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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY July 2012-Present
Associate Professor (Tenure Track), International Security Policy
Member, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies

New York University, New York, NY Spring 2016
Visiting Scholar, Center on International Cooperation

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ January 2011-January 2012
Post-doctoral Fellow, Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Good Rebel Governance: Revolutionary Politics and Western Intervention in Syria with Kimberly Howe
Forthcoming with Cambridge University Press

"**The Effects of Foreign Aid on Rebel Governance: Evidence from a Large-Scale U.S. Aid Program in Syria**," with Allison J. Carnegie, Kimberly Howe, and Adam Lichtenheld, under review

"**Aid, Contestation, and Rebel Rule in Syria**," with Allison J. Carnegie, Kimberly Howe, and Adam Lichtenheld
Working paper

"**State-building in the Shadow of Counterterrorism: The Palace Politics of 'Precarious' Sovereignty**"
Working paper, basis for new monograph (invited by Princeton University Press to submit proposal)

Invited Review for *Perspectives on Politics* of Jesse Driscoll, *Warlords and Coalition Politics in Post-Soviet States* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015), *Perspectives on Politics* 15 No 2 (June 2017)

Invited Review for H-Diplo of Andrew Bacevich, *America's War for the Greater Middle East: A Military History* (New York: Random House, 2016) in *H-Diplo Roundtable XVIII* No 15 (January 2017)

"**Strongman Provincial Governance**," in Srinjoy Bose, Nishank Motwani, and William Maley (eds), *Afghanistan: Challenges and Prospects* (London: Routledge, 2017)

"**The 'Tribal Politics' of Field Research: A Reflection on Power and Partiality in 21st Century Warzones**" with Romain Malejacq, *Perspectives on Politics* 14 No 4 (December 2016): 1011-1028

"**Critical Dialogue**" in *Perspectives on Politics* 13, No 1 (March 2015)

Book Review of Paul MacDonald, *Networks of Domination: The Social Foundations of Peripheral Conquest in International Politics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014) published side-by-side with Paul MacDonald's review of my book, *Warlords, Strongman Governors, and the State in Afghanistan* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014), with responses

Warlords, Strongman Governors, and the State in Afghanistan (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014)
Short-listed for the biennial Central Eurasian Studies Society Book Award in the Social Sciences
Paperback released in 2016

"**The Slide from Withdrawal to War: the UN Secretary General's Failed Effort in Afghanistan, 1992**," *International Negotiation* 17, No 3 (2012): 485-517

“Warlord as Governor in Afghanistan,” in Wolfgang Danpseckgruber (ed), *Working Toward Peace and Prosperity in Afghanistan* (Boulder: Lynne Reiner Publishers, 2011)

“Ambition and Retreat: State-building in Afghanistan and the Persistence of Informal Power” in Elisabeth Ozdalga and Sune Persson (eds), *Contested Sovereignties: Government and Democracy in Middle Eastern and European Perspectives* (Istanbul: I.B. Tauris, 2010): 69-100

“Disguised Warlordism & Combatanhood in Balkh: the Persistence of Informal Power in the Formal Afghan State” *Conflict, Security & Development* 9, no 4 (2009): 535-564

POLICY-ORIENTED PUBLICATIONS

“The Afghan Stag Hunt” in *Lawfare* (25 February 2019)

“Afghanistan’s Strongman Democracy” with Omar Sharifi in *Foreign Policy* (22 October 2018)

“The State of State-Building in Afghanistan” with Omar Sharifi in *Lawfare* (9 August 2017)

“Yes, it’s possible to do research in conflict zones. This is how” with Romain Malejacq in *The Washington Post’s Monkey Cage* (5 April 2017)

“Provincial Governors in Afghan Politics” Special Report No 385 (Washington, DC: U.S. Institute of Peace, 2016)

“What Obama Missed in Afghanistan” with Frances Z. Brown in *Foreign Policy* (29 May 2014)

“Lessons from Afghanistan: Warlord Politics Aren’t Always Bad for Democracy” with Frances Z. Brown in *The Washington Post’s Monkey Cage* (13 May 2014)

“Warlords as Bureaucrats: the Afghan Experience” (Washington, DC: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2009)

“Remembering Clausewitz: Restoring the Civil-Military Relationship” with Antonia Chayes in *US News and World Report* (28 January 2009)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

SIPA Columbia University, Faculty Grant Award	2018
Central Eurasian Studies Society Book Award, shortlisted	2016
NYU’s Center on International Cooperation, spring semester salary buy-out	2016
SIPA Columbia University, Faculty Grant Award	2015
SIPA Columbia University, Faculty Grant Award	2014
SIPA Columbia University, Outstanding Teaching Award	2013
The Eisenhower Institute, The Roberts Fellowship	2010
The Smith Richardson Foundation, The World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship	2010
The US Institute of Peace, The Jennings Randolph Dissertation Peace Scholarship	2008-2009
Nominated for The Fletcher School’s James L. Paddock Faculty Teaching Prize	2008
Field Research Award from The Fletcher School	Summer 2008
Harvard Law School’s Program on Negotiation, The Graduate Research Fellowship	2007-2008
The Jebson Center for Counterterrorism Summer Research Grant from The Fletcher School	Summer 2007
The U.S. Department of Education, The Jacob K. Javits Fellowship	2003-2007
James Gordon Bennett Prize for Best Senior Essay in International Relations, Yale University	2002

TEACHING

Columbia University, School of International & Public Affairs, New York, NY Fall 2012-Present
 Associate Professor, design and teach graduate-level courses, including: *Conceptual Foundations of International Politics; State Formation, Violence, and Intervention in the Modern World; Unconventional Warriors: The Exploitation and Management of Violence by Non-State Armed Actors; The Politics and Law of Intervention and Conflict Management; The Logic of the Weak State.*

The Fletcher School, Medford, MA Fall 2008
 Lecturer, designed and taught *State Formation, Conflict & Intervention in Comparative Perspective: The Cases of Afghanistan, Rwanda and Sierra Leone* with then-Academic Dean Peter Uvin and Christof Kurz

Dar al Hekma College, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia January-February 2008
 Member of Visiting Faculty, designed and taught *Conflict & Conflict Management* as part of the first International Relations program for women in Saudi Arabia

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dexis Consulting Group, Office of Transitional Initiatives, USAID, Washington, DC June 2016 – January 2017
 Short-term, part-time USAID-funded research consultancy on rebel governance in Syria

U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC March 2015 – January 2016
 Short-term, part-time consultancy on provincial governance in Afghanistan

Qara Consulting, Kabul, Afghanistan January-February 2014
 Short-term, part-time consultancy to advise on Asia Foundation research project

EDUCATION

The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, MA 2005-2011
 Ph.D.

- Doctoral Dissertation: *The Warlord Governor in Post-2001 Afghanistan* (defended in November 2010)
- Committee: Richard H. Shultz (Chair), Antonia H. Chayes, and Marina Ottaway
- Conducted field research in Afghanistan (Jalalabad, Kabul, and Mazar-i-Sharif), hosted by the Center for Conflict & Peace Studies and the American Institute for Afghan Studies (2007, 2008, 2009)
- Fields of study: International Security Studies; International Negotiation & Conflict Resolution; and Southwest Asian & Islamic Civilization

The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, MA 2003-2005
 Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy (2003-2005)

Yale University, New Haven, CT 1998-2002
 B.A. *Magna Cum Laude* in Political Science (Concentration in International Relations) with Distinction

SELECT CONFERENCES, PANELS, AND TALKS

Academic Research on Conflict Consortium, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies August 2019
 Invited participant

Workshop on Ethical Engagement in Conflict Research, Harvard Kennedy School July 2019
 Invited participant

Women Waging War, Saltzman Institute and Politics of Sexual Violence Initiative April 2019
 Co-organized scholarly workshop on political violence at Columbia with Dr. Nimmi Gowrinathan

Islam at War Workshop , Project on Middle East Political Science, George Washington University Invited participant	January 2019
LSE Security and Statecraft Workshop , London School of Economics Delivered talk on “The Palace Politics of State-building in Afghanistan”	January 2019
Directorate S: Book Talk and Panel Discussion , Columbia University Panelist with Richard K. Betts, Stephen Biddle, and Steve Coll on Afghanistan and Pakistan	December 2018
Conference on Identities in Contemporary Afghanistan , Yale University Invited participant	April 2018
Public Policy Lecture Series, The Ends of Empire , Reed College Delivered talk on “The Palace Politics of State-building in Afghanistan”	April 2018
Center for the Study of the Middle East , Indiana University Delivered talk on “Good Rebel Governance in Syria”	March 2018
Warlords and Governance in Post-2001 Afghanistan , Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Invited to participate in a debate with Patricia Gossman (Human Rights Watch) Moderated by former UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Kai Eide	March 2018
Afghan Peace Processes Since 1978 , Norwegian Center for Conflict Resolution Invited to participate in two-day workshop on the history and prospect of reconciliation efforts	March 2018
Afghanistan: The Next Generation of Scholars , Columbia University Organized and hosted over two dozen Afghan and Western scholars for a two-day conference Co-sponsored by the American Institute for Afghanistan Studies and the Hollings Center	February 2018
International Relations Workshop , University of Texas-Austin Delivered talk on “The Making of Syria’s Good Rebellion”	January 2018
International Security Studies Program Lecture , The Fletcher School Delivered talk on “The Tribal Politics of Fieldwork in 21 st Century Warzones”	December 2017
Program on International Security Policy Workshop , University of Chicago Delivered talk on “The Making of Syria’s Good Rebellion”	November 2017
Kroc-Kellogg Peace, Conflict, Crime, and Violence Workshop , Notre Dame University Delivered talk on “The Making of Syria’s Good Rebellion”	November 2017
Comparative Politics Workshop , University of Wisconsin-Madison Delivered talk on “The Making of Syria’s Good Rebellion”	September 2017
Kennedy School of Government , Harvard University Delivered talk on “Karzai’s Palace Politics as Competition Management in Post-2001 Afghanistan”	April 2017
Workshop on Research in Conflict Zones , Harvard Kennedy School Invited speaker and participant	February 2017
Inaugural War Studies Conference , U.S. Military Academy at West Point Invited participant on panel “How to Deter Tomorrow’s Non-State Adversaries”	November 2016

Book Workshop for Yelena Biberman , Brown University Invited participant by Professors Ashutosh Varsheney and Peter Andreas	November 2016
Forum Guerre&Politique , Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France Invited participant on panel "Evolution of Power between Local Players and Foreign Actors"	November 2016
US-China-Central Asia Track II Dialogue on Afghanistan & Pakistan , OSCE Academy, Bishkek Invited participant	June 2016
Conference on Great Power, Central Asia, and Afghanistan , OSCE Academy, Bishkek Delivered talk on "Palace Politics & Competition Management in Karzai's Afghanistan"	June 2016
8th Regional Conference on Peace & Stabilization in Afghanistan , Delhi Policy Group, New Delhi Invited participant	May 2016
8th Regional Conference on India-US-China Trilateral , Delhi Policy Group, New Delhi Invited participant	May 2016
Conference on U.S.-Israel Relations, Center for International Security Studies , Princeton University Invited participant on panel "Great Powers Interventions: Patterns of Continuity and Change"	May 2016
Department of Political Science , Temple University Delivered talk on "The Making of Syria's Good Rebellion"	April 2016
Roundtable on Education in Afghanistan , Center on Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva Invited participant	April 2016
Department of Politics , Princeton University Delivered guest lecture on "Power, Positionality, and the Tribal Politics of Field Research in 21 st C. Warzones"	April 2016
International Security Seminar , Notre Dame University Delivered talk on "The Making of Syria's Good Rebellion"	March 2016
21st Century Peacebuilding International Expert Forum , International Peace Institute Delivered talk on "Strongman Governance and Palace Politics in 21 st Century Afghanistan"	November 2015
Nijmegen School of Management , Radboud University, Amsterdam Delivered talk on "Strongman Governance and Palace Politics in 21 st Century Afghanistan"	September 2015
Workshop on Transition in Afghanistan , Australia National University in Brussels Invited participant	September 2015
Graduate Center Comparative Politics Workshop , CUNY Delivered talk on palace politics, state-building, and counterinsurgency in Afghanistan	April 2015
Conference on State-Strengthening in Afghanistan , U.S. Institute of Peace Invited to serve as a discussant on a panel about subnational governance in Afghanistan	March 2015
Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Workshop , George Washington University Delivered paper and talk on palace politics, state-building, and counterinsurgency in Afghanistan	November 2014
Panel on Rebel Governance and the Survival of Insurgencies , Columbia University Organized and chaired panel hosted by the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies	October 2014

Conference on Religious Wars , Columbia University Institute for Religion Culture & Public Life Chaired panel, <i>Origins of the Conflict – Contemporary Middle East</i>	October 2014
John J. McCloy Roundtable at the Council on Foreign Relations , New York, NY Participated in roundtable entitled, <i>Is Afghanistan Hopeless?</i> with Barnett R. Rubin	October 2014
Voting Week , Columbia University Moderated conversation with Dr Barham Salih, former Kurdish Iraqi Prime Minister	October 2014
World Peace Foundation Seminar on “The Political Marketplace,” Tufts University Invited to serve as a seminar participant and discussant	May 2014
American Institute of Afghanistan Studies Ten-Year Anniversary Conference , Boston, MA Delivered talk as participant on panel entitled, <i>Future Scholarship on Afghanistan</i>	April 2014
C-SPAN broadcast Book Launch , Columbia University <i>Strongman Governance and Afghan Politics 2001 to Today</i> with Dr. Barnett R. Rubin	April 2014
Conference on The Future of Afghanistan in South-West Asia , ANU, Canberra Delivered talk as participant on panel entitled, <i>Governance and Peacebuilding</i>	November 2013
Middle East Seminar , Columbia University Delivered talk entitled, “Strongman Governance and the State in Afghanistan”	November 2013
Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention , New York, NY Roundtable discussant for Kimberly Marten’s book, <i>Warlords: Strong-Arm Brokers in Weak States</i>	April 2013
Conference on Local Powerbrokers , Harriman Institute, Columbia University Delivered talk entitled, “Strongman Governance in the Afghan Provinces”	February 2013
TEDx SIPA, A Better World , Columbia University Deliver talk entitled, “From Warlord to Governor: an Afghan Paradox”	February 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

American Institute for Afghanistan Studies, Vice President
American Political Science Association
Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member
International Studies Association

Faculty Advisor for the following student organizations:

Defense and Security Studies, SIPA, Columbia University (2012-2016)
Progressive Security Working Group, SIPA, Columbia University (2016-Present)
Women in Peace and Security, SIPA, Columbia University (2013-Present)

Faculty Member of the following committees and working groups (past and ongoing):

Diversity Task Force Committee, SIPA, Columbia University
“Reframing Gendered Violence” Working Group, Center for the Study of Social Difference, Columbia University

Reviewer for scholarly journals and presses, including:

Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Conflict, Security, and Development*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; Notre Dame University Press; Oxford University Press; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Security Studies*; University of Pennsylvania Press.