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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D.:** Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, expected May 2010  
Major Field: International Relations  
Minor Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology  
Dissertation Title: Fighting and Dying for One's Country: Nationalism,  
International Conflict and Globalization  
Committee: Douglas Lemke (Chair), D. Scott Bennett, Burt Monroe, Catherine  
Wanner (History)
- M.A.:** Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, 2006  
Master's Essay Title: Nationalism and the Duration of War (advised by  
Douglas Lemke)
- B.A.:** International Relations and French, Bucknell University, 2003  
Graduated Magna cum Laude

### DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

Are nationalist states more likely to initiate wars, fight longer, and suffer more battlefield fatalities than non-nationalist states, as popular and scholarly wisdom suggests? The extant literature does not provide any comprehensive theories or quantitative analyses of the relationship between nationalism and international conflict behavior. I address this gap by arguing that nationalism mobilizes popular energies to the tasks of war, permits the suppression of domestic opposition groups, and provokes "nationalist bidding wars," creating national dynamics that promote the initiation of lengthy and severe interstate wars. I move beyond the nonrandom sample of case studies that has characterized previous hypothesis testing and test my arguments regarding nationalism's effect on the initiation, severity, and duration of interstate war using original data I collected on state-level nationalism from 1816 to 1991. I find that nationalism generally increases the deadliness of wars and has a significant, though ambiguous, relationship with war duration during the twentieth century. The last part of my dissertation concludes that globalization

has not weakened nationalist sentiment and that individual- and country-level economic conditions explain nationalism's continued salience.

### **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

"Dying for the Nation: Nationalism and Interstate War Severity," under review.

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

"Nationalism and the Duration of Interstate War." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association: Chicago, Illinois, March 2007.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Program in Empirical International Relations (PEIR) Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellow 2009-2010

Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, 2007.

Bruce L. Miller Graduate Fellowship, The Pennsylvania State University, 2004

Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society, 2002

Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, 2002

President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement, Bucknell University, 2000

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Conflict Studies:** The role of nationalism and identity politics in international and civil conflict; conflict behavior (initiation, duration, and severity).

**International Political Economy:** The interaction between globalization and identity politics; nationalism and economic development.

**Methods:** Quantitative methods.

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

**International Relations:** Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to International Political Economy, Theories of International Relations, International Conflict, Nationalism and International Politics, Politics and Society in a Globalizing World, and other advanced topics in International Relations.

**Comparative Politics:** Introduction to Comparative Politics, Democratization, The Politics of Development, Comparative Nationalist Movements.

**Political Methodology:** Research Design and Statistical Methods in Political Science.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Lecturer, Quantitative Political Analysis, Fall 2009

Graduate Lecturer, Introduction to International Relations, Summer 2009

Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Political Analysis, Professor Bumba Mukherjee, Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Professor James Binney, Fall 2008

Graduate Lecturer, Introduction to International Relations Theory, Summer 2008

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to International Relations, Professor Douglas Lemke, Spring 2008

Teaching Assistant, Multivariate Analysis, Professor Tamar London, Spring 2006

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Professor Lee Ann Banaszak, Fall 2005

Grader, American Foreign Policy, Professor Robert Harkavy, February-May 2005

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant, Attention to Disease Project, Professor Marie Hojnacki, Summer 2006 to Fall 2007

Research Assistant, Armed Political Action Group Project, Professor Glenn Palmer and Professor Doug Lemke, Summer 2005

Research Assistant, Threat and Use of Economic Sanctions Project, Professor Navin Bapat,

January-February 2005

Research Assistant, Latin American Non-State Entities Project, Professor Doug Lemke, Fall 2004

Research Assistant, Correlates of War II Project, Professor D. Scott Bennett, Summer 2004

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Treasurer, Graduate Association of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association

- Conflict Processes section
- Political Economy section

International Studies Association

- Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies section
- International Political Economy section
- Scientific Study of International Processes section

### **LANGUAGES**

Advanced French

- Attended L'Université François Rabelais, Tours, France, Fall 2001
- Received Diplôme d'études en langue française 1<sup>er</sup> degree, Fall 2001

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

HLM, MS-Office, Stata, SPSS.

### **REFERENCES**

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