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RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations, civil war, international intervention, fieldwork methods, post-Soviet states

CURRENT POSITION

The University of Sheffield (2017-) **Sheffield, UK**
Lecturer in Politics/International Politics, Department of Politics

PAST POSITIONS

Yale University (2015-2017) **New Haven, CT**
Canada SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies
Supervisors: Elizabeth J. Wood and Stathis N. Kalyvas, Department of Political Science
Affiliation: Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence

EDUCATION

University of British Columbia (2008-2014)* **Vancouver, BC**
Ph.D., Political Science *A (First Class) Average*
Dissertation: "Mobilization in Civil War: Latent Norms, Social Relations, and Inter-Group Violence in Abkhazia," available at <http://circle.ubc.ca/handle/2429/51121>
APSA Best Field Work Award Nomination (2015)
Research Committee: Brian Job (UBC); Erin Baines (UBC); Jeffrey T. Checkel (SFU)
External Examiner: William Reno (Northwestern University)
Fieldwork: Abkhazia, Georgia, Russia (8 months, 2010-2013)
Data: Original interviews, participant observation, news archive in the Georgian-Abkhaz case
Comprehensive Examination Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
*Six-year Ph.D. Program

York University (2004-2008) **Toronto, ON**
B.A., *Summa Cum Laude* (with highest honor, top 5 students of the class) *A+ Average*
Honors Double Major: Political Science and European Studies

Université Laval (2007) **Quebec City, QC**
Intensive Courses in French as a Second Language

University of Amsterdam (2006-2007) **Amsterdam, the Netherlands**
Certificate/Exchange Program in Social Sciences, Sessional Academic Achievement *A+ Average*

MAJOR AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Canada SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2015-2017)	\$81,000
United States National Science Foundation Fellowship (2015)	\$1,100
Canada SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Graduate Doctoral Award (2009-2012)	\$105,000
Canada Security and Defence Forum Program Doctoral Research Award (2011)	\$6,000
Canada SSHRC Graduate Scholarship Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement (2009)	\$6,000
Canada SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Graduate Master's Award (2008-2009)	\$17,500
Commonwealth Scholarship for Graduate Study in the United Kingdom (2008)	<i>Declined</i>
UBC Faculty of Arts Graduate Awards (2008-2009, 2013-2014), Research Award (2013)	\$10,750

UBC Department of Political Science Doctoral Research Award (2013)	\$6,000
Liu Institute for Global Issues Bottom Billion Doctoral Fieldwork Award (2013)	\$3,000
UBC Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (2012-2013)	\$2,000
Liu Institute Co-Authored Publishing Award (2011)	\$500
York University <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> and President's Honor Roll (2008)	<i>Academic Distinction</i>
York University Dean's Awards for Academic Excellence (2006-2008)	\$1,000
York University Political Science Undergraduate Scholarship (2007)	\$750
York University Continuing Student Scholarship (2006-2007)	\$750
York University Sessional Academic Achievement (2005-2007)	<i>Academic Distinction</i>
York International Mobility Award, University of Amsterdam Exchange Program (2006)	\$3,000
York International Internship & Mobility Awards, Oxfam Russia Internship (2006)	\$3,000

PUBLICATIONS (* refereed)

- *"Collective Threat Framing and Mobilization in Civil War," *American Political Science Review* Vol. 110, No. 3 (2016): 411-27.
- *"Evolving Norms of Protection: China, Libya, and the Problem of Intervention in Armed Conflict," *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* (published online, August, 2016).
- *"Particularized Protection: UNSC Mandates and the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict" (with Brian L. Job), *International Peacekeeping* Vol. 23, No. 2 (2016): 240-73.
- "Responsibility to Protect and UN Peacekeeping: A Challenge of Particularized Protection," *AP R2P Brief*, Vol.6 No.4 (2016): 1-7.
- *"Border Violence in 'Post-Conflict' Abkhazia," *Ethnogeopolitics* Vol. 3, No. 3 (2015): 69-92.
- *"China as a Global Norm-Shaper: Institutionalization and Implementation of the Responsibility to Protect" (with Brian L. Job), in Alexander Betts and Phil Orchard (eds), *Implementation and World Politics*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- *"Demokratischer Frieden nach außen und innen? Der Forschungsstand zum Civil Democratic Peace" (mit Hans-Joachim Spanger), in: Hans-Joachim Spanger (Hg.), *Der demokratische Unfrieden*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2012.
- "Krise und Entscheidung: die international Ordnung auf dem Prüfstand" (mit Anastasia Andrejewa), Frankfurt am Main: Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung, 2009.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- "Mobilizing under Uncertainty: From Fleeing to Fighting in War-Time Abkhazia," Harvard *Political Violence Workshop*, November 2016; *Politics and Protest Workshop*, CUNY, October 2016; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, July 2016; APSA Mobilization Panel, 2016.
- "Collective Threat Framing and Mobilization in Civil War," Sorbonne University, Paris, March 2016; Households in Conflict Workshop, University of Toronto, November 2015; Yale Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, September 2015; APSA Political Networks Conference, Portland, OR, June 2015; Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, MIT, April 2015.
- "Evolving Norms of Protection: China, Libya, and the Problem of Intervention in Armed Conflict," Workshop *Rising Powers and Intervention*, PUC-Rio, Brazil, September 2014.
- "Latent Norms and Socialization in Civil War: The Case of the Georgian-Abkhaz War," Workshop *Socialization and Organized Political Violence*, SFU, Vancouver, BC, September 2013.
- "From War to Conflict and Back: Borderland Violence in 'Post-Conflict' Abkhazia," Works-in-Progress Series, American Research Institute in South Caucasus, Tbilisi, Georgia, April 2013.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “How Ideologies Form, Whose Ideas Matter: The Case of Abkhaz Mobilization in the Georgian-Abkhaz War,” Workshop on Ideology and Armed Groups, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February, 2017.
- Participant, Roundtable on *Social Networks and Immersive Fieldwork: Innovations in the Study of Movements and Militants*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.
- “Social Ties and Insurgent Cohesion in the Abkhaz Army,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 2017; Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Convention, Washington, D.C., November 2016; International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.
- “Pre-War Mobilization and Violence Onset: The Case of Abkhazia, 1988-89,” *Democracy-Security Nexus in and around the Caucasus*, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, October 2016.
- Qualitative Transparency Deliberations Working Group Meeting*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2016.
- “Understanding Responsibility to Protect as a Composite Norm” (with Brian L. Job), 7th Oceanic Conference of International Studies, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, July 2016; International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 2016; Workshop *Responsibility to Protect Doctrine at Ten*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.
- “Interviewing Civil War Perpetrators: Fear, Empathy, and Research Ethics,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.
- “Why Risk? Threat Framing and Mobilization in Civil Wars,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.
- “‘Post-Conflict’ Border Violence: The Case of Georgia-Abkhazia,” Junior Scholar Symposium, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, March 2014 (*ISA Canada Graduate Student Paper Prize, Honorable Mention*).
- “The Paradox of Particularized Protection” (with Brian L. Job), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2013; International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.
- “Evolving Norms of Protection: China, Libya, and the Problem of Civilians in Armed Conflict,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Victoria, BC, June 2013; International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, April 2012.
- “From War to Conflict and Back: Borderland Violence in ‘Post-Conflict’ Abkhazia,” Conference on *Borders, Cooperation and Regional Conflict in Post-Soviet Contexts: Between Integration and Disintegration?* Tbilisi, Georgia, April 2013.
- “The View from the Mezzanine: Linking Micro-Level Violence to Macro-Level Conflict” (with Stewart Prest), International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2013; Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Edmonton, AB, June 2012; Canadian Peace Research Association, Waterloo, ON, June 2012.
- “Interviewing Perpetrators: Preparation, Conversation, and Decompression,” *Reflections on Field Work in Difficult Settings*, Liu Institute for Global Issues, Vancouver, BC, November 2012.
- “China as a Global Norm-Shaper: Tensions and Dilemmas in China’s ‘Implementation’ of the *Responsibility to Protect*” (with Brian L. Job), International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, April 2012.
- “Deliberation in Post-Conflict Societies,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Waterloo, ON, May 2011; ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, QC, March 2011.

RESEARCH SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate coders (original newspaper archive), “Post-Conflict Violence” (November 2014-)
Undergraduate research assistants, “Particularized Protection” (November 2012-April 2013)
Graduate and undergraduate research assistants, “Evolving Norms” (February-April 2012)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

UBC POLI 370A *Issues in International Conflict Management* (Summer 2012)

Teaching Assistant

UBC POLI 100 *Introduction to Politics* with Christopher Erickson (September-December 2008)
UBC POLI 327 *European Integration* with Yves Tiberghien (January-April 2009)
UBC POLI 360 *Security Studies* with Brian L. Job (January-April 2010)
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Invited Lectures and Seminars

MIT 17.878 *Qualitative Research*, “Fieldwork on Civil War,” Ph.D. seminar (April 10, 2015)
UBC ASIA 209 *Southeast Asia*, “Peacebuilding in East Timor” (March 28, 2011)
UBC POLI 327 *European Integration*, “Multi-Level Governance” (January 1, 2009)
UBC POLI 334 *Democratization*, “Institutional Design” (March 21, 2011)
UBC POLI 360 *Security Studies*, “Natural Resources and Conflict” (March 15, 2010)
UBC POLI 360 *Security Studies*, “Natural Resources and Conflict” (January 31, 2011)
UBC POLI 461 *Human Security*, “The Responsibility to Protect,” lecture (October 11, 2011)
UBC POLI 461 *Human Security*, “The Responsibility to Protect,” seminar (October 3, 2012)

SERVICE

Reviewer

Global Governance, Journal of Peace Research, New Political Economy

International Internships

Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Germany, April-September 2009
Oxfam Great Britain, Moscow, Russia, May-August 2006

Founder/Coordinator

Contemporary Conflict Group, Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC (2010-2014)
Civil War Series, Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC (2011-2013)
Reflections on Fieldwork in Difficult Settings Series (invited speakers: Séverine Autesserre, Dara Kay Cohen, Macartan Humphreys, Philippe Le Billon, Regina Anne Bateson) (2012-2013)
Ph.D. Student Seminar on *Methods in Conflict Settings*, with Simon Fraser University (2011)
Conflict Research Methods Workshop (2011)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

MacMillan Report Interview on *Mobilizing under Uncertainty*, <http://macmillanreport.yale.edu/>.
“Mobilizing under Uncertainty: From Fleeing to Fighting in War-Time Abkhazia,” Asia Pacific Centre for R2P Public Seminar, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, July 2016.
“From War to Conflict and Back: Borderland Violence in ‘Post-Conflict’ Abkhazia,” Public Lecture, Tbilisi, Georgia, April 2013.
“Why Violent Conflicts Recur,” PeaceTalk #7, Peace Geeks, Vancouver, BC, February 2013.

Discussant

Panel, "Dynamics of Civil Conflict," *Conference on Micro-Comparative Studies of 20th Century Conflicts*, Yale University, April 2016.

Paper, "Tribal Groups and Civil War Violence: Evidence from 1941-1942 Montenegro," Vujo Ilic, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, Yale University, February 2016.

Paper, "Repression and Street Protests: Behavioral Underpinnings of Backlash Movements," Susan Stokes, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, Yale University, September 2015.

Paper, "Insurgent Courts: Judging amidst Civil War in the Contemporary Era," Adam Baczek, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, Yale University, March 2015.

METHODS TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, NY (June 14-25, 2010)

Ph.D. Course *Qualitative Methods and the Study of Civil War*, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway (May 3-6, 2009)

Workshop *Ethical Dilemmas in Research Life*, Graduate Pathways to Success Program, UBC (November 6, 2009)

POLI 572 *Quantitative Methods in Political Science*, UBC (Winter 2009)

POLI 522 *Interpretation and Criticism in Political Inquiry*, UBC (Fall 2008)

POLI 571 *Qualitative Research Methods*, UBC (Fall 2008)

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Comparative Democratization Section; Conflict Processes Section; Political Networks Section

Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Canadian Political Science Association

International Political Science Association

International Studies Association

LANGUAGES

English (native)

Russian (native)

Spanish (beginner)

French (beginner)

REFERENCES

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