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Education:

- Ph.D. (Political Science), 2016. University of North Texas.
Dissertation: *“Clenching the Fists of Dissent”: Political Unrest, Repression, and the Evolution to Civil War.*
Committee: Idean Salehyan (Chair), T. David Mason (Chair), Jacqueline H.R. DeMeritt, and John Ishiyama.
- M.A. (Political Science), 2004. Villanova University.
- B.S. (Political Science and History), 2001. Texas A&M University-Commerce.
(cum laude- with High Honors)
Honors Thesis: *A Kurdish Nation: Myth or Reality? A Case Study in Political Mobilization.*

Professional Experience:

- **Assistant Professor**
Widener University, Department of Political Science and International Relations,
August 2018- present.
- **Adjunct Faculty**
Widener University, Department of Political Science and International Relations,
August 2017-May 2018.
- **Adjunct Faculty**
Albright College, Department of Political Science, August 2016-May 2018.
- **Associate**
Global Terrorism Database, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and
Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland: May 2016- December
2016.
- **Junior Researcher**
Global Terrorism Database, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and
Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland: May 2015- May
2016.
- **Adjunct Faculty**
Montgomery County Community College, Social Sciences Division, January
2015-May 2015.
- **Editorial Assistant**
American Political Science Review: July 2012- September 2014.

John Ishiyama (Lead Editor), Marijke Breuning, Steven Forde, Valerie Martinez-Ebers

- **Graduate Program Mentor**

National Science Foundation- Research Experience for Undergraduates (NSF-REU) Program in Civil Conflict Management and Peace Science, University of North Texas: Summer 2010 and Summer 2011.

John Ishiyama (Director) and J. Michael Greig (co-Principal Investigator).

- **Research Assistant**

Issues Correlates of War (ICOW). University of North Texas: Summer 2009-Spring 2012. Paul Hensel (Director)

Teaching Interests:

Comparative Politics
International Relations
Conflict (Interstate and Intrastate)
Human Rights
Peace Science
Revolutions and Political Violence
Middle East Politics
African Politics

Research Interests:

Civil Conflict and Political Violence
Human Rights and State Repression
Revolutions and Political Unrest
Conflict Management
Ethnic Politics
Authoritarian Political Institutions

Peer Reviewed Publications:

- 2015. "Review Fatigue? Why Scholars Decline to Review their Peers' Work." (with Marijke Breuning, Jeremy Brannon, Ben Gross, and Michael Widmeier) *P.S.: Political Science & Politics* 48(4): 595-600.
- 2014. "Patterns of Protest in the People's Republic of China: A Provincial Level Analysis" (with Victor Cheung Yin Chan and T. David Mason) *Asian Affairs: An American Review* 41(3): 91-107.
- 2011. "Reconciliation and Conceptual Complexity: The Case of Post Conflict Kenya" (with John Ishiyama) *African and Asian Studies* 10(4): 366-386.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications:

- 2016. "Overburdened Reviewers and the Future of Peer Review." *European Science Editing* 42(2): 42.
- 2010. "American Foreign Policy," in *21st Century Political Science: A Handbook*, 1st edition. 2 volumes. John Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning, editors. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, pp. 822-830.

Working Papers:

- "‘Appetite for Destruction’? Institutional Survival and Political Unrest.’ Dissertation Chapter.
- "‘Legacy of Brutality’: How Low Level Political Violence Evolves into Civil War.’ Dissertation Chapter.
- "Beasts of Burden: Refugees, Economic Grievances, and Social Conflict," with Brandon Stewart and Michael Widmeier

- “Does a Punishment in U.S. Foreign Aid Generate an Improvement in Human Rights Violations?”
- “Female Participation in Rebel Groups,” with Brooke E. DeSipio.
- “Gender Violence during Civil Wars,” with Brooke E. DeSipio.
- “Gender Violence during Political Unrest,” with Brooke E. DeSipio.
- “Institutions and Ethnic Unrest in Emerging Democracies,” with John Ishiyama.
- “Insurgencies, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals,” with Christopher Linebarger.
- “Political Violence and Regime Response in Africa,” with Emily Stull.
- “Women as Peacemakers? The Effect of Female Legislators on Regime Repression,” with Emily Stull.
- “Tools of the Trade? Methods of State Repression and Authoritarian Regimes,” with Benjamin Gross, Steven Liebel, and Michael Marshall.
- “Teaching International Relations,” with Emily Stull, Steven Liebel, and Michael Widmeier.

Conference Presentations:

- “Beasts of Burden: Refugees, Economic Grievances, and Social Conflict.” Presented with Brandon Stewart and Michael Widmeier at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.
- “Legacy of Brutality: How Low Level Political Violence Evolves into Civil War.” Presented at the 2013 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting in Knoxville, TN, October 2013.
- “Only the Strong Survive? Regime Survival and Political Unrest.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, August-September 2013.
- “Should I Stay or Should I Go: The Determinants of Dissident Reaction to Regime Repression and Reform during Political Unrest.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, CA, April 2012.
- “Protests and Government Repression in Africa.” Presented with Emily Stull at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2012.
- “Regime Responses to Political Unrest.” Presented at the 2012 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA, October 2012.
- “Political Institutions and Ethnic Unrest in Emerging Democracies.” Presented with John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Diego, CA, April 2012.
- “Patterns of Protest in the People’s Republic of China: A Provincial Level Analysis.” Presented with T. David Mason and Cheung Yin Chan at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Diego, CA, April 2012.
- “Insurgency, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals.” Presented with Christopher Linebarger at the Annual Meetings of the Northeastern Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, November 2011.
- “Insurgency, Peace Processes, and Rebel Goals.” Presented with Christopher Linebarger at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association- Midwest in St. Louis, MO, November 2011.

- “Reconciliation, Parliamentary Debates, and Conceptual Complexity: The Case of Post Conflict Kenya.” Presented with Dr. John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA, January 2011.
- “Talking It Over: Parliamentary Debates, Conceptual Complexity and Post-Conflict Kenya.” Presented with Dr. Marijke Breuning and Dr. John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in New Orleans, LA, February 2010.
- “Talking It Over: Parliamentary Debates and Post-Conflict Kenya.” Presented with Dr. John Ishiyama at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association-Midwest in St. Louis, MO, November 2009.
- “A Kurdish Nation: Myth or Reality? A Case Study in Political Mobilization.” Presented at the Association of Third World Studies Conference in Savannah, GA, October 9-13, 2001.
- “The Iraqi Sanctions: Prospects for Political Change.” Presented at the 23rd Annual Third World Studies Conference in Omaha, NE, October 6-8, 2000.

Invited Talks:

- “U.S. Global Engagement and the Military.” Special Lecturer for *Great Decisions Series* (Foreign Policy Association), Summer 2018, Lower Macungie Library.
- “U.S. Global Engagement and the Military.” Guest Speaker for *Great Decisions Series* (Foreign Policy Association), Spring 2018, Wyomissing Public Library.
- Guest Speaker at the University of North Texas Founder’s Circle Dinner in Dallas, TX, November 16, 2013.
- “The Arab Spring and the Diversity of Regime Response.” Special Lecturer for *The Politics of the Middle East*, Spring 2012, University of North Texas.
- “Iraq: From the Ottoman Empire to the Hussein Regime.” Special Lecturer for *The Politics of the Middle East*, Spring 2012, University of North Texas.
- “Zionism and the Origins of the Modern Middle East.” Special Lecturer for *Historical Geography*, Summer 2008, Texas A&M University-Commerce.
- “Terrorism.” Participant in a roundtable discussion on terrorism, September 2001, Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Teaching Experience:

- **Widener University:**
American National Government and Politics, Fall 2017 (3 credit hours)
Comparative Politics, Spring 2018 (3)
Current Events in World Affairs, Fall 2017, Fall 2018 (3)
Introduction to International Relations, Fall 2017, Fall 2018 (3)
Politics of the Middle East, Spring 2018 (3)
The Developing World, Spring 2018 (3)
- **Albright College:**
Global Responses to Terrorism, Spring 2017, Spring 2018 (4).
International Relations, Spring 2017 (4).
Comparative Politics, Fall 2016, Fall 2017 (4).
- **Montgomery County Community College**

Introduction to Political Science, Spring 2015 (3).
American National Government, Spring 2015 (3).

- **University of North Texas:**
Revolutions and Political Violence, Summer 2013 (3).
Stata IC Workshop, National Science Foundation- Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Civil Conflict Management and Peace Science, Summer 2010 and Summer 2011 (0).
- **Brookhaven College**
U.S. and Texas Government, Spring 2012, Summer 2012 (3).
- **Texas A&M University- Commerce**
Middle East Politics, Spring 2008 (3).
U.S. and Texas Government, Spring 2008 (3).

Teaching Assistantships:

- *American Government: Laws and Institutions*, University of North Texas: Fall 2008-Spring 2010.

Honors and Awards:

- American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2013.
- Graduate Assistantship Tuition Scholarship, University of North Texas: 2012-2013.
- Toulouse Graduate Student Travel Grant, 2013.
- University of North Texas Student Government Association Raupe Travel Grant, 2013.
- ICOW Data Project Scholarship, University of North Texas: 2011-2012.
- Department of Political Science Travel Grant, University of North Texas: 2012, 2013.
- Graduate Student Support Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Texas: 2011, 2012.
- Competitive Scholarship Waiver, University of North Texas: 2008-2009, 2009-2010.
- Claude and Ethel Hall Scholarship, Texas A&M University-Commerce: 2001.
- Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities: 2001-2002.
- USAA All-American Scholar.

Reviewer Service:

- *Democracy and Security*, Book Review, 2018.
- *Sage Publications*, Manuscript Review, 2018.
- *Rowman and Littlefield*, Manuscript Review, 2018.
- *International Interactions*, Journal Article Review, 2012.

Military Service:

- United States Air Force, Security Police. E-4 (Senior Airman), August 1993-August 1997. (Grand Forks AFB, ND and Incirlik AB, Turkey).

Professional Affiliations:

- American Political Science Association
- Alpha Chi
- International Studies Association
- Peace Science Society (International)
- Pi Sigma Alpha

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