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INTERESTS	Civil Conflict, Migration, Civil-Military Relations, South Asia	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	<b>Wesleyan University</b> Assistant Professor of Government Assistant Professor of Global South Asian Studies	<b>2023-Present</b> 2023-Present 2024-Present
	<b>U.S. Naval War College</b> Postdoctoral Fellow (Teaching), Strategy and Policy Department	<b>2020-23</b>
	<b>Dartmouth College</b> Postdoctoral Fellow (Non-Teaching), Dickey Center for International Understanding	<b>2019-20</b>
EDUCATION	<b>Columbia University</b> Ph.D. in Political Science, 2019 <i>Dissertation Title:</i> Rebel Organizations in Crackdown and Truce <i>Committee:</i> V. Page Fortna, Jack Snyder, Donald P. Green, Nikhar Gaikwad, Zachariah Mampilly M.Phil. in Political Science, 2016 M.A. in Political Science, 2015	<b>2013-19</b>
	<b>Stanford University</b> B.A. in Political Science (with Honors, Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa), 2011	<b>2007-11</b>
BOOKS	<b>2025. <i>Ordinary Rebels: Rank-and-File Militants Between War and Peace.</i> Oxford University Press.</b> Podcast interviews: <i>New Books in Political Science</i> , <i>Grand Tamasha</i>	
PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES	2026. “Bringing Autocracy Home? How Migration to Autocracies Shapes Migrants’ Support for Democracy” (with Nikhar Gaikwad and Aliz Tóth). <i>World Politics</i> 78(1): 1-47.  2025. “How Migrating Overseas Shapes Political Preferences: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (with Nikhar Gaikwad and Aliz Tóth). <i>International Organization</i> 79(4): 601-638.  2025. “Polarization vs. Professionalism: Military and Public Views on Domestic Use of the Military” (with Austin Knappe). <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> 13(3): 645-662.  2025. “Bridging the Gulf: How Migration Fosters Tolerance, Cosmopolitanism, and Support for Globalization” (with Nikhar Gaikwad and Aliz Tóth). <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 69(3): 813-830.  2021. “Good Times and Bad Apples: Rebel Recruitment in Crackdown and Truce.” <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 65(4): 807-825.	

	2021. “Live and Let Live: Explaining Long-Term Truces in Separatist Conflicts.” <i>International Peacekeeping</i> 28(3): 366-392. Special issue on ceasefires.	
	2019. “Noncitizen Soldiers: Explaining Foreign Recruitment by Modern State Militaries” (with Erik Lin-Greenberg). <i>Security Studies</i> 28(2): 286-320.	
	2019. “Are There Long-Term Effects of the Vietnam Draft on Political Attitudes or Behavior? Apparently Not” (with Donald P. Green and Tiffany C. Davenport). <i>Journal of Experimental Political Science</i> 6(2): 71-80.	
UNDER REVIEW	“Individuals in Institutions: Evidence from the World Bank and IMF” (with Richard Clark and Lindsay R. Dolan).	
	“How Third-Party Publics Choose Sides in War” (with Angelina Kunitskaia).	
WORKING PAPERS	“When Moderates Win: Experiments on Recruitment and Support in Northeast India.” CASI PE Workshop, 2023.	
	“Rebel or Nuisance? Public Perception of Armed Groups in India.” APSA 2020.	
	“Hardliners, Moderates, and Reciprocity: Selecting Leaders During Civil Conflict.” APSA 2020.	
	“Discipline Under Fire: Wage Screening in the Shadow of Conflict.” APSA 2018.	
PAPERS IN PROGRESS	“Where Military and Civilian Views Agree – and Disagree – on Civil-Military Relations” (with Austin Knappe).	
PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP	“Who Would Support Deploying the Military to Domestic Protests?” (with Austin Knappe). <i>Lawfare</i> , 10 Nov 2024.	
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS	MIT Security Studies Program Seminar Series	2024
	Center for the Advanced Study of India PE Workshop (UPenn)	2023
	Midwest Political Science Association	2016,17,19,23,24,25
	American Political Science Association	2018,19,20,21,22,24
	International Studies Association	2016,22
	Peace Science Society	2018,20
	Formal Models in International Relations	2020
	Penn / Perry World House Immigration Conference	2019
	PRIO / ETH Conference on Ceasefires and Civil Conflict	2019
	Madison Conference on South Asia	2018
GRANTS AND AWARDS	CPRC-ISERP Seed Grant, Columbia University (\$40,000)	2025
	Robert H. Durr Award, MPSA	2020
	Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration Grant (\$99,000)	2018
	William T.R. Fox Fellowship in Political Science, Columbia	2017-18
	Center for Development Economics and Policy Grant, Columbia (\$3,000)	2017
	GSAS Dissertation Improvement Grant, Columbia (\$2,500)	2016
	Earth Institute AC <sup>4</sup> Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia (\$3,000)	2015
	Weatherhead East Asia Fellowship for Political Science, Columbia	2014-15
	Best Thesis Presentation in Political Science, Stanford	2011

TEACHING	<b>Wesleyan University</b>	
	GOVT 155: International Relations	F23, S24, S25, F25
	GOVT 312: Strategic Dilemmas in Politics	F23, F24, F25
	GOVT 313: Civil Wars and Armed Groups	S24, S25
	GOVT 318: America's Unexceptional War of Independence	(S26)
	GOVT 320: International Relations of South Asia	F24, (S26)
	Senior Thesis Advisor: Oscar Ashley (2024), Alek Czereszkievich (2025), Iza Konings (2026), Joshua Silbert (2026)	
	<b>U.S. Naval War College</b>	
	Strategy and War	20-21, 21-22, 22
	Strategy and Policy	22-23
COLLEAGUESHIP	<b>Wesleyan Government Department</b>	
	Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Government (Global Justice)	2025
	Government Department Prize Coordinator	2025
	Phi Beta Kappa Committee	2024-25
	Skirm Prize Committee	2024-25
	Methods Linked Major Committee	2023-25
	International Relations Subfield Coordinator	2023-24
	<b>Outside Wesleyan</b>	
	Reviewer for <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>International Organization</i> , <i>International Security</i> , <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> , <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>Security Studies</i> , <i>Political Behavior</i> , <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> , <i>Civil Wars</i> , <i>International Interactions</i> , <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> , <i>Nations and Nationalism</i> , <i>Nationalism and Ethnic Politics</i> (15 reviews since Fall 2023)	
FIELD WORK	India (Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram; 6 months)	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
	Sri Lanka (Colombo and the Vanni; 6 weeks)	2017
	Thailand and Myanmar (7 weeks)	2010