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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Researcher, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	2017-Present
Affiliate, Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts	2017-Present
Lecturer, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	Spring 2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Government, Harvard University.	2017
Dissertation: <i>Aid, Violence, and Intervention: Three Essays on the Transnational Implications of Refugee Policy.</i>	
A.M. Department of Government, Harvard University.	2013
Fields: International Relations, Formal Theory, and Political Economy of Conflict, Migration and Development.	
M.P.P. with Honors. <i>University of Chicago</i> , Harris School of Public Policy.	2011
B.A. Philosophy & Mathematics, <i>University of Chicago</i> .	2003
with General Honors in the College and Special Honors in Philosophy.	

PUBLICATIONS

“When do Displaced Persons Return? Postwar Migration among Christians in Mount Lebanon,” 2019, with Nils Hgerdal, forthcoming in *American Journal of Political Science*.

WORKING PAPERS

“Human Smuggling under Risk: Evidence from the Mediterranean,” 2019, with Sarah Claudy, Jijun Wang, and Austin L. Wright, *submitted*.

“Location Matters: The Politics of Refugee Camp Placement,” 2018, *submitted*.

“Refugee Return and Food Insecurity: Explaining Increases in Violence in Ongoing Civil Wars,” 2018, *submitted*.

“Leaving as a Community: How Uncertainty and Group Dynamics Inform the Choice to Flee Violence.”

“Returning Home and Worsening War: Large Population Flows Increase Civil War Intensity.”

“Using Foreign Aid to Prevent Migrant Flows from Ongoing Conflicts.”

HONORS & AWARDS

EITM Summer Fellowship, Duke University, 2016.

Leon W. Redpath Scholarship, Harvard University, 2011-2015.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University 2014.

Committee on African Studies Summer Research Grant, Harvard University, 2014.

PolMeth XXX Travel Grant, University of Virginia, 2013.

Committee on Australian Studies Summer Research Grant, Harvard University, 2013.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Conference Grant, Harvard University, 2012.

Richard L. and Faith P. Morningstar Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2012.

Helen Myers McLoraine Scholarship, University of Chicago, 1999-2002.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

“Repatriation During Conflict: A Signaling Analysis.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2019; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2018.

“Leaving As a Community: How Uncertainty about Future Violence Informs the Choice to Flee.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2018; Formal Models in IR Conference, University of Southern California, February 2018.

“When do Displaced Persons Return? Postwar Migration among Christians in Mount Lebanon” (with Nils Hagerdal). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2018; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2017.

“Intervention or Deterrence: Trade-offs among Policies to Prevent Refugee Flows.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2017; International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 2017.

“Refugee Return and Food Insecurity: Increasing Violence in Ongoing Civil Wars.” Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, Harvard University, April 2016; PIPES Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2016. International Studies Association Annual Convention. March 2016.

“Refugee Policy as Foreign Policy: Third Party Intervention in Civil War.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2015; Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, MIT, April 2015.

“It’s the Journey, not the Destination: Estimating Flows from Stock Data” (with Margaret Roberts). Poster. Society for Political Methodology 30th Summer Meeting. July 2013.

“Revisiting Determinants of Migration in the Context of Violence” (with Tess Wise). Harvard-MIT-Yale Conference on Civil Conflict, MIT. May 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Masters Level Full Courses, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

- Refugees, Security and Forced Migration. Spring 2017, Winter 2019.
- Programming Evaluation. Winter 2019.
- Decisions and Organizations. Spring 2018.

Other Teaching

- Mathematical Methods, PhD Mathematics Prep Course, Harris School, Fall 2019.
- Refugee Camps and Change Capstone, Undergraduate Data and Policy Summer Scholar Program, Harris School, Summer 2019.
- International Migration and the Developing World. Mini-Course. Harris School, Fall 2014.
- International Conflict and Cooperation (Teaching Fellow for Prof. Dustin Tingley), Harvard University. Spring 2013.
- High School Algebra & Calculus. 2003-05.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- *World Bank* Emigration Policy Database. Lead RA for Michael Hiscox, Caglar Ozden, & Michele Beine. 2012-13.
- The International Migration Policy and Law Analysis (IMPALA) Database. RA for Michael Hiscox. 2012-13.

- “Mother’s High School Math and Child’s Early Math Achievement.” RA for Amy Claessans. 2011.
- “Family Instability and Children’s Behavior: Timing, Duration, and Family Type.” RA for Amy Claessans & Rebecca Ryan. 2010-11.
- “Rebel Tactics.” RA for Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. 2010-11.
- UNICEF Early Childhood Development Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS 3). RA for Gabriella Conti, Investigator, & James Heckman, Principle Investigator. 2010.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grants Specialist, *Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago*. 2007-2010
 Part of 3 person team that raised \$2.7 million annually from foundations to support social service programs which helped 1 million people annually.

Business & Development Associate, *Lumen Christi Institute*. 2006-2007
 Lead person for grant proposal and report writing, major gift prospect research, and donor acknowledgment. Supervised part-time student workers.

Peace Corps Volunteer, *United States Peace Corps / Tanzania*. 2003-2005
 Taught secondary school mathematics including statistics and calculus. Worked with District Designated Hospital in malaria education and prevention outreach.

SERVICE

Chair or Discussant: “Advances in Formal Theory,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2019. “International and Local Responses to Immigration,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, November 2018. “After the Emergency,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2018. “Models of Regime Change,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2018. “Migration and Conflict,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 2017. “Political Stability in Africa and Asia,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2016.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *The Economics of Transitions*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Organization*.

Speaker. Undergraduate Leadership Institute. Women in Public Service Program (WPSP) at the Institute of Politics. February 2019.

Moderator. Welcoming the Refugees: Lessons of the European Crisis from a French Perspective. A lecture by Pascal Brice, Director-General of the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons. Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts. November 2018.

Program Committee. Population and Migration Subcommittee. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2018 Fall Research Conference.

Co-Organizer of Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference 2013.

Workshop Co-Coordinator. Harvard Political Violence Workshop, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. 2012-13.

Volunteer. Refugee Resettlement Program, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. 2007-10.

SKILLS

Languages: Medium Fluency in Swahili; Working knowledge of Spanish and French.

Fieldwork: Tanzania (2014), Kenya (2014), Australia (2013)

Software/Programming: Stata, R, Python, SPSS, Sage, Mathematica, ArcGIS, and QGIS.