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## Academic Appointments

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### Washington State University

School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs  
Assistant Professor

2020 - Current

### Pennsylvania State University, the Behrend College

Department of Political Science  
Assistant Teaching Professor

2019 - 2020

## Education

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### University of Maryland, College Park

Ph.D., *Government and Politics*

2019

### American University of Paris

MA, *Strategic Public Policy and International Affairs*

2010

### Hobart and William Smith Colleges

BA, *Psychology and English*

2006

## Publications

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Antisemitic Hate Crime Exposure and Foreign Policy Preferences." (2023) *Contemporary Jewry*. With Ayal Feinberg.
2. "Repression, backlash, and the duration of protests in Africa." (2023) *Journal of Peace Research*. With Brandon Ives
3. "Proximate exposure to conflict and the spatiotemporal correlates of social trust in Africa." (2023) *Political Psychology*, 44(3): 667 - 687. With Sedef Topal
4. "What determines support for separatism? Evidence from Biafra, Nigeria." (2022) *Nations and Nationalism*.
5. "Repression and bystander mobilization in Africa" (2022) *Social Movement Studies*, 22(4): 494-512
6. "Territorial origins of center-seeking and self-determination claims in Africa." (2021) *Political Geography*, 94. With Mike Widmeier
7. "Signals, strongholds, and support: political party protests in South Africa." (2021) *Politics*, 41(2): 189-206.
8. "Corruption Perceptions and Contentious Politics in Africa: How Different Types of Corruption Have Shaped Africa's Third Wave of Protest." (2021) *Political Studies Review*, 19(2): 227-244. WINNER: Political Studies Review's best article of 2021.
9. "From Rallies to Riots: Why Some Protests Become Violent." (2020) *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 64(5): 958-986. With Brandon Ives

### PEER-REVIEWED MONOGRAPHS

1. "The role of trust in mobilization and nonviolent discipline: evidence from civil resistance in Africa". *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict*. (2021) Available online: <https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/resource/how-social-trust-shapes-civil-resistance-lessons-from-africa/>

## WHITE PAPERS AND POLICY DOCUMENTS

1. “How does exposure to conflict events shape social trust? A spatiotemporal approach.” (2022) *Afrobarometer Working Paper*. No. 189. *With Sedef Topal*.

## UNDER REVIEW

1. “What determines the duration of protest events in Africa?” *with William Favell*. R&R at the *Journal of Peace Research*
2. “How have protests and riots shaped South African views on democracy?” R&R at *Political Behavior*

## WORKING PAPERS

1. “Populism, conspiracies, and antisemitism in the 21st century.” *With Ayal Feinberg*. Funded by Anti-Defamation League. Expected to send out for review by late 2023 or early 2024.
2. “Internal protest dynamics and the onset of coups in Africa.” Expected to submit in early 2024.
3. “Ethnic enclaves, violence, and the geography of identity in Africa.” Expected to submit in late 2023, possibly as peer-reviewed monograph.
4. “When does repression produce backlash? A global analysis.” *With Brandon Ives and William Favell*. Expected to submit for publication by early 2024.
5. “Subnational variation in repression: Spatial, actor, and issues.” *With Brandon Ives*. Expected to submit for publication by early 2024.
6. “Why do rebel groups engage in criminality?” *With Ariel Zellman and Sedef Topal*. In early stages.

## INVITED TALKS

2023 “Populism, Conspiracy, and Antisemitism,” *University of Richmond*

## Awards, Fellowships & Grants

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### AWARDS

Best Article of 2021, <i>Political Studies Review</i>	2022
Excellence in Teaching Award, <i>University of Maryland</i>	2018

### RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2023	Alan Cornell Seminar Fellowship, International School for Holocaust Studies	
2022	Trust2Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development (CA# 72064122CA000003)	\$4,200,000
	Co-PI with John McCauley, University of Maryland	
	Center for Antisemitism Research Fellowship, Anti-Defamation League	\$25,000
	Sustainable Peace in Africa, Carnegie Corporation of New York	\$200,000
	Micro-grant Program, Academic Engagement Network	\$3,000
2021	Antisemitism Fellowship, Academic Engagement Network	\$1,000
	Summer Research Funding, Washington State University	\$5,000
2019	Monograph Fellowship, International Center for Nonviolent Conflict	\$5,000
2018	Dean's Research Initiative Grant, University of Maryland	\$5,000
2017	Research Grant, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa	\$2,500
2016	GVPT Research Initiative Grant, University of Maryland	\$2,500
2015	Dean's Research Initiative Grant, University of Maryland	\$2,500
	Comparative Politics Research Grant, University of Maryland	\$2,500
2014	Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland	\$5,000

## Research

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Conflict processes, social movements, African politics, antisemitism, political psychology & behavior

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Consultant – G100 Data Project, <i>Anti-Defamation League</i>	2023
Research Fellow – Open Data Roundtables, <i>Center for Open Data Enterprise</i>	2018-2019
Research Manager – Africa Integrity Indicators, <i>Global Integrity</i>	2016-2018
Visiting Researcher – UCDP One-Sided Violence, <i>Uppsala University</i>	2015
Research Assistant – Paul Huth, <i>University of Maryland</i>	2014-2016
Research Assistant – Mark Lichbach, <i>University of Maryland</i>	2013-2014

## FIELD WORK

Ghana, South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya, Tanzania, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe

## METHODS

<i>Quantitative</i>	parametric/nonparametric statistics, maximum likelihood & hierarchical
<i>Geospatial</i>	spatial autocorrelation, temporal inference, novel data collection
<i>Experiments</i>	field experiments, lab experiments, survey experiments
<i>Qualitative</i>	field research, QCA, semi-structured interviews & focus groups

## Courses Taught

<i>Undergraduate</i>	Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations, Death of Democracy, Political Psychology, Politics of the Developing World, African Politics, International Development and Conflict Management, Capstone in Conflict Management, Capstone in International Development, Weak and Failing States
<i>Graduate</i>	Seminar in Global Politics, Seminar in Political Psychology, Advanced Quantitative Methods

## Student Advising

### UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP

Isabelle Gibson, 2x research grant winner, accepted to APSA 2022, accepted to UMD Ph.D!	2020-2022
Emma Ekman, honors thesis advisor (passed with distinction)	2021-2022
Jordan Mitchell, accepted to law school!	2021-2022
Christopher Card, Honors thesis advisor, 2023 Auvil Scholars Fellowship recipient	2021-Current
Hector Salcedo, prepared job market materials	2021-Current
Tara Sullivan, 2023 Auvil Scholars Fellowship, internship in Zimbabwe	2022-Current
Emily Frey, honors thesis advisor	2022-Current

### DISSERTATION CHAIR

Sedef Topal, “Pathways to Cooperation: A Relational Theory of Rebel Alliances.” Currently on job market.  
William Favell, focusing on conflict and social cohesion. Currently working with me on USAID project.

## Service

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

<i>Departmental</i>	Graduate Studies Committee Website & Communications Committee Graduate Research Colloquium Organizer Safety Committee
<i>Initiatives</i>	In charge of the research colloquium series Spearheaded creation of BA+MA program
<i>WSU Senate</i>	Faculty Senate Member Library Committee
<i>External</i>	Dissertation reviewer, Moses Onyanga, <i>University of Johannesburg</i> Dissertation reviewer, Eve Nyemba, <i>University of Johannesburg</i>

### FIELD SERVICE

<i>Journal review</i>	American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Research, Democratization, Political Research Quarterly, Global Studies Quarterly, Empirical Economics, Journal of Politics, Civil Wars, Social Dynamics, African Security Review, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics
<i>Associational</i>	Section Chair - Political Psychology - 2024 American Political Science Association Division Chair - African Politics - 2024 MidWest Political Science Association
<i>Panel chair</i>	American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association, International Society for Political Psychology
<i>Publisher review</i>	Routledge, Polity Books, Oxford University Press
<i>Grant review</i>	The Leverhulme Trust