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## Academic Employment

**Instructor** James Madison College, Michigan State University, August 2019 to present

## Education

**Ph.D. Candidate** Political Science, Michigan State University, Expected Summer 2020

*Major Field:* International Relations, *Minor Field:* Comparative Politics

*Dissertation:* "The Leader's Toolkit: The Effects of Pro-Government Militias on Human Rights"

*Committee:* Jakana Thomas (chair), Michael Colaresi, Benjamin Appel, and Erica Frantz

**M.A.** Political Science, Michigan State University, Spring 2016

**M.P.P.** Public Policy, Michigan State University, Spring 2014

**B.A.** James Madison College, Michigan State University, Fall 2011

*Major Field:* International Relations, *Minor Field:* Russian Language

## Additional Training

### **MSU Social Science Data Analytics**

Bayesian Data Analysis Workshop  
Summer 2016

### **Volgograd State Technical University, Volgograd, Russia**

Russian Language and Culture Certificate  
Summer 2010

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

"From Shame to New Name: How Naming and Shaming Creates Pro-Government Militias"  
(Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*)

## Work in Progress

“The Leader’s Toolkit: How Leaders Choose their Tools of Repression”

“Legislative Oversight of National Security Policy: Introducing the Security Policy Information Institutions (SPII) Dataset” with Michael Colaresi

“The Routes of Rendition: Using Extraordinary Rendition Flight Paths to Illuminate Intelligence Oversight Across Democracies” with Michael Colaresi

“Getting a Seat at the Table: How and when women impact rebel group negotiations” with Elizabeth Brannon and Jakana Thomas

“Who Me? How and When Pro-Government Militias Can Make Repression Less Expensive for Leaders”

“The Women’s Advantage: How Terrorist Organizations that Involve Women are More Lethal”

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

“The Leader’s Toolkit: How Leaders Choose their Tools of Repression”

Civilian Defense Forces Workshop, February 2020

Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, November 2019

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2019

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2019

“Getting a Seat at the Table: How and when women impact rebel group negotiations”

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2019

“Who Me? How and When Pro-Government Militias Can Make Repression Less Expensive for Leaders”

Midwest Peace and Conflict Conference, February 2019

Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, November 2018

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, April 2018

“The Women’s Advantage: How Terrorist Organizations that Involve Women are More Lethal”

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, April 2018

“Legislative Oversight of National Security Policy: Introducing the Security Policy Information Institutions (SPII) Dataset” with Michael Colaresi

European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2017

“Delegating Repression, Dodging Retribution: How PGMs Influence Variation of Punishment for Human Rights Abuses”

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 2017

“From Shame to New Name: How Naming and Shaming Creates Pro-Government Militias”

Journeys in World Politics Workshop, May 2017

Workshop on Conflict, Michigan State University, March 2017

Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Pro-Government Militia Workshop, October 2016

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2016

International Studies Association Midwest Annual Meeting, November 2015

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2015

“The Routes of Rendition: Using Extraordinary Rendition Flight Paths to Illuminate Intelligence Oversight Across Democracies” with Michael Colaresi

Workshop on Conflict, Michigan State University, October 2015

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2015

“Federal and College Funding Policies: An Analysis of Federal Pell Grants and Institutional Grant Aid on Graduation Rates”

Master of Public Policy Capstone Forum, Michigan State University, April 2014

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant, Benjamin Appel, Michigan State University, Fall 2014, Summer 2017-Fall 2018

Research Assistant, Erica De Bruin, Hamilton College, Summer 2017

Research Assistant, Learning Analytics, Michigan State University, Spring 2016-Summer 2017

Research Assistant, Social Science Data Analytics, Michigan State University, Spring 2015-Summer 2017

Research Assistant, Michael Colaresi, Michigan State University, Summer 2014-Summer 2017

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Course Instructor**

Introduction to Study of Public Affairs, Spring 2020

Introduction to World Politics and International Security, Fall 2019

US Foreign Policy, Fall 2019

American Foreign Policy and National Security, Summer 2018

### **Section Instructor**

Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2015 (with Richard Hula)

### **Teaching Assistant**

Social Science Approaches to International Law, Spring 2015, Spring 2018, and Spring 2019  
(with Benjamin Appel)

International and Domestic Political Conflict, Fall 2017 (with Jakana Thomas)

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

**Research:** conflict, political violence, security forces, human rights, secrecy, gender and conflict

**Teaching:** international and domestic political conflict, international human rights, foreign policy, secrecy and security

### **Awards, Fellowships, and Honors**

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University, Summer 2020

Performance Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, Spring 2017 and Spring 2018

College of Social Science Research Scholars Fellowship, Michigan State University, Summer 2015 and Summer 2016

Merit Fellowship, Department of Political Science at Michigan State University, Summer 2015

Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship, Michigan State University, Summer 2010

### **Professional Activities**

#### **University**

Department of Political Science Student Representative, Council of Graduate Students,  
Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Vice-Chair, University Committee on Student Affairs, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

#### **Departmental**

Assistant Coordinator, Midwest Peace and Conflict Conference, Spring 2019

Assistant, Workshop on Conflict, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Academic and Admissions Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Michigan State University, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Teaching Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Michigan State University, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Council of Graduate Students Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Michigan State University, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

First Year Graduate Student Representative, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Michigan State University, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Discussant, Workshop on Conflict, Michigan State University, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, and Fall 2018

### **Reviewer Service**

American Journal of Political Science

Conflict Management and Peace Science

International Interactions

International Studies Quarterly

Research and Politics

## **Skills**

### **Languages**

Spanish and Russian

### **Software**

STATA, Markdown, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, bash, Git, and R

## **References' Contact Information**

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