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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

Peace Scholar Fellow

Sept. 2022–Aug. 2023

Penn State University

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow

Aug. 2022–present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Penn State University

2022

Dissertation: “Organizing Inter-Insurgent Cooperation in Multiparty Civil Conflicts”

Fields: International Relations, Methodology, Comparative Politics

M.A., Political Science, Penn State University

2018

B.A., Political Science, Truman State University

2016

Minors: Spanish, International Studies

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Substantive: Civil Wars, Rebel and Militia Organizations, International Conflict, Terrorism

Methodological: Split-population Models, Network Analysis, Spatial Data

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Bolte, Brandon.** 2021. “The Puzzle of Militia Containment in Civil Wars.” *International Studies Quarterly* 65(1): 250-261. (Winner of the College of the Liberal Arts Raymond and Roberta Lombra Outstanding Graduate Research Award at Penn State University)
2. **Bolte, Brandon,** Nicolás Schmidt, Sergio Béjar, Nguyen Huynh, and Bumba Mukherjee. 2021. “BayesSPsurv: An R Package to Estimate Bayesian Split-Population (Spatial) Survival Models for Clustered Event Processes.” *The R Journal* 13(1): 595-613.

3. **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* 65(9): 1459-1488.

SOFTWARE

1. **Bolte, Brandon**, Nicolás Schmidt, Sergio Béjar, 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. Minnie M. Joo, **Brandon Bolte**, Nguyen Huynh, Vineeta Yadav, and Bumba Mukherjee. "Right-Wing Populist Leaders, Nationalist Rhetoric, and Dispute Initiation in International Politics." (Under Review)
2. Minnie M. Joo, **Brandon Bolte**, and Bumba Mukherjee. "Civil Conflict Victors and Post-War Survival of Armed Auxiliaries: Theory and Evidence." (Under Review)
3. **Bolte, Brandon**. "How Rebels Cooperate: Internal Bargaining, Credibility, and the Design of Alliance Contracts in Multiparty Civil Wars."
4. **Bolte, Brandon**. "Rebel Alliances and the Success of Multilateral Peace Processes."
5. Joo, Minnie M., **Brandon Bolte**, Nguyen Huynh, and Bumba Mukherjee. "Bayesian Parametric Spatial Split-Population Survival Models for Clustered Political Event Processes."
6. **Bolte, Brandon**. "Rebel Electoral Competition and Subnational Reconstruction after Civil War."
7. Loyle, Cyanne, and **Brandon Bolte**. "Rebel-Perpetrated Mass Atrocities: Accounting for High-Casualty Civilian Victimization Events."
8. **Bolte, Brandon** and Michael Soules. "Comparing Graphical Structures of the ISIS and Al-Qaeda Affiliate Networks."

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. **Bolte, Brandon**, Vineeta Yadav, and Bumba Mukherjee. "Rebel Governance, Contested Space, and Civilian Behavior: Results from a Field Experiment."
2. **Bolte, Brandon**. "Forced Recruitment and Pro-government Militias"
3. **Bolte, Brandon**. "Spatial Clustering and the Consolidation of Peace after Civil War."

OTHER WRITING

1. **Bolte, Brandon**, Nguyen Huynh, Bumba Mukherjee, Sergio Béjar, and Nicolás 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), 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:

Quantitative Political Analysis (Undergraduate, Penn State University), Fall 2022

Global Pathways (Undergraduate, Penn State University), Fall 2022

Civil Wars (Undergraduate, Penn State University), Summer 2021

Graduate Methods Preceptor:

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

Topics in Political Methodology (Graduate, Penn State University), Dr. Chris Zorn, Fall 2020
Guest Lecture: "Analyzing Networks"

Statistical Methods for Political Research (Graduate, Penn State University), Dr. Bruce Desmarais, Fall 2020

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 International Relations (Undergraduate, Penn State University), Dr. Doug Lemke, Spring 2022

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

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

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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Raymond and Roberta Lombra Outstanding Graduate Research Award, Penn State University, 2022.

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.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Introducing the Characteristics of Inter-rebel Cooperative Arrangements (CIRCA) Dataset.” Poster to be presented at the Peace Science Society Conference, Denver, CO, November 2022.

“Rebel Alliances and Multilateral Peace Processes in Civil War.” Presented at the International Studies Association Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2022.

“Internal Politics and Inter-rebel Alliance Agreements in Multiparty Civil Wars.” Presented 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*, *The R Journal*

REFERENCES

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