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## CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

### **Simon Fraser University**

Simons Foundation Canada Post-Doctoral Fellow  
School for International Studies  
(September 2022-August 2024)

**Vancouver, BC**

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### **Harvard University**

Visiting Scholar, Department of Government (April-May 2023)

**Boston, MA**

### **University of Notre Dame**

*Post-Doctoral Research Associate* (September 2021-August 2022)

**Notre Dame, IN**

### **University of Michigan**

*Teaching Assistant, ICPSR* (Summer 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

**Ann Arbor, MI**

### **Universidad de los Andes**

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science (May-August 2019)

**Bogota, Colombia**

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer-Reviewed*

6. “Proto-Insurgency, Repression-Driven Contagion, and Civil War Onset” (with Jason M. Quinn, T. David Mason, and Mustafa Kirisci). 2023. *Peace and Defense Economics* (March). [link](#).
5. “Agents with Principles? Preventing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence with Human Rights Laws and Norms” (with Kathryn Overton). 2023. *Human Rights Quarterly* (in press). [preprint](#).
4. “Can the Rebel Body Function without its Visible Heads? The Role of Mid-Level Commanders in Peacebuilding.” 2022. *International Peacekeeping* (September). [link](#).
3. “How Wartime Bonds Affect Ex-Combatant Political Attitudes: A Natural Experiment with the FARC.” 2022. *Terrorism and Political Violence* (February). [link](#).
2. “Predicting the End of the Syrian Conflict: From Theory to the Reality of a Civil War.” 2021. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 44(4): 326-345. [link](#).
1. “A Critical Review of Evidence from Ex-Combatant Re-Integration Programs.” 2018. Politics of Return Project. London, UK: Social Science Research Council. [link](#).

### *Editor-Reviewed*

- 2022 “Ethiopia’s Peace May Depend on Post-Conflict Plans for Tigray Soldiers.” *The Washington Post* (18 November). [link](#).
- 2022 “Can Peace Agreements Alone Maintain Peace After Rebel Victory?” (with Madhav Joshi). Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Policy Brief Series. [link](#).
- 2022 “How to Canton Ex-Combatants: Inclusive Peacebuilding with the FARC.” Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Policy Brief Series. [link](#).
- 2022 “Patterns of Armed Conflict Recurrence among Peace Agreement Signatories” (with Jason M. Quinn). Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Policy Brief Series. [link](#).
- 2020 "How Robust is the Authoritarian Social Contract? Social Dissent during Iran’s COVID-19 Outbreak." *POMEPS Studies* 39. [link](#).
- 2020 “Book Review: When Movements Become Parties: The Bolivian MAS in Comparative Perspective by Santiago Anria.” LSE Review of Books. [link](#).
- 2019 “The Art of Winning a Peace Agreement: The Case of the FARC” (with Dayron Yegrail). *Political Violence at a Glance* (16 September). [link](#).

### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

“Why does Civil War Recur?” (*Invited to revise & resubmit*)

“When do Demobilized Rebels Rearm? Introducing the DDR-40 Dataset (1980-2020)”

“Peace Agreements without Peace: The Logic of Post-Conflict Insecurity”

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Rebel Remobilization After Civil War (Book manuscript)

*In preparation*

Mid-Level Commander Defection in Post-Conflict Transitions: A Social Network Analysis

*Manuscript available upon request*

Peacebuilding as Statebuilding? The Local Dynamics of Post-Conflict Wealth Redistribution

*Data collection completed*

Consequences of Delegative Governance: The Assassination of Social Leaders in Colombia

*Data collection completed*

## **EDUCATION**

### **Graduate Center, City University of New York**

**New York, NY**

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2015-2021

*Dissertation:* Demobilizing and Reintegrating Ex-Combatants:

Explaining Success and Failure on the National and Subnational Levels

*Major Field:* Comparative Politics; *Minor Field:* International Relations

*Committee:* Thomas G. Weiss, Till Weber, Mark Ungar

### **Université Nanterre Paris X, University of Leuven**

**Paris, France**

MPhil in Ethics, Social, and Political Philosophy, 2013-2015, *Magna Cum Laude*

### **Freie Universität Berlin; University of Leuven**

**Berlin, Germany**

MA, Philosophy, 2011-2013, *Magna Cum Laude*

### **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**

**Leuven, Belgium**

BA, Philosophy, 2011

## **TEACHING**

*As Instructor of Record*

**Research Methods in International Studies**, Simon Fraser University, Fall 2023

**State Failure and Reconstruction**, Simon Fraser University, Fall 2022, Summer 2023

**Introduction to Comparative Politics**, Baruch College, Spring 2021

**The United States in the Age of Globalization**, Baruch College, Winter 2020, Winter 2021

**Civil Wars and Peacebuilding**, Baruch College, Fall 2019

**Democracy and its Critics**, Lehman College, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

**Politics and Culture**, Lehman College, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

*As Teaching Assistant at the ICPSR summer program*

**Causal Inference for the Social Sciences** (Jake Bowers and Thomas Leavitt), 2023

**Causal Inference for the Social Sciences II** (Sebastian Calonico and Gonzalo Vazquez-Bare), 2023

**Regression III – Advanced Methods** (David Armstrong), 2022

**Simultaneous Equation Models** (Sandy Marquart-Pyatt), 2021, 2022

**Causal Inference** (Jake Bowers), 2020

**Maximum Likelihood Estimation** (Robert Lupton), 2020

## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

- 2023 Mitacs Globalink Research Award for Social and Scientific Innovation (\$6,000)
- 2022 American Political Science Association (APSA) First Generation Scholar Award
- 2021 Joseph Murphy Award for best conference paper, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2020 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)
- 2020 Center for Place, Culture, and Politics Dissertation Award (\$10,000)
- 2020 Provost's Digital Innovation Implementation Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$6,000)
- 2020 Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$1,000)
- 2020 Graduate Center Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$15,000)
- 2020 Open Pedagogy Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (\$2,000)
- 2019 Ivo Duchasek Award for best publication, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2019 Scholarship for Political Science Research, ICPSR (\$5,200)
- 2019 Dissertation Research Travel Award, Center for Latin American, Caribbean & Latino Studies, CLACLS (\$900)
- 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$1,000)
- 2018 Provost's Digital Innovation Training Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$1,000)
- 2018 EITM Certification Scholarship (\$8,200)
- 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center (\$1,000)
- 2017 NASP Young Investigator Training Program in Political Studies (€4,000)
- 2016 Dissertation Research Travel Award, CLACLS (\$1,000)
- 2015 Five-Year Doctoral Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (2015-2020)

## **POLICY POSITIONS**

- Social Science Research Council (SSRC)** **New York, NY**  
Consultant in Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration  
(February 2017 – April 2017)
- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)** **New York, NY**  
Political Affairs Intern (May – September 2016)
- Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies** **New York, NY**  
Research Assistant (New York, August 2015 – May 2016)

## **FIELD RESEARCH AND SKILLS**

**International Field Research:** Colombia (January 2023; March 2022; April-August 2019; January 2018; January 2017); Bolivia (November 2019); Iran (January 2022; May – June 2018); France (August 2014 – June 2015); Belgium (September 2013 – June 2014)

**Software:** R, SPSS, GIS

**Languages:** English (native speaker), Persian (native speaker), German (fluent), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Classical Arabic (intermediate), Urdu (conversational)

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2023 Panel Speaker at the event “Are Militaries and Military Institutions Inherently Dysfunctional” at Simon Fraser University, Canada
- 2022 Guest Lecturer for the seminar “When are Conflicts Ripe for Resolution? Timing, Interests, and Spoilers” at Leiden University, the Netherlands
- 2022 Presenter at the School for International Studies Colloquium at Simon Fraser University, Canada
- 2021 Panelist at Paz Territorial: A 5 Años de Implementación del Acuerdo de Paz del Teatro Colón [Territorial Peace: Five Years after the Implementation of the Colombian Peace Accord] at the Universidad de los Andes, Colombia
- 2021 Presenter at the Kroc-Kellogg Peace, Conflict, Crime and Violence Workshop at the University of Notre Dame
- 2016 Keynote speaker at Reading Terror: Representations and Resistance conference at the Graduate Center, City University of New York

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 International Studies Association: “More Murder After War? Exploring Homicide Rates Before, During, and After Civil Conflict”
- 2023 International Studies Association: “Rebel Defection in Transitions from Civil Conflict: Why do Mid-Level Commanders Rearm?”
- 2023 Latin American Peace Science Society: “Violent Peace After Civil War? The Logic of Collective Self-Protection Against Post-Conflict Crime”
- 2022 American Political Science Association: “When Does Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Fail to Keep Peace? Introducing DDR-40 Dataset”
- 2022 International Studies Association: “When does Civil War Recur after Rebel Victory”
- 2021 International Studies Association: “How Wartime Bonds Affect Ex-Combatant Political Attitudes: A Natural Experiment with the FARC”
- 2020 American Political Science Association: “Why are Some Demobilization and Reintegration Camps more Successful than Others? A Subnational Theory of DDR with the FARC”
- 2020 Four Corners Conflict Network: “Agents with Principles? The Role of Domestic Human Rights in Stopping Conflict-Related Sexual Violence”
- 2019 American Political Science Association: “What Makes Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration Programs Successful? Introducing the DDR-18 Dataset (1980-2018)”
- 2018 Annual Political Science Graduate Student Conference, The Graduate Center, CUNY: “DDR and CVE, A Match Made in Heaven or False Friends in Combat? The Case of Somalia”

2017 Annual Political Science Graduate Student Conference, The Graduate Center, CUNY:  
“Predicting the End of the Syrian Civil War: From Theory to Reality”

### **SERVICE TO THE FIELD**

Reviewer for *World Politics, Conflict, Security & Development, Peace & Change*, and *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*

Reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan Books

Discussant for the panel “Vulnerable Populations and Conflict Processes” at the International Studies Association conference (2023)

Host for the New Books in Political Science podcast

Elected member of Diversity Promotion Committee, Graduate Center, CUNY (2019-2020)

Elected member of Student Committee, Graduate Center, CUNY (2017-2018)

Mentor for incoming PhD students, Graduate Center, CUNY (2016-2021)

Organizer of the Annual Political Science Graduate Student Conference, The Graduate Center, CUNY (2016)

Discussant at the Comparative Politics Workshop, The Graduate Center, CUNY (2016-2021)

Discussant at the Peace, Conflict, Crime, and Violence Workshop at the University of Notre Dame (2021-2022)