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### **Current Position**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Auburn University, August 2018-present.

### **Previous Positions**

Postdoctoral Researcher, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland-College Park, August 2016-July 2018.

### **Education**

University of Maryland-College Park: College Park, MD.  
Government and Politics, PhD, August 2016.

First Field: International Relations; Second Field: Comparative Politics.

Dissertation: "Crises and Crisis Generations: International Conflict and Military Political Participation." Chair: Paul Huth.

- *Honorable Mention, 2017 Kenneth N. Waltz Dissertation Prize for best dissertation in the field of security studies, American Political Science Association.*

Princeton University: Princeton, NJ  
Near Eastern Studies, BA with honors, June 2006.

### **Peer-reviewed Publications**

"Oust the Leader, Keep the Regime? Autocratic Civil-Military Relations and Coup-Behavior in the Tunisian and Egyptian Militaries during the 2011 Arab Spring." with Risa Brooks. 2022. *Security Studies*. 31(1): 118-151

"Generals in the Cabinet: Military Participation in Government and International Conflict Initiation." 2021. *International Studies Quarterly* 65(2): 555-61.

"The Peril in Peace: Civil War Peace Agreements and Military Coups." 2020. *Journal of Politics*. 82(1): 104-117.

"Empirical Studies of Factors Associated with Child Malnutrition: Highlighting the Evidence about Climate and Conflict Shocks." with Molly Brown, David Backer, Trey Billing, Kathryn Grace, and Paul Huth. 2020. *Food Security*.

"UN Engagement and the Severity of Conflict." with Kyle Beardsley and David Cunningham. 2019. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(7): 1682-1709.

"Where, When, and How Does the UN work to Prevent Civil War?" with Kyle Beardsley and David Cunningham. 2018. *Journal of Peace Research* 55(3): 380-94.

"Crises and Crisis Generations: International Crises and Military Political Participation." 2017. *Security Studies* 26(4): 575-605.

"Words and Deeds: from Incompatibilities to Outcomes in anti-Government Disputes." with David Cunningham, Kristian Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, and Dragana Vidovic. 2017. *Journal of Peace Research* 54(4): 468-83.

"Resolving Civil Wars before they Start: The UN Security Council and Conflict Prevention." with Kyle Beardsley and David Cunningham. 2017. *British Journal of Political Science* 47(3): 675-97.

"Non-violence as a Weapon of the Resourceful: from Claims to Tactics in Mobilization." with David Cunningham, Kristian Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, and Dragana Vidovic. 2015. *Mobilization* 20(4): 471-91.

"Going Abroad: Transnational Solicitation and Contention by Ethnopolitical Organizations." with Victor Asal and Justin Conrad. 2014. *International Organization* 68(4): 945-78.

### **Working Papers**

"The Military before the March: Autocratic civil-military relations and the emergence of mass protest." with Risa Brooks. *revise and resubmit*

"Picking Sides: Explaining the Participation of West Point Graduates in the American Civil War." *under review*

"Getting a Seat at the Table: Civil-Military Power Sharing and Coup Propensity." *under review*

"Gendarmes and Soldiers: Exploring Drivers of Police and Military Specialization during Civil Wars." with Lucia Tiscornia. *under review*

"'To 'doff the chapeau and epaulets for money?'" Career longevity in the antebellum U.S. Army officer corps."

"International Economic Sanctions and Conflict Prevention in Self-Determination Disputes." with Madeline Fleishman and David Cunningham.

"Rebel Strength, Government Tactics, and Hunger-related Mortality in Civil War." with Brandon Ives, David Backer, and Paul Huth.

"The Hazards of Victory: Conflict Outcome and Military Political Participation."

### **Book Chapters**

"Leaders, Generals, and Juntas: The Military in Politics and International Conflict Initiation." 2021. *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Military in Politics*, William Thompson, ed. Oxford University Press.

"Militarized Ministries of Defense? Placing the Military Experience of Secretaries of Defense in a Comparative Context." 2020. *Reconsidering American Civil-Military Relations*, Lionel Beehner, Risa Brooks, and Daniel Maurer, eds. Oxford University Press.

"The United Nations Security Council and conflict prevention in self-determination disputes." 2019. with David Cunningham and Kyle Beardsley in *Research Handbook on Mediating International Crises*, Jonathan Wilkenfeld, Kyle Beardsley, and David Quinn, eds. Elgar Publishing.

## **Other Publications**

Review of De Bruin, Erica. *How to Prevent Coups d'Etat: Counterbalancing and Regime Survival*. H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews. October, 2021.

"Which Wars Lead to Hunger (and Which Do Not)?" with Brandon Ives, David Backer, and Paul Huth. June 3, 2021. *Political Violence at a Glance*.

"Article Review 103 on 'A Means of First Resort: Explaining "Hot Pursuit" in International Relations'" September 7, 2018. H-Diplo/ISSF.

"Does the UN Act to Prevent Violent Conflict?" February 8, 2018. *Political Violence at a Glance*.

"Conflict, Generations, and Long-term Change in Civil Military Relations." July 19, 2017. *Political Violence at a Glance*.

"Trump's Cabinet and Bringing Civil-Military Relations Back In." with Lionel Beehner and Michael Kenwick. December 16, 2016. *Political Violence at a Glance*.

"Trump may put 5 military officers in top posts. That's unprecedented." December 1, 2016. *The Monkey Cage*.

"Violence and Non-Violence in Anti-Government Mobilization." with David Cunningham, Kristian Gleditsch, Belen Gonzalez, and Dragana Vidovic. 2016. *PRIO Policy Brief*. 17.

"The United Nations and Conflict Prevention." with Kyle Beardsley and David Cunningham. 2016. *PRIO Policy Brief*. 21.

"How the UN Contributes to Conflict Prevention." with Kyle Beardsley and David Cunningham. September 11, 2015. *Political Violence at a Glance*.

## **Awards and Grants**

*National Science Foundation* (Co-PI with David Cunningham and Kathleen Cunningham)

- Award #SES-1948669. "Preventing Civil War through International Action." (\$479,874) July 2020-June 2022.

*National Science Foundation*

- Dissertation Improvement Grant. Award #SES-1424001. "War Can Control the Warriors: Civil-Military Bargaining, the Threat of War, and the Path to Civilian Control." (\$18,556) August 2014-August 2015.

*Folke Bernadotte Academy* (Co-PI with David Cunningham)

- Research Grant: "Understanding why Organizations Use Violence or Non-Violence for Political Change." (\$26,995) January 2015-January 2016.

*Aburn University*

- Faculty Initiation Grant: "Fighting for the Other Side: Explaining Side-switching among West Point Graduates at the Outset of the American Civil War." (\$20,000) March 1, 2019-March 1, 2021.

*University of Maryland*

- All-S.T.A.R. Award for Outstanding Graduate Assistant, Department of Government and Politics, AY 2015-2016.
- Don C. Piper Award-Best Graduate Student Conference Paper or Journal Article, Department of Government and Politics, AY 2013-14.
- Distinguished Graduate Student Teacher, Center for Teaching Excellence, AY 2013-14.
- Methods Training Grant, Department of Government and Politics, Summer 2012.
- Dean's Fellowship, Department of Government and Politics: Summer 2013, Summer 2012, Summer 2011.

**Invited Talks and Workshops**

“Picking Sides: Explaining the Participation of West Point Graduates in the American Civil War.” Civil-Military Relations Seminar. Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. Harvard University. February 2021.

“Civil Wars and the State of Civil Wars Research.” Marquette University. November 2018.

“Generals in the Cabinet: Military Participation in Government and International Conflict Initiation.” Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy. International Security Center, University of Notre Dame. May 2017.

“UN Engagement and the Severity of Conflict.” Political Violence Workshop. School of International Service, American University. Washington, DC. September 2015.

**Recent Conference Presentations**

““To ‘doff the chapeau and epaulets for money?’” Career longevity in the antebellum U.S. Army officer corps.” International Studies Association Annual Conference. (Virtual). March 2022.

“Rebel Strength, Government Tactics, and Hunger-related Mortality in Civil War.” with Brandon Ives, David Backer, and Paul Huth. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. (Virtual). October 2021.

“Picking Sides: The Wartime Allegiances of West Point Graduates in the American Civil War.” International Studies Association Annual Conference. (Virtual). April 2021.

“Picking Sides: The Wartime Allegiances of West Point Graduates in the American Civil War.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. (Virtual). September 2020.

“Picking Sides: The Wartime Allegiances of West Point Graduates in the American Civil War.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting. Kansas State University. November 2019.

“The Military before the March: Autocratic civil-military relations and the emergence of mass protest.” with Risa Brooks. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. August 2019.

“The Military before the March: Autocratic civil-military relations and the emergence of mass protest.” with Risa Brooks. International Studies Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada. March 2019.

“Gendarmes and Soldiers: Exploring Drivers of Police and Military Specialization during Civil Wars.” with Lucia Tiscornia. International Studies Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Canada. March 2019.

"The Autocrat's Dilemma: Governance versus Coup-prevention in Authoritarian Civil-Military Relations." with Risa Brooks. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. August 2018.

“Mapping Variation in Strategies of Political Control of the Military in Autocracies.” with Risa Brooks. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. August 2018.

"The Autocrat's Dilemma: Governance versus Coup-prevention in Authoritarian Civil-Military Relations." with Risa Brooks. International Studies Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. April 2018.

"Getting a Seat at the Table: Changes in Military Participation in Government and Coup Propensity." International Studies Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. April 2018.

“Generals in the Cabinet: Military Participation in Government and International Conflict Initiation.” International Studies Association ISSS/ISAC Annual Conference. Washington, DC. October 2017.

“Generals in the Cabinet: Military Participation in Government and International Conflict Initiation.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 2017.

"The Peril in Peace: Civil War Peace Agreements and Military Coups." International Studies Association Annual Conference. Baltimore, MD. February 2017.

"The Hazards of Peace: Civil War Peace Agreements and Military Coups." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

### **Professional Activity**

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *International Studies Review*, *Security Studies*, *Civil Wars*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *Journal of Aggression and Peace Research*, *Journal of North Korean Studies*

Member: American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society-International

### **Teaching**

Auburn University

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (graduate). Spring 2022.
- Military Organization and Effectiveness (graduate). Spring 2020.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate). Fall 2019.
- Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate). Spring 2019, 2021; Fall 2021.
- Global Issues and Politics (undergraduate). Fall 2018, 2019.
- Honors Global Issues and Politics (undergraduate). Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022; Fall 2021.

- Comparative Civil-Military Relations (undergraduate). Fall 2018.

University of Maryland

- Quantitative Fundamentals for Social Science (graduate). Summer 2012, 2013. (TA)
- Advanced Quantitative Methods for Political Science (graduate). Spring 2013. (TA)
- Quantitative Methods for Political Science (graduate). Fall 2012. (TA)
- Introduction to International Relations (graduate). Fall 2010. (TA)