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**Education**

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University of Maryland, College Park, Department of Government and Politics  
Ph.D., Political Science, expected spring 2009  
M.A., Political Science, 2006  
Field Exams: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (Ann Arbor, Michigan)  
Summer 2004: Advanced Regression; Categorical Data Analysis  
Summer 2006: Advanced MLE; Longitudinal/Time Series

London School of Economics, U.K.  
M.Sc., Comparative Politics, Graduated with Merit, 1999

McMaster University, Canada  
Hon.BA, Political Science, Dean's Honor List, 1997

**Refereed Publications**

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“Partitioning to Peace: Sovereignty, Demography, and Ethnic Civil Wars,”  
*International Security*, Vol.32, No.4 (Spring, 2008), pp.140-170.

“The Use and Abuse of Minority Rights: Assessing Past and Future EU policies  
towards Accession Countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe,”  
*International Journal on Minority and Group Rights*, Vol.13 No.1 (2006), pp.27-51.

“Ten Years of Democratic Transition in the Balkans: A Comparative Analysis of  
Romania's Hungarian and Bulgaria's Turkish Minority (1989-1999)” in *Nationalism  
and Ethnic Politics*, Vol.8 No.2, (2002), pp.1-28.

**Book Chapters and Other Publications**

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“Ethnopolitical Violence and Terrorism in the Middle East” with Victor Asal and  
Jonathan Wilkenfeld in Joseph Hewitt, Jonathan Wilkenfeld, and Ted Robert Gurr,  
(eds.), *Peace and Conflict 2008* (USA: Paradigm Publishers, 2007).

“Future policy of the Euro-Atlantic structures toward minorities in the new  
neighboring countries of the enlarged EU” in *Euroregions: a Potential for Inter-  
Ethnic Harmonization*. (Chernivtsi: Bukrek Publishers, 2004). pp. 113-127. In  
Ukrainian.

‘Semipalatinsk Movement (Kazakhstan)’, Levinson, David and Karen Christensen, et  
al., (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2002)

*Country Report Moldova 2000* (London: European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2000)

## **Dissertation**

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Dissertation Title: Partition as a Solution to Ethnic Civil War: Sovereignty, Demography, and the Role of Post-War State-Building for Peace

Committee:

Mark Lichbach (Chair), Paul K. Huth, Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Johanna Birnir

Dissertation Abstract: Partition has been proposed as a way to (i) end ethnic civil wars and to (ii) build lasting peace. This dissertation empirically tests and builds on partition theory in three ways. First, I conducted detailed field research, producing a longitudinal study of ethnic migration and violence in Georgia's 1992-1993 civil war. I conclude that partitioning groups does not end ethnic war. Second, I examine partition's ability to build peace, highlighting the centrality of demography by introducing an index that measures the degree to which partitions separate ethnic groups. I apply this index to all civil wars ending in partition from 1945-2004, demonstrating that separating groups builds peace. Third, I selected two cases (Moldova and Georgia) to examine the causal processes of post-war recurring violence. I conclude that mixed ethnic demography interacts with state-building to cause or avert renewed violence.

## **Academic and Professional Awards and Distinctions**

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Don C. Piper Award, University of Maryland, 2008 (Best conference paper, 2007-2008, in the Department of Government and Politics)

Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Maryland, 2005

Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland, 2005

Graduate Student Travel Grant, University of Maryland, 2004

Fellowship, Civic Education Project, 2001-2003, Visiting Faculty Fellow, Moldova State Pedagogical University

Fellowship, Civic Education Project, 2000-2001, Visiting Faculty Fellow, National University of Uzbekistan

Merit Award, London School of Economics, 1999

Dean's Honour List, McMaster University (top 10 percent of graduating class), 1997

## **Works In Progress**

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"Federalism and Secession: The Importance of Pre-War Institutions" (first draft complete).

Theoretically, scholars have separately argued that territorial autonomy both increases and decreases separatism. Empirically, cross-national tests consistently show that autonomy decreases rebellion, yet case studies have

shown it increases secession. I argue that the institutional impact of autonomy is contextual, restricting secessionist activity in peace time, but increasing it during times of heightened violence. I present a new cross-national test from ethnic civil wars between 1945 and 2004 demonstrating strong empirical support for my theory.

“Constructing Inter-Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation: Why Some Peasants Harmed and Others Helped Jews during the Romanian Holocaust” (with Diana Dumitru).

Literature on inter-ethnic violence focuses on instrumentalist and structuralist explanations, yet each of these explanations implicitly requires pre-existing inter-ethnic animosity as an enabling condition. We take one step back in the causal chain and demonstrate how inter-ethnic relations can be constructed by state ideology to be either cooperative or conflictual, using a natural experiment from Eastern Europe for an empirical test.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

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“Constructing Inter-Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation: the Role of State Institutions and Nationality Policy,” paper to be presented at the International Studies Association annual convention, New York, February 15-18, 2009.

“Partition and Ethnic Civil War Termination: Challenging the Ethnic Security Dilemma Hypothesis,” paper to be presented at the International Studies Association annual convention, NY, February 15-18, 2009.

“Constructing Inter-Ethnic Conflict and Cooperation: Why Some Peasants Harmed and Others Helped Jews during the Romanian Holocaust,” paper presented at the DC Area Workshop on Contentious Politics, College Park, MD, December 9, 2007.

“Does Partition Work? A New Empirical Examination,” paper at the International Studies Association annual convention, Honolulu, March 1-5, 2005.

“Sovereignty or Demography? Reconsidering the Evidence on Partition in Ethnic Civil Wars,” paper presented at the DC Area Workshop on Contentious Politics, College Park, MD, April 5, 2005.

“Minority Rights for Post-Communist Countries of Europe: are there “required minority rights” for EU accession?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, Apr 15, 2004.

“Euro-Atlantic Structures and Minority Rights in Eastern Europe: Achievements and Expectations,” paper presented at the conference on Ethnic Relations in Chernovtsi, Ukraine, April 2003.

“Remarkable Peace: Democratic Transition in the Balkans. A Comparative Analysis of Bulgaria and Romania,” paper presented at the Association for the Studies of

Nationalism, Columbia University, New York, April 5-7, 2001.

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park**

“Civil War: Onset, Dynamics, Inter-State Influence, and Termination”

Winter 2008; Winter 2007

“Introduction to Comparative Politics”

Summer 2005

### **Lecturer, Moldova State Pedagogical University, Chisinau, Moldova**

“Democracy and Democratization”

Spring 2003; Spring 2002

“Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Regulation”

Fall 2002; Fall 2001

“European Union: History and Institutions”

Spring 2003; Spring 2002

### **Lecturer, National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

“Democracy and Democratization”

Fall 2000

“Nationalism and International Ethnic Conflict Regulation”

Fall 2000

“European Union: History and Institutions”

Spring 2001

“Human Rights, Minority Rights, and Democracy”

Spring 2001

## **Academic Professional Work Experience**

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Project Coordinator, Minorities at Risk Project (MAR) (2005-2006)

Managed daily operations of large quantitative social science research project focusing on ethnic groups, and helped begin a new terrorism research project coding organizations.

Research Assistant, MAR (2004-2005, 2006-2008)

Quantitative coding and training for social science research project

Academic Coordinator, Civic Education Project (CEP) (2002-2003)

Provided counsel on content and logistics to faculty members organizing regional events in Belarus, Ukraine, and Moldova

## **Professional Service and Memberships**

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Member: American Political Science Association, International Studies

Association; International Institute for Strategic Studies

Peer Reviewer: International Security; Security Studies; Canadian Slavic Review;

Romanian Journal of Society and Politics

## **International Experience**

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Moldova and Transnistria: Research Trip (4 months, 2008).  
Georgia and Abkhazia: Research Trip (3 months, 2008).  
Moldova and Transnistria: Visiting Lecturer (academic year 2001-2003).  
Uzbekistan: Academic Training Project (1 month 2002); Visiting Lecturer (academic year 2000-2001).  
Poland: Copy-Editor, the Warsaw Voice 1997-1998.

### **Language Skills**

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**English:** Native  
**Russian:** Fluent  
**French:** Reading knowledge  
**Romanian:** Basic

### **References**

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