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Professional Appointments

YALE UNIVERSITY, Department of Political Science
Associate Professor of Political Science (07/2004-present)
Assistant Professor of Political Science (07/2001-06/2004)

Courses: Theory of Political Conflict and Violence; Methods for the Study of Civil War and Secession; The Politics and Structure of the United Nations; Theory and Practice of Peacekeeping Operations; International Cooperation; South-Eastern European and Mediterranean politics.

Research Projects: Director, Project on “The Political Economy of Civil Wars.” This project is funded by the World Bank and focuses on: (a) research on ethnic conflict, secession, and war onset and termination; (b) collecting data on various aspects of civil war; (c) integrating the use of quantitative and qualitative research methods in the study of civil war; and (d) research on demobilization and reintegration programs after civil war.

Research Interests: A number of broad topics at the intersection of International Relations, Comparative Politics, and Economic Development interest me, including: ethnicity, nationalism and civil war; peacebuilding through international institutions; the public economics of violent conflict; international cooperation theory; and the statistical analysis of problems in international security.

Economist, THE WORLD BANK, Development Economics Research Group (07/00 - 06/01)

Co-manager of the project on “The Economics of Civil Wars, Crime, and Violence” in collaboration with the Director of the World Bank’s Development Economics Research Group. Principal investigator in a project aimed at developing conflict indicators to use in the Bank’s decision-making on the allocation of IDA funds in conflict-affected countries. Administrative responsibilities included co-managing a \$2 million budget and organizing three international conferences.

Education

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs (1994 - 1999)
Ph.D. in International Affairs (June 1999)

Fields: International Relations; Political Economy; International Economics

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, (1990 - 1992)
M.A. in International Economics & European Studies; Graduated with Distinctions (May 1992).

Middlebury College

B.A. in Political Science (1986 - 1990); *High Departmental Honors*

Publications (in reverse chronological order)

Articles

- “What Is A Civil War? Conceptual and Empirical Complexities of an Operational Definition.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48 (6): 814-858 (December 2004).
- “Expanding Economic Models of Civil War Using Case Studies.” *Perspectives on Politics* 2 (2): 259-280 (June 2004).
- “How Much War Will We See? Explaining the Prevalence of Civil War” (with Ibrahim Elbadawi), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46 (3): 307-334 (June 2002)
- “A Review of Recent Advances and Future Directions in the Literature on Civil War,” *Defense and Peace Economics* 13 (2): 215-243 (June 2002).
 - Reprinted in Todd Sandler and Keith Hartley, eds., *The Economics of Conflict*, (Aldershot, UK: Edward Elgar, 2004).
- “Do Ethnic and Non-Ethnic Civil Wars Have the Same Causes? A Theoretical and Empirical Inquiry (Part 1),” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 45 (3): 259-82 (June 2001).
- “International Peacebuilding: A Theoretical and Quantitative Analysis,” *American Political Science Review* (with Michael Doyle), 94 (4): 779-801 (December 2000).
 - Reprinted in Todd Sandler and Keith Hartley, eds., *The Economics of Conflict*, (Aldershot, UK: Edward Elgar, 2004).
- “Why Are There So Many Civil Wars in Africa? Understanding and Preventing Violent Conflict” (with Ibrahim Elbadawi), *Journal of African Economies*, 9 (3): 244-69 (December 2000).
- “Policies for Building Post-Conflict Peace” (with Betty Bigombe and Paul Collier), *Journal of African Economies* 9 (3): 322-47 (December 2000).
- “Partition as a Solution to Ethnic War: An Empirical Critique of the Theoretical Literature,” *World Politics*, 52 (July 2000): 437-83.
- “The UN Operation in Cyprus: A New Look at the Peacekeeping-Peacemaking Relationship,” *International Peacekeeping* 6 (1) (Summer 1999).

Books (authored, co-authored, and edited)

- *Making War and Building Peace: The United Nations Since the 1990s* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2006). Co-authored with Michael Doyle.
- *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis. Volume 1: Africa; Volume 2: Europe, Central Asia, and Other Regions* (Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, 2005). Co-edited with Paul Collier.
- *Breaking the Conflict Trap: Civil War and Development Policy* (Washington, DC: Oxford University Press and World Bank Publications, 2003). Co-authored with Paul Collier, Lani Elliott, Havard Hegre, Anke Hoeffler, and Marta Reynal-Querol.
- Co-editor (with Paul Collier) of the February 2002 special issue of *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, vol. 46, no 1, pp. 1-170.

Book Chapters, Book Reviews, Editorials, and Other Publications

- “Globalization, Decentralization, and Secession: A Review of the Literature and Some Conjectures.” In Gustav Ranis, David Cameron, and Annalisa Zinn, eds., *Globalization and Self-Determination: Is the Nation-State under Siege?* Forthcoming from Routledge.
- “The Collier-Hoeffler Model of Civil War Onset & the Case Study Project Research Design” (with Paul Collier and Anke Hoeffler). Chapter 1 in Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, eds., *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis (volumes 1 & 2)* (Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, 2005).
- “Using Case Studies to Refine and Expand the Theory of Civil War.” Chapter 9 in Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, eds., *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis (volumes 1 & 2)* (Washington, DC: World Bank Publications, 2005).
- “Bosnia’s Civil War: Origins and Violence Dynamics” (with Stathis Kalyvas). Chapter 7 in Paul Collier and Nicholas Sambanis, eds., *Understanding Civil War: Evidence and Analysis (Volume 2: Europe, Central Asia, and Other Regions)*.
- “Poverty and the Organization of Political Violence: A Review and Some Conjectures.” In Susan M. Collins and Carol Graham, eds., *Brookings Trade Forum 2004* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution), pp. 165-222.
- “Understanding Civil War: A New Agenda” (with Paul Collier), *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 46 (1): 3-12 (February 2002). (Introduction to the special issue of the journal.)
- “Preventing Violent Conflict: The Scope and Limits of Government Action.” Background Paper Prepared for the World Bank’s *World Development Report* (February 2002)
- “Addressing Conflict: Emerging Policy at the World Bank” (with Patricia Cleves and Nat Colletta); Chapter 14, in Fen Hampson and David M. Malone (Eds.), *From Reaction to Prevention: Opportunities for the UN System* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2001).
- “A Note on the Death Threshold in Coding Civil War Events,” *Conflict Processes Newsletter* (June 2001): <http://mailer.fsu.edu/~whmoore/cps/newsletter/june2001/>.
- Book Review: “Cyprus: Ethnic Conflict and International Politics,” *The Mediterranean Quarterly*, vol. 9, (Spring 1998): 135-139.
- Co-rapporteur, *Sustainable Refugee Return: A Report of a Workshop at Princeton University* (February 13-14, 1998), organized by Anne Bayefsky (York University) and Michael Doyle (Princeton University).
- “Institutions and Incentives for Conflict Resolution in Cyprus,” *Paralos* (Journal of the Hellenic Association of Princeton University), op-ed article, 2 (1) Spring 1995.
- “Ancient Affections: Standing in the Way of Resolution in Cyprus?” *SAIS Review*, 14:2 (Summer-Fall 1994): 125-139.

Working Papers and Book Manuscripts in Progress

Books

- “The Organization of Political Violence, Self-Determination, and Civil War.” In progress.

Papers

- “Evaluating the Success of Multilateral Interventions in Civil Wars: A Comparison of UN and Non-UN Regional Peacekeeping.” May 1, 2005.
- “Rebel-Military Integration and Civil War Termination” (with Katherine Glassmyer). April 15 2005.
- “Alternative Measures and Estimates of Peacebuilding Success” (with Michael Doyle). April 2 2005.
- “Sensitivity Analysis of the Empirical Literature on Civil War Onset” (with Havard Hegre). March 2005.
- “From Protest to Violence: An Analysis of Conflict Escalation with an Application to Self-Determination Movements” (with Annalisa Zinn). January 4, 2005.
- “Explaining the Demand for Sovereignty” (with Branko Milanovic). May 15, 2004.
- “What is an ‘Ethnic’ War? Organization and Interests in Ethnic Insurgency.” February 2, 2004.
- “The Causes of Genocide and Civil War: Are they More Similar than We Thought?” April 11, 2003.
- “Using Case Studies to Expand the Theory of Civil War.” *Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction Working Paper No. 5* (150pp). May 2003. [<http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/essd.nsf/CPR/WP5>]
- “External Intervention and the Duration of Civil Wars” (with Ibrahim Elbadawi), *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 2433* (September 2000).
- “Conflict Resolution Ripeness and Spoiler Problems in Cyprus: From the Intercommunal Talks (1968-74) to the Present.”
- “Peace-Makers or Peace-Spoilers? United Nations Peacekeeping under Uncertainty.” Winner of the 1999 Carl-Beck Award of the *International Studies Association (ISA)*.

Awards & Grants

- Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar Fellowship, September 2003 – June 2004.
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences Visiting Scholar Fellowship 2003-2004; declined.
- Woodrow Wilson International Center Visiting Scholar Fellowship 2003-2004; declined.
- Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant, Spring/Fall 2003.

- Luebbert Article Award: Presented by the American Political Science Association (APSA) for “the best article published in comparative politics in 1999 or 2000.” APSA Convention 2001, San Francisco.
- International Studies Association (ISA) Carl Beck Award “for the best graduate student paper in the field of International Studies;” Annual Convention of ISA, March 1999.
- Edward and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Grant, Yale Center of International and Area Studies, Spring 2002.
- Niarchos Foundation and Hellenic Studies at Yale Faculty Research Grant, Spring 2002.
- Andrew Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (Sawyer Fellow) (Fall/Spring 1998-99).
- Woodrow Wilson Fellow (Princeton University Graduate Student Award, Summer 1998).
- Kostopoulos Fellow, Modern Hellenic Studies, Princeton University (Fall/Spring 1997-98).
- SSRC-MacArthur Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant (Summer 1997).
- Grove Haines Prize for the Best Paper in International Political Economy, Johns Hopkins (May 1991).
- John Hamilton Fulton Academic Scholarship, Middlebury College (1986-1990).

Languages: Greek; English; French.

Other Professional Experience

Consultant, THE WORLD BANK, 1818 H Street NW, Washington DC 20433

Development Economics Research Group (05/99 - 06/00).

As a consultant to the World Bank’s Research Department, I worked on the DECRG Project on “The Economics of Civil Wars, Crime and Violence,” conducting research on the determinants of civil war initiation, termination, and duration; ethnic conflict and territorial partition; and post-conflict peacebuilding. I developed a large database for the project and managed administrative aspects of the project. I designed and managed the project’s web-site and edited a quarterly newsletter with a 3,000-member subscription.

Poverty Network (May & June 1998)

As a consultant to the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management (PREM) Network of the World Bank, I researched the design and implementation of safety net programs in various countries; drafted a concept paper that defined a research agenda on designing safety nets in post-conflict societies; wrote two topic briefs reviewing the literature on “The Political Economy of Safety Net Programs” and “The Interaction Between Private Transfers and Public Safety Net Programs.”

Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins SAIS, International Economics Department (1993-94)

Research on foreign direct investment and backward linkages in industrial production.

Research and Teaching Fellow, Johns Hopkins SAIS, International Economics Department (1992-93)

Full-time research and teaching at the SAIS International Economics Department. Taught technical review sections for masters-level courses in International Monetary Theory; assisted students with the writing of balance of payments reports for various countries; conducted an analysis of Surinam's infrastructure and economy; helped design two seminars on Economic Development.

Professional Activities

- Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review, World Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Peace Research, International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Perspectives on Politics, International Studies Quarterly, European Journal of Political Economy, Security Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development, Journal of African Economies, Defense and Peace Economics, Comparative Political Studies, Latin American Politics and Society, The Economic Journal, Cambridge University Press, National Science Foundation.*
- Member, Editorial Board of the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, June 2003 – present.
- Member, Laboratory on Comparative Ethnic Processes (LiCEP), an inter-University group of scholars working on issues of ethnic mobilization, identity formation, and ethnic conflict.
- Member, Minorities at Risk Project Advisory Board, CIDCM, University of Maryland.

Conferences Organized

- Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes, 7th Bi-Annual Meeting (May 9-11, 2003), Yale University (co-hosted with Pauline Jones-Luong).
- International Conference on “Cyprus’ European Integration and the Greco-Turkish Conflict,” Yale University, New Haven CT, April 4-6, 2003 (co-hosted with Philippos Savvides). Funded by the European Commission and the Yale University Center of International and Area Studies.
- International Conference on “Case Studies of Civil War” (sponsored by the World Bank’s Post-Conflict Fund), Yale University, New Haven CT, April 13-14, 2002.
- Panel Organizer and Participant: “Advances in the Social-Scientific Study of Ethnic Civil War,” APSA Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 30 - September 2, 2001.
- International conference on “Case Studies of Civil War,” June 11-12, 2001, in Oslo, Norway; in collaboration with the World Bank Research Department and the International Peace Research Institute, Oslo.
- Workshop on “Civil War Duration and Post-War Peace-Building,” May 18-20, 2001, University of California, Irvine; in collaboration with the Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (GPACS)
- Panel Organizer and Participant: “Strategies of Peacebuilding,” APSA Annual Meetings, Washington DC, August 31 - September 9, 2001.
- Workshop on “The Economics of Civil Wars,” March 18-19, 2000, Princeton University; in collaboration with the Center of International Studies, Princeton University.

Selected Invited Lectures (last 3 years)

- Intervention, Legitimacy and the Reconstruction of Statehood, International Research Colloquium, Berlin and Blankensee, July 16 – 18, 2004. Organized by Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt Universität and Technische Universität, the Academy of Sciences of Berlin and Brandenburg, and the Berlin Institute of Advanced Studies.
- Javeriana University – Santa Fe Institute, Conference on “Obstacles to Robust Negotiated Settlements of Civil Conflicts,” Bogotá, Colombia, May 29 - May 31, 2003.
- Yale University Center for the Study of Globalization (YUSG), Conference on “Security and Insecurity in Central Asia and the Caucasus,” September 19-21, 2002.
- African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Conference on Post-Civil War Economies, July 5-7 2002, Kampala, Uganda.

Seminar Invitations at University Departments and Institutes:

Columbia University; New York University; Duke University; Harvard University; Emory University; Brown University, University of Chicago; Social Science Research Council; Brookings Institution.