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EMPLOYMENT	Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Varieties of Democracy Institute Managing a team of three researchers, my core responsibilities are to develop predictive models focusing on adverse regime transitions—democratic breakdown and erosion. I’m leveraging my methodological training and experience with machine learning, ensemble Bayesian model averaging, and other methodological approaches to develop forecasting tools for academics and policymakers. We are on track to publish our two-year-out forecast in V-Dem’s annual democracy report as well as on the institute’s website at the end of May 2019.	
EDUCATION	Emory University , Atlanta, GA Ph.D. Political Science 2018 Dissertation: <i>Road Warriors: Counterinsurgency Security Operations & Popular Support in Insurgent Conflicts</i> Fieldwork: Surveyed villages in two conflict-affected areas of India. – Measured the frequency of counterinsurgency patrols & popular support for counter-insurgents. Assam – 71 villages, $n \approx 1500$ Bihar – 124 villages, $n \approx 4500$ M.A. Political Science 2014 Comprehensive Exams: Conflict Studies, Research Methodology, & International Political Economy The University of Colorado at Boulder , Boulder, CO B.A. Political Science, with Honors (<i>Magna cum Laude</i>) 2011	
PROFICIENCIES	Quantitative methods Advanced survey methodology – Complex sampling & weighting designs – multistage, clustered & stratified – Sensitive item question techniques Bayesian methodology – Multilevel regression & poststratification – Hierarchical, spatial, forecasting, & latent variable models Machine learning techniques – Random forest, neural networks, AdaBoost, LASSO, ridge, & elastic-nets Data analysis & map-making tools R (Advanced) – Statistical Analysis, Shiny (data visualization & interactive user interfaces), GIS, web-scraping, & text-as-data (twitter, etc.) Python (Beginner) Stata (Proficient)	

GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS	National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$17,640)	2016
	Emory Dean's Teaching Fellowship (\$18,500)	2016
	Emory Professional Development Grant (\$8,000)	2015
	Emory Professional Development Grant (\$2,500)	2014
WORKING PAPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Politics of Security: When Counterinsurgency Works and When It Doesn't, Evidence from India (<i>Under Review</i>) • Terrorism and the Variety of Civil Liberties Protections (w/Michael Rubin <i>Under Review</i>) • Road Warriors: Road Development as Counterinsurgency, Evidence from India • Varieties of Forecasts: Predicting Adverse Regime Transitions (w/Andy Beger & Adam Glynn) • Failing and Successful Sequences of Democratization (w/Staffan Lindberg, Laura Maxwell, Juraj Medzihorsky, & Matthew Wilson, <i>Under Review</i>) • Autocratization and Diagonal Accountability: The Role of Civil Society, Media Pluralism, & Citizen Engagement in Democratic Downturns (w/Anna Lührmann, contracted work for USAID) • Commodity Price Volatility & Internal Conflict (w/Eric Reinhardt) 	
	<i>POLS 208: Political Science Research Methods</i>	
	Fall 2013 with Dr. Jeffrey Arnold	
	<i>Introduction to Quantitative Methods</i>	
	Summer 2014: Primary Instructor	
	<i>POLS 375w: War & Politics</i>	
	Fall 2014: with Dr. Reiter	
<i>POLS 497: Counterinsurgency Theory</i>		
Fall 2014: Primary Instructor		
<i>POLS 110: Introduction to International Relations</i>		
Spring 2014 with Dr. David Davis III		
Fall 2015 with Dr. Eric Reinhardt		
<i>Seminar: An Introduction to Programming in R</i>		
Winter 2015 Primary Instructor		
<i>POLS 385: Insurgency & Counterinsurgency</i>		
Spring 2017 Primary Instructor		
MILITARY EXPERIENCE	United States Army	
	Psychological Operations (PSYOP)	2006-2012
	Radio/COMSEC Repair Specialist	1998-2006
	Military Deployments	
	Afghanistan with 324th PSYOP co	2007-2008
	Iraq with 3rd PSYOP bn	2004-2005
Afghanistan with 3rd PSYOP bn	2003-2004	

INVITED TALKS USAID Center of Excellence: Democracy, Human Rights, & Governance (2019-18)
Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research (2018)
Princeton University, Empirical Studies of Conflict working group (2017, 2015)
United States Institute of Peace/ESOC Conference (2017)

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS American Political Science Association Annual Conference (2019-18, 2016-14)
Peace Science Society Annual Conference (2018, 2016-14)
International Studies Association Annual Conference (2016-14)
V-Dem Annual Meeting and Policy Day (2019-16)
Network of European Peace Scientists Annual Conference (2018)
European Political Science Association Annual Conference (2018)
Peace Research Institute Sweden Annual Conference (2018)

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