College

B.A. in Political Science (1986 - 1990); High Departmental Honors

Research Interests and Teaching

Research Interests: Civil war and other forms of political violence; international peace-keeping and peace-building; self-determination and secession; social identity politics; immigration; statistical analysis of problems in international security.

Courses: Ethnic Conflict; Civil war; Nationalism; International Peace-keeping and Peace-building; Politics and Structure of the United Nations; International Relations Theory (Graduate field seminar); Research and Writing (Graduate year-long course); Introduction to Political Science.

Publications (in reverse chronological order)

Articles

- “Nation-Building through War” (with Stergios Skaperdas and William Wohlforth). *American Political Science Review* 109 (2): 279-296 (2015).
- “Explaining Regional Autonomy Differences in Decentralized Countries” (with Branko Milanovic). *Comparative Political Studies* 47: 1830-1855 (2014).
- “Social Identification and Ethnic Conflict” (with Moses Shayo). *American Political Science Review* 107 (2): 294-325 (2013).
- “Parochialism as a Central Challenge in Counterinsurgency” (with Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl and Moses Shayo). *Science* 336 (May 18, 2012): 805-808.
- “What’s In A Line? Is Partition the Solution to Civil War?” (with Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl). *International Security* 34 (2): 82-118 (2009).
- “A Comment on Diagnostic Tools for Counterfactual Inference” (with Alexander Michaelides). *Political Analysis* 17 (1): 89-106 (2009).
- “Short-Term and Long-Term Effects of United Nations Peace Operations.” *World Bank Economic Review* 22: 9-32 (2008).
- “Rebel-Military Integration and Civil War Termination” (with Katherine Glassmyer). *Journal of Peace Research* 45 (3): 365-384 (2008).
- “No Easy Choices: Estimating the Effects of United Nations Peacekeeping” (with Michael Doyle). *International Studies Quarterly* 51 (1): 217-226 (2007).
- “Sensitivity Analysis of Empirical Results on Civil War Onset” (with Håvard Hegre). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50 (4): 508-535 (2006).
- “What Is A Civil War? Conceptual and Empirical Complexities of an Operational Definition.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48 (6): 814-858 (2004).
- “Expanding Economic Models of Civil War Using Case Studies.” *Perspectives on Politics* 2 (2): 259-280 (2004).
- “How Much War Will We See? Explaining the Prevalence of Civil War” (with Ibrahim Elbadawi). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46 (3): 307-334 (2002).
- “Understanding Civil War: A New Agenda” (with Paul Collier). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46 (1): 3-12 (2002).
 - *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46 (1): 1-170. February 2002 special issue on civil wars. Co-editor with Paul Collier.

- “A Review of Recent Advances and Future Directions in the Literature on Civil War.” *Defense and Peace Economics* 13 (2): 215-243 (2002).
- “Do Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes? A Theoretical and Empirical Inquiry (Part 1).” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45 (3): 259-82 (2001).
- “International Peacebuilding: A Theoretical and Quantitative Analysis” (with Michael Doyle). *American Political Science Review* 94 (4): 779-801 (2000).
 - Reprinted in Todd Sandler and Keith Hartley, eds., *The Economics of Conflict*, Aldershot, UK: Edward Elgar, 2004.
- “Why Are There So Many Civil Wars in Africa? Understanding and Preventing Violent Conflict” (with Ibrahim Elbadawi). *Journal of African Economies* 9 (3): 244-69 (2000).
- “Policies for Building Post-Conflict Peace” (with Betty Bigombe and Paul Collier). *Journal of African Economies* 9 (3): 322-47 (2000).
- “Partition as a Solution to Ethnic War: An Empirical Critique of the Theoretical Literature.” *World Politics* 52: 437-83 (2000).
 - Reprinted in Roy Licklider and Mia Bloom, eds., *Living Together After Ethnic Killing*, Routledge Press, 2006).
- “The UN Operation in Cyprus: A New Look at the Peacekeeping-Peacemaking Relationship.” *International Peacekeeping* 6 (1): 79-108 (1999).

Books

- *Making War and Building Peace: United Nations Peace Operations*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2006. Co-authored with Michael Doyle.
- *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis. Volume 1: Africa; Volume 2: Europe, Central Asia, and Other Regions*. Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, 2005. Co-edited with Paul Collier.
- *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy*. Washington, DC: Oxford University Press and World Bank Publications, 2003. Co-authored with Paul Collier, Lani Elliott, Håvard Hegre, Anke Hoeffler, and Marta Reynal-Querol.

Book Chapters

- “How Strategic is UN Peacebuilding?” In Daniel Philpott and Gerard F. Powers, eds., *Strategies of Peace: Transforming Conflict in a Violent World*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.
- “Terrorism and Civil War.” In Phillip Keefer and Norman Loayza, eds., *Terrorism and Economic Development*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
- “The United Nations’ Record in Peacekeeping Operations.” (with Michael Doyle). In Thomas G. Weiss and Sam Daws, eds., *Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- “Evaluating Multilateral Interventions in Civil Wars: A Comparison of UN and Non-UN Peace Operations” (with Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl). In Dimitris Bourantonis, Kostas Ifantis and Panayotis

Tsakonas, eds., *Multilateralism and Security Institutions in the Era of Globalization*. New York: Routledge, 2007.

- “Globalization, Decentralization, and Secession: A Review of the Literature and Some Conjectures.” In Gustav Ranis, David Cameron, and Annalisa Zinn, eds., *Globalization and Self-Determination: Is the Nation-State under Siege?* New York: Routledge, 2006.
- “The Collier-Hoeffler Model of Civil War Onset & the Case Study Project Research Design” (with Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler). Chapter 1 in Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, eds., *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis (volumes 1 & 2)*. Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, 2005.
- “Using Case Studies to Refine and Expand the Theory of Civil War.” Chapter 9 in Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, eds., *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis (volumes 1 & 2)*. Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, 2005.
- “Bosnia’s Civil War: Origins and Violence Dynamics” (with Stathis Kalyvas). Chapter 7 in Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, eds., *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis (Volume 2: Europe, Central Asia, and Other Regions)*. Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, 2005.
- “Poverty and the Organization of Political Violence: A Review and Some Conjectures.” In Susan M. Collins and Carol Graham, eds., *Brookings Trade Forum 2004*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2005, pp. 165-222.
- “Addressing Conflict: Emerging Policy at the World Bank” (with Patricia Cleves and Nat Colletta). In Fen Hampson and David M. Malone (eds.), *From Reaction to Prevention: Opportunities for the UN System*. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2001.

Policy Reports

- “Conflict and Development in the Middle East and North Africa” (with Julia Choucair-Visozo). Background paper prepared for the World Bank Middle East and North Africa Region Flagship Study on “Peace, Stability, and Development.” September 2010.
- “Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Programs: An Assessment” (with Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl). February 2010. Folke Bernadotte Academy Publications.
- “The Political Economy of Internal Armed Conflict in the Middle East & North Africa” (with Ellen Lust). Paper prepared for the World Bank’s Post Conflict Trust Fund Project: “Development Assistance and Conflict Vulnerability in the MNA Region: A Policy Research and Study Proposal.”
- “A Review of the Design and Evaluation of Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) Programs.” Background paper prepared for the World Bank Development Research Group. October 2005.

Opinion Pieces and Other Publications

- “Why the Greeks Rejected Europe’s Bailout.” <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/07/06/why-the-greeks-rejected-europes-bailout/> July 6, 2015.
- “Is GREXIT a Threat to Greece’s Security?” (with Ioannis Galariotis). <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2015/05/03/is-grexit-a-threat-to-greeces->

[security/](#) May 3, 2015.

- “United Nation-Building.” Keynote Address, International Symposium on Security, “New Trends in Peacekeeping: In Search for a New Direction.” National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan November 5-6, 2014.
- “Partitions in Practice: The Case Against Dividing Iraq” (with Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl). *Foreign Affairs* online. December 1, 2014. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/iraq/2014-12-01/partitions-practice>
- “Maliki Isn’t the Problem: The Roots of Sectarianism in Iraq” (with Kevin Russell). *Foreign Affairs* online. June 24, 2014. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/iraq/2014-06-24/maliki-isnt-problem>
- “Is Inclusive Politics Possible Amid Sectarian Violence in Iraq?” Online publication in: <http://www.theglobalobservatory.org/analysis/425-is-inclusive-politics-possible-amid-sectarian-violence-in-iraq.html> [Thursday, January 31, 2013].
- “Has ‘Europe’ Failed?” *New York Times* August 27, 2012, p. A19.
- “Explaining the Demand for Sovereignty” (with Branko Milanovic). *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No 5888*. November 2011.
- “It’s Official: There Is Now a Civil War in Iraq,” *New York Times*, Sunday, July 23, 2006.
- “What is Civil War and How Should We Measure It?” *APSA-CP Newsletter*, volume 18, issue 2, summer 2007, pp. 22-25.
- “Using Case Studies to Expand the Theory of Civil War.” *Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction Working Paper No. 5* (150pp). May 2003. [<http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/essd.nsf/CPR/WP5>].
- “Preventing Violent Conflict: The Scope and Limits of Government Action.” Background Paper Prepared for the World Bank’s *World Development Report*. February 2002.
- “A Note on the Death Threshold in Coding Civil War Events,” Newsletter of the Conflict Processes Section of the APSA (June 2001).
- “External Intervention and the Duration of Civil Wars” (with Ibrahim Elbadawi), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 2433*. September 2000.

Work In Progress

- “External Intervention and Ethnic Polarization in Civil Wars” (with Stergios Skaperdas and William Wohlforth). Summer 2016.
- “Social Audience Costs: Social Identification and the Credibility of International Threats” (with William Nomikos). Summer 2016.
- “Violence Exposure and Ethnic Identification: Evidence from Kashmir” (with Gautam Nair and Lauren Pinson). April 2016.
- “A New Dataset on Self-Determination Movements” (with Micha Germann and Andreas Schädel). February 2016.

- “Forecasting Civil Wars” (With Robert Blair). February 2016.
- “Nation, Status, and War” (book manuscript in progress; with Stergios Skaperdas and William Wohlforth). December 2015.
- “The Occupier’s Dilemma: Foreign-Imposed Nation-Building after Ethnic War” (with Kevin Russell and Seok-ju Cho). November 2015.
- “Austerity as Violence: Effects of Exposure to Economic Austerity Policies on Solidarity in Greece.” November 2015.
- “Austerity and Political Extremism: Radicalization Due to Exposure to Economic Austerity Policies in Greece.” November 2015.
- “Civil War as Sovereignty Rupture: Coding Intra-state Conflict, 1945-2012” (with Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl). February 2015.
- “Experiments on the Effects of Cross-Cuttingness on Conflict Propensity.” December 2014.
- “Crowd-sourcing Anti-Immigrant Violence in Greece” (with Robert Blair). January 2013.
- “Violence and the Persistence of Ethnic Identification in Cyprus.” December 2011.
- “Passing and Policing: A Model of Identity Change with Endogenous Leadership.” June 2011.
- “What is an ‘Ethnic’ War? Organization and Interests in Insurgency.” September 2009
- “Spillover Effects and Civil Conflict.” January 2009.
- *Secessionism: The Demand for Sovereignty*. Book manuscript. December 2007.
- “From Protest to Violence: An Analysis of Conflict Escalation with an Application to Self-Determination Movements” (with Annalisa Zinn). August 2006.
- “Evaluating the Impact of Reintegration Assistance to Ex-Combatants: A Policy Research Proposal.” February 2006.
- “The Causes of Genocide and Civil War: Are they More Similar than We Thought?” April 2003.

Selected Awards & Prizes

- Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar Fellowship, 2003-2004.
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences Visiting Scholar Fellowship 2003-2004; declined.
- Woodrow Wilson International Center Visiting Scholar Fellowship 2003-2004; declined.
- Luebbert Article Award: Presented by the American Political Science Association (APSA) for “the best article published in comparative politics in 1999 or 2000” (APSA Convention 2001).
- International Studies Association Carl Beck Award “for the best graduate student paper” in 1999.

- Andrew Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Sawyer Fellow) (Fall/Spring 1998-99).
- Woodrow Wilson Fellow (Princeton University Graduate Student Award, Summer 1998).
- Kostopoulos Fellow, Modern Hellenic Studies, Princeton University (Fall/Spring 1997-98).
- SSRC-MacArthur Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant (Summer 1997).
- Grove Haines Prize for the Best Paper in International Political Economy, Johns Hopkins (May 1991).
- John Hamilton Fulton Academic Scholarship, Middlebury College (1986-1990).

Grants

- Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden) Grant for the project on “Demobilization and Reintegration Programs after Civil Wars” (2005-2008). Amount: \$40,000.
- World Bank, Trust Fund No. TF 051116 and Post-Conflict Fund Reference No. 319 for the Project on “Development Assistance and Conflict Vulnerability in the Middle East and North Africa Region: A Policy Research Proposal” (December 2005 – August 2006). Amount: \$50,000.
- World Bank Post-Conflict Fund Grant No. 182 for the “Political Economy of Civil Wars” project (July 2001 – December 2005). Amount: \$595,628.
- World Bank Contract 7130395 for the project on “Demobilization and Reintegration Programs after Civil Wars” (2003-2006). Amount: \$40,425.
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant, Spring/Fall 2003. Amount: \$12,000.
- Delegation of the European Commission Grant for Project on “Cyprus’ European Integration and the Greco-Turkish Conflict (December 2002). Amount: \$19,489.
- Yale University grants: Director’s Award, YCIAS (Spring 2005); Edward and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund (Spring 2002); Hellenic Studies at Yale, Faculty Research Grant (Spring 2002).

Professional Activities

- Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review, American Economic Review, World Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Economic Growth, Comparative Politics, Journal of Peace Research, International Organization, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Empirical Legal Studies, European Political Science Review, European Journal of Political Economy, European Journal of International Relations, Security Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development, Journal of African Economies, Defense and Peace Economics, Comparative Political Studies, Latin American Politics and Society, Review of International Organizations, The Economic Journal, Political Research Quarterly, International Studies Perspectives, Cambridge University Press, National Science Foundation.*
- Member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2003 – present).

Languages: Greek; English; French (intermediate).