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## Research and Teaching Interests

International human rights law, institutions, and practices; international governance and judicial institutions; international bargaining; political violence; international and civil conflict; quantitative and formal methodology.

## Education

**Ph.D. Candidate** Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2010 (expected). Department of Political Science, International Relations subfield, Political Research Methodology minor (quantitative methods and game theory). Dissertation Title: *Explaining Human Rights Violations: Repression, Dissent, and the Role of Domestic and International Legal Institutions*. Committee: Clifford J. Carrubba (co-chair), David R. Davis (co-chair), Jeffrey K. Staton, Jennifer Gandhi.

**Master of Arts** Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 2008. Department of Political Science.

**Bachelor of Arts** Webster University, Saint Louis, Missouri, 2004. Bachelor of Arts degrees in International Relations and Religious Studies, minor in Spanish, interdisciplinary certificate in International Human Rights. *Summa Cum Laude; Honors in International Relations and Religious Studies*.

## Conference and Working Papers

"Expecting the Worst: A Strategic Model of Repression and Dissent." Presented at the Workshop on Law, Politics and Human Rights at Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 20-21, 2009. To be presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Chapel Hill, NC, November 20-22, 2009 and the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2010.

"Human Rights Violations and the Efficacy of Veto Players: Autonomy versus Enforceability." Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2-5, 2009.

"The Politics of Nonsovereign Courts" (with Scott Wolford, University of Colorado at Boulder). Presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2008, under the title "Pre-Arrest Bargaining and Prosecutorial Power."

"Dictatorial Institutions and Conflicting Incentives to Support Human Rights Obligations" (with Courtenay Ryals, Florida State University). Working paper.

"Repression as a Means of Political Survival: Leaders, Dissidents and Human Rights Violations." Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbia, SC, November 2-4, 2007.

"Executive Action and Judicial Independence under International Legal Constraint" (with Susan Navarro Smelcer, Emory University). Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007 and the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

"Domestic Enforcement of International Human Rights Standards via International Interaction." Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007 and the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2007.

"Explaining the Adoption of International Human Rights Treaties." Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2006 and the 2006 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, March 2006.

## Teaching Experience and Training

**Co-Teacher** *Human Rights in Europe*, with Dr. David R. Davis, Emory University, Summer 2007. Part of the Summer Study Abroad Program on European Political Economy in Paris, France.

**Teaching Assistant** *Introduction to International Politics*, with Dr. James Larry Taulbee, Emory University, Fall 2006.

### Other Teaching Experience

**Course Assistant** *Political Science Methods*, with Dr. Eric Reinhardt, Emory University, Summer and Fall 2007.

**Program Assistant** Summer Study Abroad Program on European Politics in Paris, France. Emory University in conjunction with Sciences Po, Summers 2007, 2008, and 2009.

**Guest Lecturer** *Politics of Southeast Asia*, taught by Amy Liu, Spring 2009. Lecture on repression in Southeast Asia. *Global Human Rights*, co-taught by Dr. David R. Davis and Amanda Murdie, Spring 2008. Two lectures on the prosecution of war crimes.

**Training** TATTO: Teaching Assistant and Teacher Training Program, Emory University, 2006-2007. A departmental and university-wide series of seminars and activities designed to prepare graduate students for teaching responsibilities.

## Methodological Training

**Methodological Coursework** Emory University. Research Methods and Data Collection; Data Analysis; Linear Model; Longitudinal Data Analysis; Advanced Quantitative Methods; Introductory, Advanced, and Applied Game Theory; Qualitative Methods

**Inter-University Consortium of Political and Social Research** Summer program in quantitative methods at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 2005. Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Social Sciences, Charles Franklin, Instructor.

**Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models** Summer program in quantitative applications of formal models at Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri, 2006.

## Relevant Research and Policy Experience

**Research Fellowship** Robert Woodruff Library Graduate Research Fellowship in the Electronic Data Center, Emory University, 2009-2010.

**Research Assistant** for Jeffrey K. Staton (Summer and Fall 2008, Spring 2009); Richard Doner (Spring 2007); Micheal Giles (Summer 2006); Clifford J. Carrubba (Spring 2006); Mark Hallerberg (Fall 2005); Dan Reiter (Spring 2005); David R. Davis (Fall 2004-Spring 2005).

**Internship** World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 2002. External Relations Department, Dr. Roberta Ritson, Supervisor.

## **Professional Affiliations and Service**

**Member** American Political Science Association (Section memberships: Human Rights; Political Methodology); Midwest Political Science Association; Peace Science Society.

**Student Representative to the Graduate Student Selection Committee** Elected position, Emory University, 2009-2010.

**Departmental Representative to the Graduate Student Council** Elected position, Emory University, 2005-2007.