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EMPLOYMENT

Wesleyan University

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, September 2013 - present

EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles

Ph.D. Political Science, September 2013

Fields: International Relations; Quantitative Methodology

Research Interests: International Security, Territory and Conflict, Emotion and Decision-Making, Sources of International Influence, Foreign Policy Analysis

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

M.A. in International Studies, May 2005

Fields of Concentration: Political Theory

Coursework in International Relations, Political Philosophy and Neuroeconomics

Thesis: *The Neural Basis of Political Decision-Making*

Reed College, Portland, OR

B.A. with a Major in Biology and Minor in Psychology, May 1998

Thesis: *Gene Therapy of the Neurodegenerative Diseases*

RESEARCH

Book Project: *Status, Humiliation and International Behavior*

Why do states pay costs to engage in international competitions over issues of little immediate material or strategic interest to them? This book argues that a substantial portion of state behavior, commonly attributed to security concerns, is actually driven by concerns about status. States often acquire territory or weapons or exert their independence in international affairs not out of concern for their security but out of a desire to persuade other states that they are influential and that they should be listened to. The dynamics of such status competitions are not well understood. Among my findings, I discover that states which have recently experienced a publicly humiliating event will be more likely to pay costs to seek status because they want to minimize any decline in influence that might result from their demotion in the eyes of others. I show that if the humiliated state is

near enough in influence to the dominant state in the system or region, the dominant state will match the humiliated state's status investment, generating an international race for status. These dynamics are illustrated within the Scramble for Africa, which accounts for roughly 15% of all acts of territorial change over the last 200 years, the nuclear arms race for parity during the Cold War, the Chinese response to their "Century of Humiliation," and other cases.

PUBLICATIONS

"Status Competition and Territorial Aggression: Evidence from the Scramble for Africa," Forthcoming at *Security Studies*.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Role of the Past: Humiliation, Status and Territorial Conquest," *Under review*.

"Empirical Evidence for the Impact of International Humiliation on Support for Aggression."

"Status and the Nuclear Arms Race: The Race for Strategic Superiority During the Cold War."

"Prestige Goods and the Evolution of Costly Signals of Prestige in International Relations."

"A False Dichotomy: Rationality and the Evolutionary Advantage of Emotions in Political Decision-making."

"Status Dilemmas versus Security Dilemmas: Simulating Their Differences."

INVITED LECTURES & CONFERENCES

2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, Chicago.

2014 International Studies Association Annual Conference, March, Toronto.

University of Southern California, Invited Lecture on Alternative Approaches in International Relations, February, Los Angeles, CA.

2013 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August, Chicago.

Co-organizer with Matthew Zimmerman of "Evolutionary Approaches to the Study of Conflict Workshop" at the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis, October, Knoxville, TN.

- 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, Chicago.
UCLA International Relations Reading Group, March 2012.
- 2011 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, Chicago.
- 2009 Invited Lecture at the Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe, NM. August.
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, Chicago.
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HONORS and AWARDS

- Faculty Project Grant, Wesleyan University, 2105
 - Research Grant, Wesleyan University, 2014
 - Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation International Nuclear Security Dissertation Fellow, 2012 - 2013
 - UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, 2012
5 awarded annually university-wide
 - UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2012 - 2013
 - National Science Foundation, EITM Scholarship, 2012
 - Collegium of University Teaching Fellow, UCLA 2011 - 2012
 - Santa Fe Institute Graduate Workshop Fellowship in Social Science Computational Modeling and Complexity, Summer 2010
 - Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2008, 2010
 - Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School Scholarship, 2009
 - UCLA Political Science Departmental Summer Award, 2008, 2011, 2012
 - Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 2007 - 2008
 - UCLA International Institute Global Scholar Fellowship, 2006 - 2008
 - UCLA Regents Stipend, 2006 - 2007
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor** *Psychology and International Relations*, Wesleyan University, 2014
Territory and Conflict, Wesleyan University, 2013
Introduction to International Relations, Wesleyan University, 2013
War and Territory, UCLA, 2012

Teaching Assistant Math Maven, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2011 - 2013
Politics and Strategy, UCLA, Instructor: Kathleen Bawn, 2010
International Organizations, UCLA, Instructor: Leslie Johns, 2010
The World Since 9/11, UCLA, Instructor: Marc Trachtenberg, 2009
Introduction to Data Analysis, UCLA, Instructor: James Honaker, 2008
International Relations Theory, UCLA, Instructor: Arthur Stein, 2007, 2009
World Politics, UCLA, Instructor: David Wilkinson, 2007

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Editorial Assistant, *American Political Science Review*, 2010 - 2011
Research Assistant, European Union Center of California, 2004-5
Faculty Advisor: David Andrews; Project: The Atlantic Alliance Under Stress
Research Assistant, Claremont McKenna College, 2004
Faculty Advisor: Paul Kapur; Project: India and Pakistan's Unstable Peace

ADDITIONAL SKILLS and TRAINING

- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Princeton University, 2012
- Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling and Complexity, Santa Fe Institute, 2009
- Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe Institute, 2008
- Spanish (proficient); French (proficient)

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