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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: political violence; authoritarianism; civil war; post-conflict politics; peacebuilding; statebuilding

Methodological: simultaneous equation modeling; causal inference; difference-in-differences; cross-case comparative qualitative analysis; process tracing

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of British Columbia **Vancouver, BC**
Permanent Lecturer
Department of Political Science (Sept 2023-current)

Simon Fraser University **Vancouver, BC**
Simons Foundation Canada Post-Doctoral Fellow
School for International Studies (Sept 2022-Aug 2024)

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Harvard University **Boston, MA**
Visiting Scholar, Department of Government (Apr-May 2023)

University of Michigan **Ann Arbor, MI**
Teaching Assistant, ICPSR (Summer 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

University of Notre Dame **Notre Dame, IN**
Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Kroc Institute (Sep 2021-Aug 2022)

Baruch College, City University of New York **New York, NY**
Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science (Aug 2019-June 2021)

Universidad de los Andes **Bogota, Colombia**
Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science (May-Aug 2019)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

7. **Sharif, Sally**, and Madhav Joshi. 2023. "Territorial Consolidation After Rebel Victory: When does Civil War Recur?" *Territory, Politics, Governance* (in press). [link](#)
6. Overton, Kathryn, and **Sally Sharif**. 2023. "Agents with Principles? Preventing Conflict-Related Sexual Violence with Human Rights Laws and Norms." *Human Rights Quarterly* (July). [link](#)
5. **Sharif, Sally**. "How Wartime Bonds Affect Ex-Combatant Political Attitudes: A Natural Experiment with the FARC." 2023. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 35(5): 1106-1125. [link](#)

4. Quinn, Jason M., T. David Mason, Mustafa Kirisci, and **Sally Sharif**. 2023. "Proto-Insurgency, Repression-Driven Contagion, and Civil War Onset." 2023. *Peace and Defense Economics* (March). [link](#)
3. **Sharif, Sally**. 2022. "Can the Rebel Body Function without its Visible Heads? The Role of Mid-Level Commanders in Peacebuilding." *International Peacekeeping* 29(5): 709-740. [link](#)
2. **Sharif, Sally**. 2021. "Predicting the End of the Syrian Conflict: From Theory to the Reality of a Civil War." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 44(4): 326-345. [link](#)
1. **Sharif, Sally**. 2018. "A Critical Review of Evidence from Ex-Combatant Re-Integration Programs." Politics of Return Project. London, UK: Social Science Research Council. [link](#)

Editor-Reviewed

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

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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

"Peace Agreements without Peace: The Logic of Post-Conflict Insecurity" (with Julio Zuluaga Jimenez)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Rebel Remobilization After Civil War (Book manuscript)

In preparation

Networks of Mid-Level Commander Defection in Post-Conflict Transitions (with Dayron Monroy)

Manuscript available upon request

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

Consequences of Delegative Governance: Explaining Targeted Assassinations in Peace Processes (with Francy Carranza-Franco)
Data collection complete

EDUCATION

Graduate Center, City University of New York **New York, NY**
Ph.D. in Political Science, 2015-2021
Subfields: comparative politics, international relations, methodology
Dissertation: Demobilizing and Reintegrating Ex-Combatants:
Explaining Success and Failure on the National and Subnational Levels
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

- 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
- 2019 Ivo Duchasek Award for best publication, CUNY Graduate Center

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Summer Centennial Center Research Grant, APSA (\$2,500)
- 2020 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)
- 2020 Center for Place, Culture, and Politics Dissertation Fellowship (\$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 Dissertation Year Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (\$15,000)
- 2020 Open Pedagogy Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (\$2,000)
- 2019 Scholarship for Political Science Research, ICPSR, University of Michigan (\$5,200)
- 2019 Travel grant, 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 grant, 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 Blalock Lecture (in honor of Tad Blalock) at the University of Michigan: “Methodological Opportunism in the Study of Conflict”
- 2023 Panel Speaker at the roundtable “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 *Journal of Politics*; *World Politics*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Conflict, Security & Development*; *Peace & Change*; *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*; *Revista de Estudios Sociales*

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)