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Education

- Ph.D., 2011 — Political Science, Binghamton University, (SUNY)
Subfields: World Politics and Comparative Politics
M.A., 2008 — Political Science, Binghamton University, (SUNY)
B.A., 2005 — Politics and Government, University of Puget Sound

Research Interests

World Politics

Asymmetric Relationships in World Politics
Overseas Military Base Deployment
Hegemonic Stability Theory, Trade, and
International Organizations
The Economics of War-making
Bargaining Models of conflict

Comparative Politics

Rebel Opposition Strategies
Repression and Dissent
Civil Conflict and Terrorism

Teaching Interests

World Politics

Introduction to International Relations
Asymmetry in World Politics
Game Theory in International Relations
Global Governance
International Political Economy
International Organizations
States and Non-State Actors

Methodology

Introduction to Research Methods
Introduction to Statistics and Econometrics
Advanced Linear Models
Simultaneous Equation Modeling
Maximum Likelihood Estimation
Formal Modeling and Game Theory

Published, Under Review, and On-Going Papers

"From Melos to Baghdad: Explaining Resistance to Militarized Challenges from More Powerful States."
With Benjamin O. Fordham. *International Studies Quarterly* 55(1025-1045).

"Tightening the Belt: Austerity and Alliance Formation." With Matthew DiGiuseppe. *International Studies Quarterly*. Forthcoming, expected December 2013.

Works in Progress

"Putting Our Best Boots Forward: US Military Deployments and their Effect on Host-Country Crime."
With Michael Flynn. *Revised and Resubmitted to the Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

“Playing Politics with War: Election Timing and Opposition Party Position Taking on the Use of Force.” With Sam Bell. *Under Review*.

“Constructing a Model of Overseas Basing: The United States in the 20th Century.”

“The Outcome of Asymmetric War.” With Patrick M. Regan.

“Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Demands Between Asymmetric States.” With Sam Bell and Chad Clay.

“Supplementing Security.” With Michael Flynn and Julie VanDusky–Allen.

“Employing Force: The Decision to Use Private Actors in Inter–state Wars.” With Julie VanDusky–Allen.

“Exporting Hegemonic Responsibilities: A Formal and Empirical Look at the Role of Regional Powers in Hegemonic Stability Theory.”

“Legally Mandated Inconvenience: Do Driver’s License Suspensions Reduce Voter Turnout?” With John E. McNulty and Tansy Woan.

“The Partisan Fallout from Arizona’s Immigration Battle: Lessons from California.” With Jonathan Krasno and Gregory Robinson.

Conference Presentations

“Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Demands Between Asymmetric States.” With Sam Bell and Chad Clay. To be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 12–April 15th.

“Austere Alliance: Credit Access and Asymmetric Alliance Formation.” With Matthew DiGiuseppe. To be presented at the Annual International Studies Association Conference in San Diego, CA, April 3–7, 2012.

“US Military Deployments and Defense Spending by US Allies.” With Michael Flynn and Julie VanDusky–Allen. To be presented at the Annual International Studies Association Conference in San Diego, CA, April 3–7, 2012.

“Legally Mandated Inconvenience: Do Driver’s License Suspensions Reduce Voter Turnout.” With John E. McNulty. To be presented at the 2012 State Politics and Policy Conference in Houston, TX, February 16–18.

“Base Bargaining and Deployment Overseas—The United States in the 20th Century as a Case.” Presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois, March 31–April 3, 2011.

“Putting Our Best Boots Forward: US Military Deployments and their Effect on Host–Country Crime.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. March 16–19, 2011. With Michael Flynn.

“Base and Empire—the Case of America in the 20th Century.” Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting in Washington, DC., September 2010.

“Employing Force: The Decision to Use Private Actors in Inter–state Wars.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois. April 2–5, 2009. With Julie VanDusky–Allen.

“Deploying Bases Abroad: An Empirical Assessment.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, New York. February 15–17th 2009.

“The Outcome of Asymmetric War.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society in Claremont, California. October 24–26, 2008. With Patrick M. Regan.

“From Melos to Baghdad: Explaining Resistance to Militarized Challenges from More Powerful states.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts. August 28–31, 2008. With Benjamin O. Fordham.

“Stationing Forces in an Alliance: Overcoming the security dilemma in the context of global grand strategy.” Paper presented at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, Illinois. April 3–6, 2008.

“A Formal Model and Empirical Testing of the Relationship Between Terrorism and Repression.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California. March 26th to March 29th, 2008. With Cynthia Van Maanen.

“Playing Politics with War: Election Timing and Opposition Party Position Taking on the Use of Force.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society in Columbia, South Carolina. November 2–4th, 2008. With Sam Bell.

“On Political Violence: Motivations and Tactics of Opposing the State.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada. March 8–10, 2007. With Richard W. Frank.

“When More than One Bully Wants Your Lunch Money: Examining Regional Power’s Influence on Trade and State Preferences.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois. February 28th to March 3rd, 2007.

Dissertation

Title: “Military Basing Abroad: Bargaining, Expectations, and Deployment”

Chair: Benjamin O. Fordham

Committee: David Clark, Patrick M. Regan, and Olga Shvetsova

Abstract: The prospects of and decision for base deployment by a major power into another state’s sovereign territory involves a complex set of motives, incentives, and bargains between a basing state and a potential host state. The basing state typically seeks to maximize its global and regional position abroad by selecting ideal locations within the context of regional threats while the potential host state plays a balancing act between domestic actors who may be hostile to such deployments, regional threat entanglement, as well as any additional benefits the hosting state can derive from the basing state as side payment for hosting a base. Thus, while the existing literature ascribes both benign and malign motives to states that base aggressively abroad, most descriptions leave out the negotiations between the two state actors and how that conditions deployment. This project models the interaction formally as an Osborne and Rubinstein bargaining model (1990) and creates a choice framework for a major power in selecting possible territories to deploy a military base in. These propositions, including target attractiveness, regime type, existing alliances, ongoing conflicts, and location all condition the likely deployment sites for a basing state. The formally derived and generalized hypotheses, as well as relevant variables derived from the existing literature, are then tested using an original data set for US base deployments abroad from the 1898 until 2004. I find that autocratic states, distant states, allies of the United States, powerful states, and countries at war are more likely to host a base than their counterparts.

Methods Training

Research Methods and Statistics (I & II), Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Extensions of the Linear Model, Simultaneous Equations Modeling (ICPSR), Game Theory, Formal Theory (Introductory and Advanced), EITM (Game Theory, R, Bayesian Statistics, Quantal Response Models, Formal Spatial Models, Experimental Methods, and Simultaneous Modeling).

Teaching Experience

PS 1400: International Relations, Fall 2011

PS 4420: Politics of International Economic Relations, Fall 2011

PS 4440: International Organization, Fall 2011

PLSC 380H: Power: Strength and Weakness in International Relations, Winter 2011.

PLSC 380I: Game Theory and International Relations, Fall 2009.

PLSC 486U: Power and Governance in International Relations, Spring 2008.

PLSC 380L: Hegemony or Survival, Summer 2007. Distance Learning.

Teaching Assistant

PLSC 111: American Politics, Fall 2005, Fall 2006

PLSC 117: World Politics, Spring 2006.

PLSC 118: Political Sociology, Spring 2007.

PLSC 500: Introduction to Research Methods (Graduate Course), Fall 2007, Fall 2008.

Graduate Research Experience

Research Assistant for John McNulty, Spring 2011.

Research Assistant for Greg Robinson, Spring 2010. Data analysis and prediction using voter data in California and Arizona.

Research Assistant for Pat Regan, Spring–Summer 2009. Researching and coding interventions by state and non–state actors into countries at risk for civil war.

Research Assistant for Pat Regan, Summer 2006; Continued work Fall 2007–Spring 2008. Researching and coding negotiations and outcomes between enduring rivals outside of Militarized Interstate Disputes (MIDs).

Research Assistant for Ben Fordham, Summer 2008. Focus on Asymmetrical conflict negotiations and bargaining.

Professionally Related Activities

2008—Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models participant at Washington University in St. Louis. Summer.

2007—Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Institute Participant. Clogg Scholarship Recipient.

2006–2007—President of the Binghamton University Political Science Graduate Student Organization

2005—Present Member of International Relations Workshop at Binghamton University.

Grants and Academic Honors

Political Science Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2010

Nominated for Graduate School Award in Research Excellence, 2010

EITM at Washington University in St. Louis, 2008

Binghamton University Scholar Grant, 2007

Clogg Scholarship Award for ICPSR, Summer 2007

GSEU Professional Development Award, Summer 2007

Service

International Studies Quarterly, Manuscript Reviewer, 2009—

American Journal of Political Science, Manuscript Reviewer, 2010—

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society

Midwest Political Science Association

References

Benjamin O. Fordham (Dissertation Chair)

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