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## EDUCATION

1999 **Ph.D., Political Science**

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Concentrations: World Politics and Comparative Politics

Dissertation Title: The Ties That Bind: Status Quo Preferences, Democracy, and Conflict

(chair, Jacek Kugler)

1996 **M.A., International Political Economy**

Claremont Graduate University

1994, 1995, 1999 (summers) 3 full sessions and 1 week-long session at ICPSR, Ann Arbor, MI

Concentrations: Statistics and Mathematical Modeling

1993 **Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies**

Université Pierre Mendès France, Grenoble, France

Concentration: International Security and Defense

1992 **B.A., International Relations**

University of California, Davis

1991 One year at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Grenoble, France.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor.** Fall 2009-Present

Department of Political Science

University at Buffalo, SUNY

**Director of Graduate Studies.** Fall 2017-Spring 2021

Department of Political Science

University at Buffalo, SUNY

**Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Working Group.** 2018-Present

Stockholm Sweden

**Assistant Professor.** 2001-2009

Department of Political Science

University at Buffalo, SUNY

**Director of Undergraduate Studies.** Fall 2007-Spring 2009

Department of Political Science

University at Buffalo, SUNY

**Visiting Assistant Professor.** Fall 1999-2001

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## PUBLICATIONS

- “Punching Before the Bell Rings: United Nations Signaling and Pre-Deployment Violence in Civil Wars.” Forthcoming (with Jacob Kathman and Paul Diehl). *International Studies Quarterly*.
- “Naming Names: UN Security Council Resolution Sentiment in Civil Wars.” 2022. (with Colin Tucker). For inclusion in the *Routledge Handbook on UN Peacekeeping*, Ed. Han Dorussen. pp. 74-87.
- “Militarization and Women’s Empowerment in Post-Conflict Societies.” 2022. (with Ismene Gizelis). *UN Women*. (June 2022): 1-27.
- “The Importance of UN Security Council Resolutions in Peacekeeping Operations.” 2022. (with Colin Tucker). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, (66, 3).
- “UN Security Council Resolutions and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizeles). 2020. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 64(1): 167–198.
- “Advancing the Frontier of Peacekeeping Research.” (with Ismene Gizelis). 2019. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(7): 1595-1600.
- “Cut Short? United Nations Peacekeeping and Civil War Duration to Negotiated Settlements” (with Jacob Kathman). 2019. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(7): 1601-1629.
- “UN Bias and Force Commitments” (with Jacob Kathman). 2014. *Journal of Politics*, 76(2): 350-363.
- “The Dynamics of Ethnonationalist Contention.” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2010. *British Journal of Political Science*, 40(2): 305-331.
- “Choosing Sides: UN Resolutions and Non-Neutrality in International Conflicts.” (with Nil Satana). Forthcoming in Jacob Bercovitch and Scott Gartner, eds. *International Conflict Mediation: New Approaches and Findings*. Routledge Press.
- “Means, Motives, and Opportunities in the Expression of Ethno-Nationalist Demands” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2008. *International Interactions*, 34(1): 53-83.
- “Status Quo Preferences and Disputes Short of War.” 2007. *International Interactions*, 33(3): 271-288.
- “Extending Power Transition Theory.” 2007. *International Interactions*, 33(3): 211-215.
- “Structure, Politics, and Action: An Integrated Model of Nationalist Protest and Rebellion” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2006. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 12(2): 1-39.
- “The Relevance of Politically Relevant Dyads in the Study of Interdependence and Dyadic Disputes.” 2005. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 22(2): 113-133.
- “Social Capital and the Growth of the Nonprofit Sector” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2005. *Social Science Quarterly*, 86(1): 16-35.
- “Dyadic Hostility and the Ties that Bind: State-to-State versus State-to-System Security and Economic Relationships.” 2004. *Journal of Peace Research*, 41(6): 659-676.

- “Interpersonal Trust and the Magnitude of Protest: A Micro- and Macro-Level Approach” (with Thomas Rochon). 2004. *Comparative Political Studies*, 20(10): 1-23.
- “The Origins of Socially and Politically Hostile Attitudes toward Immigrants and Outgroups: Economics, Ideology, or National Context?” (with Gregory D. Saxton). 2003. *Journal of Political Science*, 31: 101-37.
- “Power Parity, Democracy, and the Severity of Internal Violence.” (with Jacek Kugler). 1998. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 42(2): 196-209.
- “Anticipating Domestic Violence with Political Capacity.” (with Jacek Kugler, Andy Hira, and Dmitri Panasevitch). 1997. In Jacek Kugler and Marina Arbetman, eds. *Political Capacity and Economic Behavior*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.

### SUBMISSIONS FOR PUBLICATION

- “The United Nations Conflict Resolutions (UNCR) Dataset” (with Colin Tucker). Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Peace Research*.
- “The Lasting Health Impacts of UN Peacekeeping.” (with Chris Newton, Chhandosi Roy and Colin Tucker).

### EDITORSHIPS

- Senior Editor. 2017-2020. The *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Relations*. Oxford University Press.
- Guest Editor of a special peer-reviewed section with Ismene Gizelis: “Advancing the Frontier of Peacekeeping Research.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. Contributors include Kyle Beardsley, David E. Cunningham, Peter White, Lisa Hultman, Karin Johansson, Vincenzo Bove, Andrea Ruggeri, Jacob Kathman and Michelle Benson.
- Guest Editor of special peer-reviewed edition: “Extensions to Power Transition Theory.” *International Interactions*. Contributors include Michelle Benson, Glenn Palmer, T. Clifton Morgan, Frank Zagare, Vesna Danilovic, Joe Claire, Monica Duffy-Toft, Siddharth Swaminathan, and John Thomas.

### RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “UN peacekeeping, Militarization, and Women’s Empowerment in Post-Conflict Societies.” (with Ismene Gizelis). 2022. *International Studies Association*, Nashville, TN.
- “Refugees, United Nations Support, and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Kristin Cruz and Bongjoo Kim). 2021. *International Studies Association* virtual conference.
- “Can UN Peacekeeping Improve Health Outcomes Long After the Shooting Stops?” (with Chris Newton, Chhandosi Roy and Colin Tucker). 2020 *Peace Science Society*, virtual conference.
- “Do Mandates Matter? DDR Mandates, Force Mandates and Civil War Deaths” 2019. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA.

- “UNbiased: UN Security Council Resolutions in Civil Conflicts.” (with Colin Tucker). 2019. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA.
- “Naming Names in UNSC Conflict Resolutions: Implications for Peacekeeping.” (with Colin Tucker). 2018. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- “Mandating Protection: The Impact of UN Peacekeeping Operations on Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizelis). 2018. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

### RECENT INVITED TALKS

- “Civil War Battlefield Deaths, Rebel Power and Dissatisfaction.” (with Jacek Kugler, Chris Newton and Chhandosi Roy). Presented at the Rising Powers Conference. 14-15 November 2021, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA.
- “Militarization and Women’s Empowerment in Post-Conflict Societies.” (with Ismene Gizelis). Presented at the United Nations Women Conference on “Military spending and women, peace and security: a conversation about new research.” United Nations. 17 September 2021, virtual.
- “UNSC Resolutions and PKOs” (with Colin Tucker). Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop on “The State of the Art: The Future of Peacekeeping Data” 17-19 June 2019, Genoa Italy.
- “UNSC Resolutions and Civil Conflicts” (with Colin Tucker). Invited presentation at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. 5 November 2018. Uppsala, Sweden.
- “Do Mandates Matter? DDR Mandates, Force Mandates and Civil War Deaths.” 2018. Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop on “Recidivism, Recycling or Reintegration? Revisiting DDR,” 3-4 November 2018, Stockholm, Sweden.
- “Mandating Protection: The Impact of UN Peacekeeping Operations on Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.” (with Ismene Gizelis). 2018. Paper presented at the Folke Bernadotte Research Workshop, Occidental, CA.

### RECENT SERVICE

- 2021-2021 UB Math and Quantitative Reasoning General Education Subcommittee  
College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean-level temporary representative at University at Buffalo Undergraduate Curriculum meetings
- 2018-2021 UB College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Chair (member since 2012)  
Political Science Methods Search Committee Member.
- 2017-2021 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science
- 2020 Directed Undergraduate UB students on a Model European Union Simulation in Brussels, Belgium, and virtual winter-break simulations during COVID.
- 2021 Faculty Director of the Model European Union Club.
- 2019-2020 CAS PhD Excellence Initiative Committee member.
- 2017-2019 Ex-Officio Scientific Studies of International Processes (SSIP) for the *International Studies Association* (ISA).
- 2016-2019 UB Committee Member on Assessment of MQR General Education Requirements
- 2015-2016 Chair, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Policy Committee
- 2015-2016 UB University Committee on Academic Integrity

2015-2017 Section Chair, Scientific Studies of International Processes (SSIP) for *International Studies Association (ISA)*.

### GRANTS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

2019 *Folke Bernadotte Academy Grant* (approximately \$27,000 in Swedish Krona). To hire one full time Graduate student and two, part time graduate students to code UNSC resolutions for civil conflict and peacekeeping operations.  
 2006 *Baldy Center Small Research Grant* (\$1000)  
 2002-2003 *Baldy Center Grant* for research assistance (\$3,500)  
 1997-1998 Haynes Social Science Dissertation Grant (\$16,000)  
 1998. Nomination by the School of Politics and Economics for the Morris Abrams Award in IR.  
 1993-96 Claremont Graduate University Fellowship Award (\$4,000, \$8,000, \$8,000)

### GRANT APPLICATIONS

2021 ERASMUS (European Union) Jean Monnet Grant (\$28,000 declined).

### CONSULTING

2021 United Nations, UN Women. Summary included in the 2021 UN Sec. General's report.

### COURSES (bold are current, regularly-taught courses)

#### Undergraduate

PSC 102 Introduction to International Relations  
 PSC 103 Introduction to Comparative Politics  
**PSC 326 War and International Security**  
 PSC 330 Problems in International Relations  
**PSC 332 International Organization**  
**PSC 334 Model European Union Seminar and Lab (Including Winter-Break Study Abroad)**  
**PSC 408 Introduction to Statistics**

#### Graduate

PSC 500/501 Philosophy of Science  
 PSC 500 Research Methods  
**PSC 508 Introduction to Statistics (through multivariate OLS, using Stata)**  
 PSC 531 Intermediate Statistics (multivariate OLS through MLE, using Stata)  
**PSC 647 International Organization**

### PhD DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR (recent)

Assaf Almutairi (PhD 2021): Assistant Professor King Saud University  
 Catherine (Si) Chen (PhD 2021): Research Consultant, United Nations DESA Dig. Gov. Branch.  
 Colin Tucker (PhD 2020): Researcher, Department of Defense. Research Asst Prof. University at Buffalo, SUNY  
 Abdulaziz G Almuslem (PhD 2018): Assistant Professor Kuwait University  
 Reverien Mfizi (PhD 2017): Visiting Assistant Professor SUNY Geneseo.