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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018 - **Assistant Professor**,
School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University.

EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D., Political Science and International Relations**,
University of Southern California.
Dissertation Title: Legitimizing Self-determination: Advancing the Sovereignty of Separatist Movements
- 2011 **B.A., Peace Studies, Sociology**, *Chapman University*, (with transfer from City College of San Francisco).

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Chapters

- Forthcoming “Foulweather Friends: Violence and Third Party Support in Self-Determination Conflicts”, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- 2021 “Functional Markets in Yemen’s War Economy”, *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development* 3(1)
- 2020 “Continuous Recognition: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring International Sovereignty of Self-Determination Movements”, *Journal of Peace Research* 57(6)
- 2020 “Promoting peace in Yemen through the economy: a survey of local economic potential”, with David Wood, policy report for the German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation (GIZ), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU)
- 2019 “Think Ahead: Cost Discounting and External Validity in Foreign Policy Survey Experiments”, *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(2)
- “Separatist Diplomacy: Recognition and Everything Short,” book chapter with Caroline Hall), in edited volume *The Routledge Handbook on Self-Determination and Secession*, eds. Aleksandar Pavkovic, Peter Radan, and Ryan Griffiths. Expected publication Dec. 2021

“National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (The Mobe)”, entry in *Political Violence in America: Historical Flashpoints and Modern-Day Trends*, ABC-CLIO publishers, expected publication 2021

Books

Book project: *Independent Diplomacy*.

In this book, I investigate the diplomatic efforts and institutions of self-determination governments. I develop a theory of the relationship between self-determination groups’ territorial and legal status and the shape and scope of their diplomatic strategies, and I evaluate the overall accomplishments of diplomacy by aspiring states.

Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations, Edited with Thomas Jamieson and Patrick James, Under contract for *Edward Elgar Publishing*, Expected publication date is Summer 2021

Working Papers

“Lead On: The United States’ On-again, Off-again Stance on MINURSO” (book chapter; with Edder Zarate), edited volume under review with *Routledge Publishing*, ed. Janos Besanyo

“Shoestring Diplomacy: Lobbying and Litigation for Self-Determination,” under review

“Revolt and Rule: Learning about governance from rebel groups” (with Cyanne E. Loyle, Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham, Reyko Huang, Danielle F. Jung, Michael A. Rubin, and Megan A. Stewart), under review

“Are We Marketing Rebellion?” (with Reyko Huang)

“Unpacking the Unstated: The Effect of Informational Inequivalence on Treatment Effect Heterogeneity” (with Nicholas Weller)

“Curbing the Commons: Aid Diversion, Service Provision, and Political Legitimacy in Civil War” (with David Wood and Mohamed Shedeed)

Public-facing

2021 “Biden can backtrack on Trump’s move in Western Sahara,” *Foreign Policy*, with Harshana Ghoorhoo and Daniela A Maquera Sardon

2020 Panelist, “Western Sahara conflict towards peaceful resolution,” KPFK Radio’s *Scholars’ Circle*

2019 Guest speaker, “Territorial Disputes: Western Sahara,” Pacific Council’s *Teleconference Series*

“Let the People of Western Sahara Have a Say,” *The Wall Street Journal*

“Can John Bolton Thaw Western Sahara’s Long-Frozen Conflict?” *Foreign Policy*

“In War Torn Western Sahara, These Old Cars are the King and Queen,” *Jalopnik*

2017 “Spain’s Flawed Response to the Catalanian Referendum: How Its Overreaction Legitimized the Call for Independence,” *Foreign Affairs*

“How Madrid Should Address the Catalonia Crisis: Negotiation With the Regional Government Is Key,” *Foreign Affairs*

“The Roots of the Catalan Independence Crisis: And What Madrid’s Next Steps Should Be,” *Foreign Affairs*

Guest, “The Crisis in Catalonia,” *Office Hours Podcast*

2013 “Western Sahara: Our Long Road to Freedom,” (with Agaila Abba) *Ceasefire Magazine*

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Current **Director**, Middle-East specialization for MA in Diplomacy & International Relations.
Founder & Director, DiploLab: Undergraduate Diplomacy Research Lab.

Courses

Current **Diplomacy 2120: International Conflict and Security.**
Diplomacy 3800: Investigating International Relations.
Diplomacy 6131: Causes of War.
Diplomacy 6310: Research Methods for Policy Analysis.
Diplomacy 6520: Politics of Terror in the Middle East.
Diplomacy Graduate Statistics Workshop.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2020 **Functional Markets in Yemen’s War Economy**, *American Political Science Association annual meeting*.

Reflections on Self-determination, *Association for the Study of Nationalities annual meeting*, Canceled due to COVID-19.

Shoestring Diplomacy: Aspiring States and International Lobbying for Self-Determination, *ISA Annual Conference*, Canceled due to COVID-19.

2019 **Zooming In: Using Case Studies to Make Sense of Causal Mechanisms**, *Invited Speaker*, Cyprus International University.

Shoestring Diplomacy: Aspiring States and International Lobbying for Self-Determination, *Peace Science Society Annual Meeting*, *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, *ISA Annual Conference*.

2018 **Continuous Recognition: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring International Sovereignty of Self-Determination Movements**, *Peace Science Society Annual Conference*.

Foulweather Friends: Violence and Third-Party Support in Self-Determination Conflicts, *Rebel Diplomacy Meeting*.

Silent Sponsors: A New Approach to Measuring Recognition of Self-Determination Movements, *ISA Annual Conference*.

Foulweather Friends: Violence and Third-Party Support in Self-Determination Conflicts, *ISA Annual Conference*.

Armed Conflict and Political Violence in Comparative Perspective, *Invited Panelist*, Soka University of America, Pacific Basin Research Center.

2017 **USC Panel on Catalan Independence Crisis**, *Invited Panelist*.

Why They Punish: Does Concern for Reputation Mediate Audience Costs?, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.

Advancing the Cause: Theory and Assessment of Third Party Recognition of Separatist Movements, *International Studies Association West Annual Conference*.

- 2016 **USC Panel on Donald Trump's Presidency and Foreign Policy**, Invited Panelist.
Sovereignty, Self-Determination, and the Shadow of Violence, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*.
Deferred Judgment: Cost Procrastination and External Validity in Audience Cost Survey Experiments, *International Studies Association West Annual Conference*.
Unpacking the Unstated: Unintended causal pathways in survey experiments, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- 2020 **University Research Council Grant**, Seton Hall University.
"Enhanced coexistence and peace capacity in Yemen through economic action" Policy Grant,
With Prof. David Wood; under the auspices of Seton Hall's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, partnering with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). Funding from German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU).
"Undergraduate Research Award" Faculty Grant, Supporting undergraduate involvement in faculty research.
- 2019 **"Peace Process Support for Yemen" Policy Grant**,
With Prof. David Wood; under the auspices of Seton Hall's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, partnering with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). Funding from German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU).
"Undergraduate Research Award" Faculty Grant, Supporting undergraduate involvement in faculty research.
- 2017-2018 **Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, University of Southern California.
- 2016 **Best Graduate Student Paper**, *ISA-West Annual Conference*, Pasadena, CA.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present **Independent Statistical Consultant**.
- 2010-2012 **Teacher, Tutor, Counselor**, *Two-in-One College Prep Academy*, Tustin, CA.
- 2012 **Copy-Editor, Web Designer**, *Mada al-Carmel Arab Center for Applied Social Research*, Haifa, Israel.
- 2010 **Drug Policy Fellow**, *Drug Policy Alliance*, Los Angeles, CA.

SERVICE

Reviewer, *Bloomsbury Publishers* 2020, *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2020, *Journal of Peace Research* 2020, *Third World Quarterly* 2020, *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 2020, *Third World Quarterly* 2020, *Third World Quarterly* 2019, *Journal of Politics* 2019, *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 2019, *International Security* 2019, *Journal of Global Security Studies* 2019, *International Interactions* 2019, *Journal of Peace Research* 2019, *Political Research Quarterly* 2018, *American Journal of Political Science* 2018, *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 2017, *American Journal of Political Science* 2015, [See my Publons reviewer profile](#).

Seton Hall, *Faculty Secretary*, *University Graduation*, *Petersheim Steering Committee*, *Partnerships*, *EPC*, *Sharkey/De Mello/Abd el-Kader Fellowship steering committee*.

2014-2017 **Volunteer**, *International Studies Association West Annual Conference*.

2010-2012 **Volunteer Small Claims and Civil Harassment Court Mediator**, *Orange County Human Relations Committee*.

SKILLS

Data management: R, STATA, Excel

Data visualization: R, Tableau, STATA, Excel

Data analysis: R, STATA, STAN, Excel

Remote Computing: Bash, R, Virtual machine management

Language: Proficient in Spanish, Conversational in Arabic

Web Design: WordPress, HTML, CSS

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Photography

REFERENCES

Patrick James, *Dornsife Dean's Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California*, patrickj@usc.edu, (213) 821-4114.

Cyanne Loyle, *Associate Professor of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University*, cloyle@psu.edu, (814) 863-1040.

Reyko Huang, *Associate Professor, Department of International Affairs, Bush School of Government, Texas A&M University*, rhuang@tamu.edu.

Bridget Coggins, *Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California at Santa Barbara*, blc@ucsb.edu, (612) 293-4042.

Nicholas Weller, *Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California at Riverside*, nweller@ucr.edu, (951) 827-5597.

Wayne Sandholtz, *John A. McCone Chair in International Relations and Professor of International Relations and Law, University of Southern California*, wayne.sandholtz@usc.edu, (213) 740-9057.

Benjamin Graham, *Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California*, benjamag@usc.edu, (858) 699-6306.