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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Northeastern University</b> , Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs Department of Political Science, International Affairs Program	2018 - present
<b>Northeastern University</b> , Faculty Affiliate Global Resilience Institute	2018 - present
<b>Columbia University</b> , Postdoctoral Research Scholar Department of Political Science	2017-2018

## EDUCATION

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<b>Stanford University</b> Ph.D., M.A. Political Science Fields: Comparative politics, political theory, political methodology Advisors: Beatriz Magaloni (Chair), Lisa Blaydes, David Laitin, Jeremy Weinstein	2017
<b>New York University</b> B.A. International Relations and French Summa cum laude, Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa	2009

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Transitional justice, post-conflict peace processes, human rights, experimental research

## CURRENT BOOK PROJECT

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*Violence, Justice, and Reconciliation: The Politics of Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Societies*  
What explains differences in government responses to wartime human rights violations? What impact do trials, truth commissions, and reparations have on prospects for post-conflict reconciliation? The book combines econometric, experimental, and qualitative evidence to investigate the political dynamics underlying contemporary transitional justice efforts, with a focus on Central America and Sub-Saharan Africa.

## PAPERS

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"The Logic of Transitional Justice and State Repression." Joint with Sam Bell. <i>Working paper</i> .	2019
"Amnesty and Punishment in Post-Conflict States." <i>Working paper</i> .	2018
"Justice as Fairness? The Impact of Human Rights Trials on State Legitimacy in El Salvador" <i>Working paper</i> .	2018
"From Political Violence to Political Trust? Experimental Evidence from Guatemala" <i>Working paper</i> .	2018
"Texting and Sexual Health: Experimental Evidence from an Information Intervention in Kenya" <i>Information &amp; Communications Technologies and Development</i> , 18.	2015
"Using Mobile Technology to Combat HIV/AIDS in Mathare, Kenya" <i>SAUTI Stanford Journal of African Studies</i> , 8:20-23.	2012

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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"The Effects of Policy Rhetoric on Political Trust: Survey Experimental Evidence from Guatemala"  
"The Politics of Reparations in East Asia"  
"The Impact of Political Apologies on Public Opinion: Survey Experimental Evidence from the U.S. and Japan"  
(with Jonathan Chu)  
"When Do States Apologize? Introducing a New Dataset of Historical Apologies" (with Jonathan Chu)  
"The Role of Human Rights Organizations in Transitional Justice Policymaking" (with Sam Bell)

## TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

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“Human Rights and Repression: Latin America in Comparative Perspective,” Stanford University	March 2019
International Studies Association	2018, 2019
Midwest Political Science Association	2016, 2019
International Studies Association Northeast Regional Conference	2018
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Conference, Quito, Ecuador	2018
Law and Society Association	2018
Latin American Studies Association	2018
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2016, 2017
International Conference on Information and Communications Technology for Development Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	2015
Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University	2014
Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University	2012

## GRANTS & AWARDS

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Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, Northeastern University	2019-20
Postdoctoral Research Scholarship, Columbia University Department of Political Science	2017-18
Security Research Seed Grant, Center for International Security and Cooperation	2015-16
Global Research Fellowship, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies	2015
Information & Communication Technology for Development Grant, Nanyang Technological University	2015
Graduate Research Opportunities Fund, Stanford Graduate School of Humanities & Sciences	2014
Global Underdevelopment Action Fund, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies	2012-2014
Liberation Technology Research Grant, Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law	2011-2012

## TEACHING

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Globalization & International Affairs, Northeastern University	Spring 2019
Comparative Politics Honors Sequence, Northeastern University	Fall 2018
Global Justice (teaching assistant to Prithviraj Datta), Stanford University	2016, 2017
The Politics of Human Rights (co-instructor), Stanford Summer Institutes	2016
Contemporary Moral Problems (teaching assistant to Kristi Olson), Stanford University	2013, 2014
Introduction to Comparative Politics (teaching assistant to Jeremy Weinstein), Stanford University	2012
Ethics and Politics of Public Service (teaching assistant to Tania Mitchell), Stanford University	2012
Justice (teaching assistant to Tom Dougherty), Stanford University	2011

## FIELD & RELATED EXPERIENCE

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El Salvador: Survey-in-the-field experiments and interviews, 1008 participants	2017, 2018
Guatemala: Survey-in-the-field experiments and interviews, 1200 participants	2015, 2016
Kenya: Field experiment, 939 participants	2011, 2012, 2014
Research assistantship with Ken Scheve (Stanford), David Stasavage (NYU)	2014
Research assistantship with Jeremy Weinstein (Stanford)	2012-2013

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Member: International Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Latin American Studies Association, Law and Society Association  
Reviewer: *International Interactions*

## COMPUTING & LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Computing: R, STATA, spatial analysis, text analysis  
Languages: English and Japanese (native), French (fluent), Spanish and Swahili (basic)

*Last updated April 26, 2019*