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## Employment

**Associate Professor**, Loyola University Chicago, 2015- present.  
**Visiting Scholar**, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Northwestern University, 2019-2020.  
**Assistant Professor**, Loyola University Chicago, 2008- 2015.

## Education

**Ph.D. Political Science**, University of California, Davis, June 2008.  
**M.A. Political Science**, University of California, Davis, June 2005.  
**B.A. Political Science**, University of Georgia, December 2001.

## Peer Reviewed Publications

*The Building and Breaking of Peace: Corporate Activities in Civil War Prevention and Resolution* forthcoming 2021 with Oxford University Press.

"International Socialization, Domestic Politics, and the Spread of State Bureaucracies for Women's Advancement" (with Olga Avdeyeva) forthcoming in *Journal of Human Rights*.

"The Business of Peace: Understanding Corporate Contributions to Conflict Management" 2021. *International Interactions* 47(1) 107-134.

"Supply Side Incentives for Mediation—Which Actors Mediate International Crises?" (with Paul Olander). 2019. In *Research Handbook on Mediating International Crises*, ed. Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Kyle Beardsley, David Quinn. Edward Elgar Publishing. 94-108.

"Exploring the Threshold between Mediation and Joining in Biased Interventions" (with Renato Corbetta). 2018. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(10):2205-2231.

"Knowledge, Skills, and Preparing for the Future: Best Practices to Educate International Studies Majors for Life After College" (with Dana Zartner, Gigi Gokcek, Carolyn Shaw, and Kathy Carpenter). 2017. *International Studies Perspectives*: 19:2.

"Multilateral Institutions and Conflict Resolution" (with Alexandru Grigorescu). 2017. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* 34(3): 301-329.

"Who Keeps the Peace? Understanding State Contributions to UN Peacekeeping Operations" (with Jacob Kathman). 2017. *International Studies Quarterly* 61(1): 150-162.

"Business, Peace and World Politics: The Role of Third Parties in Conflict Resolution." 2016. *Business Horizons*: 59(5): 493-501.

"Escalation in International Conflict Management: A Foreign Policy Perspective." 2015. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 32(1): 28-49.

"Connecting the Dots: Dispute Resolution and Escalation in a World of Entangled Territorial Claims" (with Alexandru Grigorescu). 2014. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(6): 1085-1109.

"Commitment Problems: Understanding Variation in the Frequency of International Conflict Management Efforts." 2014. *International Negotiation* 19: 222-258.

"Fear of rejection: The puzzle of unaccepted mediation offers in international conflict" (with Scott Sigmund Gartner and Jacob Bercovitch). 2013. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(4): 354-368.

"When States Mediate." 2013. *Penn State Journal of Law and International Affairs* 2(1): 78-90.

"The Impact of State Relationships on If, When and How Conflict Management Occurs." 2011. *International Studies Quarterly* 55(3): 691-715.

"Jumping into the Fray: Alliances, Power, Institutions, and the Timing of Conflict Expansion." (with Michael Koch). 2010. *International Interactions* 36 (1): 1-27.

"Incentives for Talking: Accepting Mediation in International and Civil Wars" (with Isak Svensson). 2009. *International Interactions* 35 (3): 249-271.

### **Other Publications**

"President Trump, Colombia's Peace is in your Hands." 2017. *The Hill*. May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

"More Than Money: Are UN Peacekeeping Mission Effective?" 2017. *The Hill*. February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

"Is the Pursuit of Peace a Profit Motivator for Private Companies?" 2017. *TRT World*. February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

"Mediation in International Conflicts." 2016. In *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*. Ed. Patrick James. New York: Oxford University Press.

"Networking for Post-Graduation Success: It Doesn't Have to Make Students Feel 'Dirty'." 2015. International Studies Association Professional Resource Center.

"Assessing Outcomes: Conflict Management and the Durability of Peace" (with Scott Gartner). 2008. *Sage Handbook on Conflict Resolution*. Edited by Jacob Bercovitch, Victor Kremenyuk, and I. William Zartman. Thousand Oaks: Sage Press.

### **Under Review and Work in Progress**

"Staying the Course: Regime Type, Instability, and Troop Withdrawals from UN Peacekeeping Missions" (with Jacob Kathman). Under review.

"Ex-Combatant Entrepreneurship and Peacebuilding" (with Santiago Sosa Noreña). Data collection.

"MNCs and Peacemaking: The Role of Private Firms in Civil War Negotiations" (with Mihir Modi). Data collection.

### **Recent Conference Papers** (past 5 years)

“Connecting International and Domestic Dots: How Conflict Entanglement Informs Resolution and Escalation” (with Alexandru Grigorescu). Presented to the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

“The Building and Breaking of Peace: Understanding Corporate Effects on Conflict Prevention and Resolution” (with undergraduate Sydney Williams). Presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association and the September 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Peace Science Society, Medellín, Colombia, January 2021.

“The Business of Peace: The Role of Corporations in Peace and Conflict” Presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29<sup>th</sup>- October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

“Good Blue Helmets: Regime Types, Violence, and Contributions to UN Peacekeeping Missions” (with Jacob Kathman). Presented to the FBA-UNIGE Research Workshop “State of the Art? The Future of Peacekeeping Data,” June 17-19, 2019, Genoa, Italy.

“International Incentives, Foreign Aid, and the Spread of State Bureaucracies for Women’s Advancement” (with Olga Avedeyeva). Presented to the Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, February 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“The Building and Breaking of Peace: Understanding Corporate Action in Unstable States.” Presented to the Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, February 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Baltimore, MD.

“In the Company of Peace and Conflict (COPC) Data.” Presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31<sup>st</sup>–September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

“Understanding Actors in Conflict Management” (with Samantha Seaman and Paul Olander. Presented to the Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 15<sup>rd</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Chicago, IL

“Networking for Post-Graduation Success.” Presented to the Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, February 18<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana.

### **Fellowships and Awards**

Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago, Upper Midwest Latin American Studies Initiative Research Travel Grant, 2017-2018, \$500.

Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshman, 2014

Research Support Grant (with student Sara Parang), Loyola University Chicago, \$3300, 2013

Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Grant, \$16,700 2022, \$6,554 2018-2020, \$15,000, 2014-2017; \$17375, 2013; \$9500, 2012; \$4433, 2010; \$7277, 2007

College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Loyola University Chicago, \$1100, 2013; \$1300, 2012; \$750, 2011

Summer Stipend, Loyola University Chicago, \$7000, 2020, 2015, 2013, 2012

Research Stimulation Grant, Loyola University Chicago, \$5000, 2012-2013

Dean’s Funding for Special Projects, Loyola University Chicago, \$5000, 2012-2013

Dean’s Supplemental Travel Award, Loyola University Chicago, \$550, 2011

Dean’s Funding for Special Projects, Loyola University Chicago, \$1500, 2009

National Residence Hall Honorary Faculty Member of the Month (student nominated), 2009

Institute of Government Affairs Dissertation Improvement Award, 2007  
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis Travel Award, 2007  
Graduate Council Graduate Student Travel Award, UC Davis, 2007  
American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2005  
Full Departmental Fellowship, UC Davis, Fall 2002  
Hope Scholarship, full undergraduate scholarship, University of Georgia, 1999-2001

### Teaching Experience

**Associate Professor**, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, August 2015-present.  
International Conflict (graduate level), spring 2016, fall 2018, fall 2020  
Faculty-developed short course in Belfast, Northern Ireland, January 2020  
Faculty-developed short course in Bogotá, Colombia, May 2018  
War, Peace, and Politics, spring 2018, online summer 2018, 2019, 2020, online Jan term 2019, 2020  
Conflict Resolution, spring 2021  
Business and World Politics, fall 2015, spring 2017, spring 2019  
Scientific Study of War (upper division and honors), fall 2016, fall 2017, spring 2020  
Introduction to International Relations, ten semesters  
**Assistant Professor**, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, August 2008-2015.  
International Conflict (graduate level), fall 2013  
Techniques of Political Analysis II (graduate level), spring 2012, Spring 2013  
Techniques of Political Analysis I (graduate level), fall 2011  
Conflict Management (upper division), spring 2010, fall 2011, Spring 2013  
Scientific Study of War (upper division and honors), spring 2009, fall 2010, fall 2013  
Introduction to International Relations, ten semesters  
Dissertation Supervision: Christopher Martinez, Kimberly Loontjer, Caglayan Cetin, Mamy Randriamanantena, Paul Olander, Benjamin Collings  
Ricci Scholar Mentor: Sydney Williams  
Provost Fellow Advisor: Valeria Toledo, Sydney Williams, Alexander Keena, Emily Dallager, Colin Williams  
Liebman Fellow Advisor: Valeria Toledo, Madison Belli, Emma Geiser  
**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Political Science, UC Davis, July 2003-June 2008.  
Quantitative Methodology (graduate level)                      National Security Policy (upper division)  
Math Camp (graduate level)    The Political Economy of Inequality (upper division)  
Introduction to International Relations                              The Scientific Study of War (upper division)  
Recent US Foreign Policy (upper division)                              International Law (upper division)

### Related Work Experience

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Zeev Maoz, UC Davis, 2006.  
**Graduate Research Assistant**, Scott Gartner, UC Davis, 2004-2005.  
**Graduate Research Assistant**, Donald Rothchild, UC Davis, 2003.  
**Research Assistant**, Loch Johnson, University of Georgia, 2000.  
**Research Assistant**, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia, 1999.

### Invited Presentations

**Recolección sistemática de datos y creación bases de datos**, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia.  
**Business, War, and Peace**, Coffee Break Speaker for Latin American Peace Science Society, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
**Faculty Colloquium**, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Northwestern University.

**Pearson Lunch and Learn**, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.

**Brown Bag Speaker Series**, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Project on Security and Threats, University of Chicago.

**Workshop in International Politics**, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago.

**FBA-UNIGE Research Workshop**, June 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Genoa, Italy.

**Research and Policy Dialogue**, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Radisson Blu, Oslo, Norway.

**Women, Peace, and Security Research Workshop**, January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Peace Research Institute of Oslo, Oslo, Norway.

**Research and Policy Dialogue**, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.

**Peacebuilding After Armed Conflict Research Workshop**, November 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.

**International Studies Public Forum**. "The Building and Breaking of Peace: Understanding Corporate Action in Unstable States." March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. University of California at Irvine.

**Business Fights Poverty**, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Online Forum.

**Young Women's Leadership Academy**, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Chicago, IL.

**Working Group on Conflict Prevention**, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Stockholm, Sweden.

**Conference for Students of Political Science**, Keynote address, Illinois State University Department of Politics and Government, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Normal, IL.

**International Business Law Consortium**, Chicago, IL, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**The Business and Economics of Peace**, American University, April 10-11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Washington, D.C.

**Breaking Through Glass Ceilings: Loyola Women Redefining Careers**, Loyola University Chicago, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Chicago, IL.

**Working Group on Conflict Prevention**, Swedish Embassy, Washington, D.C., August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Working Group on Conflict Prevention**, University of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden, June 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Masters in Urban Affairs and Public Policy Program**, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 2010.

**Meeting the New Challenges to International Mediation**, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, June 14-16, 2010

**Naval Leadership Weekend**, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, March 19-20, 2010.

**Working Group on Conflict Prevention**, Department of Politics, New York University, New York, New York, January 15-16, 2010.

**Working Group on Conflict Prevention Workshop**, Department of Political Science, Emory University, December 5-7, 2008.

**SAGE Handbook on Conflict Resolution Workshop**, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Vienna, Austria, June 30- July 2, 2007.

**Working Group on Conflict Prevention Workshop**, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, March 9-10, 2007.

**Journeys in World Politics**, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, March 2006.

**Economy, Justice, and Society Workshop**, Department of Economics, Sonoma, California, Fall 2005.

#### **Additional Training and Workshops**

**The OpEd Project**. Public Voices Greenhouse. Spring 2017.

**Online Teaching Course**. Center for Ignatian Pedagogy. Spring 2017.

**Conflict Prevention and Preventative Diplomacy: What Works and What Doesn't? International Expert Forum.** International Peace Institute's Trygve Lie Center for Peace, Security and Development, New York, New York, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**Interconsortium for Political Science Research, Network Analysis,** University of Michigan, 2012, 2013.

**Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies Teachers' Workshop,** Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Vergennes, Vermont, June 8-12, 2009.

**TA Consultant Spring Workshop Series: Transforming TA to Teacher,** UC Davis, Spring 2007.

**Interconsortium for Political Science Research, Advanced Linear Models and MLE,** University of Michigan, summer 2004.

**Winter Institute on Decision Theory,** Department of Political Science, Texas A&M, January 2004.

### Professional Service

**Treasurer,** Scientific Study of International Processes Section of the International Studies Association, May 2021-present.

**Panel Member,** Professional Development Session on Coauthoring, Women in Conflict Studies, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

**Discussant,** Research Workshop "State of the Art? The Future of Peacekeeping Data," June 17-19, 2019, Genoa, Italy.

**Singer Data Award Committee Chair,** Conflict Processes Section of the American Political Science Association, 2018.

**Conflict Processes Council Member,** American Political Science Association, 2018-2019.

**Discussant,** Online Peace Science Conference, February 21, 2018.

**Discussant and Chair,** Peacebuilding After Armed Conflict Research Workshop, November 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Bogotá, Colombia.

**Annual Meeting Program Chair,** 2017, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31<sup>st</sup>- September 3, 2017, San Francisco, CA.

**Discussant,** Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31<sup>st</sup> –September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

**Discussant and Panel Chair,** Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Guest Editor,** Conflict Management and Peace Science, 2014.

**Discussant and Panel Chair,** Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Moderator,** Ethnic Conflict in the Middle East: Comparative Perspectives on the Kurdish Question, Loyola University Chicago, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Discussant and Panel Chair,** Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Panel Organizer,** Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Panel Organizer,** Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30<sup>th</sup>- September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

**Discussant and Panel Chair,** Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Discussant,** Annual Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011.

**Panel Chair,** Working Group on Conflict Prevention Workshop, New York University, January 15-16, 2010.

**Panel Chair,** Working Group on Conflict Prevention Workshop, Emory University, December 5-6, 2008.

### Departmental, University and Community Service

**Graduate Program Director**, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, 2020-present.

**Ricci Scholars Faculty Advisory Board Member**, Loyola University Chicago, Fall 2020- present.

**Organizer**, Graduate Student Professionalization Series, Fall 2020- Spring 2021.

**Teaching Assessment Committee**, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, 2018-2020.

**Tuma Gravitt Award Committee**, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, 2014-2017.

**Graduate Committee**, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, 2014-present.

**Task Force for Disaster Preparedness**, Loyola University Chicago, 2014-2017.

**Faculty Advisor**, Students Organized on Syria, College Republicans, Loyola University Chicago, 2015-present.

**Series Organizer**, Approaches to Understanding Social Justice (hosted 8 outside speakers), Loyola University Chicago, 2012-2013.

**Founder**, Working Papers Group, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, 2011-2013.

**Speaker Organizer**, Democracy at Risk, Loyola University Chicago, 2009.

**Education Advisory Board**, United States Congressman Robert Dold, 2010.

**Faculty Advisor**, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, 2011-present.

**Volunteer, Distance Runner and Top Fundraiser**, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society 2012-present.

### Referee

American Political Science Review

Foreign Policy Analysis

International Studies Quarterly

Journal of Conflict Resolution

Journal of Peace Research

Journal of Peacekeeping

American Journal of Political Science

Conflict Management and Peace Science

*World Politics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

International Interactions

British Journal of Political Science

Journal of International Affairs

### Member

PRME, United Nations' Business for Peace Working Group

American Political Science Association (Conflict Processes Section)

International Studies Association (Scientific Study of International Processes Section)

Folke Bernadotte Academy's Working Group on Conflict Resolution

Latin American Peace Science Society

Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies

Business Fights Poverty