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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Penn State University (expected 2022)

Dissertation: “Organizing Inter-Insurgent Cooperation”

Committee: Douglas Lemke (Chair), Bumba Mukherjee, James Piazza, Kidane Mengisteab

Fields: International Relations, Methodology, Comparative Politics

M.A., Political Science, Penn State University 2018

Thesis Title: “Arming Untrustworthy Friends”

Committee: Douglas Lemke (Chair), Bumba Mukherjee, James Piazza

B.A., Political Science, Truman State University 2016

Minors: Spanish, International Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Multiparty Civil Wars, Armed Group Interactions, Pro-government Militias, Spatial Data Analysis, Network Analysis, Split-population Models

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Bolte, Brandon**, Nicolas Schmidt, Sergio Bejar, Nguyen Huynh, and Bumba Mukherjee. 2021. “BayesSPsurv: An R Package to Estimate Bayesian Split-Population (Spatial) Survival Models for Clustered Event Processes.” (Accepted and Forthcoming at *The R Journal*.)
2. **Bolte, Brandon**, Minnie M. Joo, and Bumba Mukherjee. 2021. “Security Consolidation in the Aftermath of Civil War: Explaining the Fates of Victorious Militias.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (OnlineFirst). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002721995528>
3. **Bolte, Brandon**. 2021. “The Puzzle of Militia Containment in Civil Wars.” *International Studies Quarterly* 65(1): 250-261.

SOFTWARE

1. **Bolte, Brandon**, Nicolas Schmidt, Sergio Bejar, Bumba Mukherjee, Minnie M. Joo, and Nguyen Huynh. 2021. BayesSPsurv Package for R (version 0.1.3). <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/BayesSPsurv/index.html>

WORKING PAPERS

1. Joo, Minnie M., **Brandon Bolte**, Nguyen Huynh, and Bumba Mukherjee. “Bayesian Parametric Spatial Split-Population Survival Models for Clustered Political Event Processes.” (Under Review)
2. **Bolte, Brandon**. “The Anatomy of Rebel Alliances Dataset (ARAD).”
3. **Bolte, Brandon**. “Rebel Electoral Competition and Subnational Reconstruction after Civil War.”
4. Loyle, Cyanne, and **Brandon Bolte**. “Rebel-Perpetrated Mass Atrocities: Accounting for High-Casualty Civilian Victimization Events.”
5. **Bolte, Brandon** and Michael Soules. “Comparing Graphical Structures of the ISIS and Al-Qaeda Affiliate Networks.”

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. **Bolte, Brandon**. “Organizing Inter-Insurgent Cooperation.” (Dissertation Project)
2. **Bolte, Brandon**. “Rebel Alliances and the Success of Multiparty Negotiated Settlements”
3. Cao, Xun, Bumba Mukherjee, **Brandon Bolte**, and Aubrey Waddick. “Mining Investment, Territory, and Civil Conflict in Myanmar.”
4. **Bolte, Brandon**. “Forced Recruitment and Pro-government Militias”

OTHER WRITING

1. **Bolte, Brandon**, Nguyen Huynh, Bumba Mukherjee, Sergio Bejar, and Nicolas Schmidt. 2021. “Bayesian Spatial Split-Population Models for the Social Sciences.” Available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3765112

2. **Bolte, Brandon.** 2015. Review of *The Armoured Forces of the Bulgarian Army 1936-45* by Kaloyan Matev (UK: Helion & Company). *Journal of Slavic Military Studies* 30(1): 117-118.
3. **Bolte, Brandon.** 2014. "Finding the Frontline in Civil Conflict: Looting and Recruiting in African Refugee Camps." *The Eagle Feather*.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

During Conflict Justice Project Research Assistant to Dr. Cyanne Loyle (Penn State University) and Dr. Helga Binningsbø (Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)), Summer 2019 & Summer 2020.

Research Assistant to Dr. Bumba Mukherjee (Penn State University), Summer 2018-Fall 2018.

Research Assistant to Dr. Bumba Mukherjee and Dr. Xun Cao (Penn State University), Summer 2017.

Research Assistant to Dr. Scott Bennett (Penn State University), Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record:

Civil Wars (Undergraduate), Summer 2021

Graduate Methods Preceptor:

Multivariate Analysis for Political Research (Graduate), Dr. Chris Zorn, Spring 2021

Topics in Political Methodology (Graduate), Dr. Chris Zorn, Fall 2021

Guest Lecture: "Analyzing Networks"

Statistical Methods for Political Research (Graduate), Dr. Bruce Desmarais, Fall 2021

Led synchronous class discussions during first four weeks (Overview of Statistics and Data Analysis, Introduction to Probability, Random Variables and Distributions, Expectation)

Teaching Assistant:

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Undergraduate), Dr. Matt Golder, Spring 2019

Guest Lecture: "Democracy or Dictatorship: Does it Make a Difference?"

Contemporary Political Ideologies (Undergraduate), Dr. James Binney, Fall 2016

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Miller-LaVigne Graduate Fellowship, Penn State University, 2021.

RGSO Dissertation Support Grant, Penn State University, 2020.

McCourtney Institute Summer Research Grant, Penn State University, 2019.

Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) Level I Grant, Penn State University, 2018.

Program for Empirical International Relations Fellowship, Penn State University, 2017-2022.

Enhanced Graduate Fellowship, College of the Liberal Arts, Penn State University, 2016-2021.

Peter Schallmoser Award, Department of Political Science, Penn State University, 2016-2018.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Internal Politics and Inter-rebel Alliance Agreements in Multiparty Civil Wars.” Paper accepted for presentation at the American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, Washington, September 2021.

“The Anatomy of Rebel Alliances in Multiparty Civil Wars.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (virtual), April 2021.

“Understanding Inter-Insurgent Cooperative Institutions in Multiparty Civil Wars.” Poster presented at the International Studies Association Conference (virtual), April 2021.

“Rebel Electoral Competition and Subnational Reconstruction after Civil War.” Accepted for presentation at the International Studies Association Conference, Honolulu, HI, March 2020. (Conference cancelled)

“Pro-government Militias and the Institutionalized Enemy.” Presented at the University of Pennsylvania Conflict and Contestation Graduate Conference, Philadelphia, PA, February 2017.

“Finding the Frontline in Civil Conflict: Looting and Recruiting in African Refugee Camps.” Poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

SKILLS

Technical: R, Stata, ArcGIS, LaTeX

Languages: English (native), Spanish (proficient)

SERVICE

Institutional:

Graduate Studies Committee, Penn State University, Fall 2017 - Spring 2021

Graduate Recruitment Committee, Penn State University, Spring 2020 – Spring 2021

Education and Training Committee Chair, Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion, Penn State University College of the Liberal Arts, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Disciplinary:

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*

REFERENCES

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