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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D., Political Science, 2012

University of North Texas

M.S., Political Science, 2007

B.A., Political Science, 2005

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Arizona State University

ASU Academic Lead, Security and Defense PLS (S&D+), January 2023–

Associate Director for Graduate Studies, School of Politics and Global Studies, January 2020–June 2023

Associate Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2018–

Assistant Professor, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2012–2018

Faculty Affiliate, Center on the Future of War, 2014–

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2016-2022. *Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project*, Co-PI. (with K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood [Co-PIs], and Rebecca Cordell [Post-Doctoral Researcher]). National Science Foundation, October 2016-July 2022. \$513,434 (\$211,422 to ASU. Award #1626775)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Kopp, Heather M. [student co-author], Bryce W. Reeder, and **Thorin M. Wright**. 2023. “International Conflict Involvement, State Repression, and the Escalation of Civil Conflict.” *Political Research Quarterly*

Cordell, Rebecca, Reed M. Wood, and **Thorin M. Wright** 2023. “Disease and Dissent: Investigating How Epidemics Contribute to Social Unrest” (with Rebecca Cordell and Reed M. Wood), *Global Studies Quarterly*

Cordell, Rebecca, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, and **Thorin M. Wright**. 2022. “Disaggregating Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Annual Country Human Rights Reports.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66 (2)

Cordell, Rebecca, **Thorin M. Wright**, and Paul F. Diehl. 2021. “Extant Commitment, Risk, and UN Peacekeeping Authorization” *International Interactions*, 47 (1): 135-160.

Cordell, Rebecca, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, and **Thorin M. Wright**. 2020. “Changing Standards or Political Whim? Evaluating Changes in the Content of US

State Department Human Rights Reports following Presidential Transitions.” *Journal of Human Rights*, 19 (1): 3–18.

Wright, Thorin M. 2020. “Revisionist Conflict and State Repression.” *International Area Studies Review*, 23 (1): 49-72.

Wright, Thorin M., and Shweta Moorthy. 2018. “Refugees, Economic Capacity, and Host State Repression.” *International Interactions*, 44 (1): 132-155.

Wood, Reed M., and **Thorin M. Wright** 2016. “Responding to Catastrophe: Repression Dynamics following Rapid-onset Natural Disasters.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 60 (8): 1446-1472

Diehl, Paul F. and **Thorin M. Wright** 2016. “A Conditional Defense of the Dyadic Approach.” *International Studies Quarterly*, 60 (2): 363-368

Wright, Thorin M. and Paul F. Diehl. 2016. “Unpacking Territorial Disputes: Domestic Political Influences and War.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 60 (4): 645-669

Wright, Thorin M. 2014. “Territorial Revision and State Repression.” *Journal of Peace Research*. 51 (3): 375-87.

Wright, Thorin M., and Toby J. Rider 2014. “Disputed Territory, Defensive Alliances, and Conflict Initiation.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 31 (2): 119-44.

Wright, Thorin M., and J. Michael Greig. 2012. “Staying the Course: Assessing the Durability of Peacekeeping Operations.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 29 (2): 127-47.

WORKING
PROJECTS

“The Catch 22 of Conflict and Women’s Candidacy: Evidence from Afghanistan” (with Victoria Stratton [student coauthor] and Magda Hinojosa), invited to revise and resubmit at *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*

“Comparing State Repressive Actions: Classifying the Content of Physical Integrity Rights Abuse Allegations using Machine Learning Methods” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)

“Assessing How the US reports on refugee treatment over time.” (with Rebecca Cordell and Julianne Windham)

“Autocratization and International Conflict” (with Jonathan Turner [student coauthor] and Cameron Thies)

“Changing Standard of Accountability or the Decline in Violence?” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood).

“All repression is local: The sub-national determinants of physical integrity rights abuse” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

2023. “The Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project.” Human Rights Data Measurement Workshop, University of Rhode Island, May 5-6.
2019. “The Politics of US State Department Human Rights Reporting.” Department of Political Science. University of North Texas, October 24, 2019.
2019. “Recording Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Annual Country Human Rights Reports.” Presented with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood. School of Economics, Politics, and Public Service. University of Texas–Dallas, October 22, 2019.
2017. “Press During Wartime: Exploring Conflict’s Effects on Media Freedom” School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona, February 3.
2017. “Potential Implications of the Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project.” Workshop on Conflict, Aid, & Refugees, University of Arizona, March 23-24.
2017. “Refugees, Human Rights, and Security.” Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service. Washington State University. April 20.

RECENT
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2022. “Classifying Repression Using Annual Country Human Rights Reports.” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN.
2021. “Autocratization and International Conflict.” (with Jonathan Turner). To be presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association–West, Pasadena, CA, September 24-26, 2021.
2019. “An Examination of US Reporting on Refugees Over Time.” (with Rebecca Cordell). Presented at the annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, June 17-19, 2019, Belfast, N. Ireland, UK; Also presented at the European Consortium of Political Research, September 4-7, 2019, Wroclaw, Poland.
2019. “Recording Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Annual Country Human Rights Reports.” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, CA.
2018. “Machine and Human Coding Approaches to Measuring Subnational Variation of Repression.” (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
2017. “The Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project.” (with K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood). Presented at the the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD as well as the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University:
Graduate:

- POS 598: Political Violence Fall 2020; Spring 2023.

- GSC 512: Global Trends Summer 2020, Fall 2021.
- POS 560: International Relations (graduate proseminar), Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020.
- POS 664: War, Peace, and Conflict Processes, Spring 2013, Fall 2015.
- POS 596: Graduate Professionalization Seminar, Fall 2021.
- International Relations Comprehensive Exam Committee: Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018.

Ph.D. committee service:

- Christopher Davis (defended 2019)
- Nathan Tarr (defended 2022)
- Pablo Ortega-Poveda (defended 2022; co-chair)
- Anggun Sari (defended 2022; co-chair)
- Julianne Windham (chair)
- Emily Singer (chair)
- Maral Sabeti (chair)
- Jonathan Turner (co-chair)
- Samuel Goldenberg (co-chair)
- Richie Romero (co-chair)

Master's committee service:

- Victoria Stratton (chair) (2021)
- Aryanna Chutkan (2021)
- Camila Paez Bernal (2021)
- Jillian Courey (2021)
- Bartia Cooper (2020)
- Ryan Deutsch (2020)
- Michaela McNaughton (2020)
- Peggy-Jean Allin (2020)
- Trenton Moore (2021)
- Charlotte Sandy (2022)
- Grace Timpany (2022)
- Lizette Cervantes (2022)

Undergraduate:

- POS/SGS 494: Politics and Culture of Ireland (study abroad), Summer 2022
- SGS 340: Violence, Conflict, and Human Rights, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

- POS 467: International Security, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016.
- POS 360: World Politics, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.
- POS 305: Conflict & Film, Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019.

Directed Readings Courses:

- International Conflict (Graduate, Spring 2013, Spring 2018)
- Peacekeeping and Conflict Management (Undergraduate, Spring 2014).
- Human Rights and International Politics (Graduate, Spring 2021)
- Conflict Management (Graduate, Spring 2022)

Barrett Honors College Thesis Committees:

- Rohit Rajan (chair, 2014-2015)
- Yonit Upart (second reader, 2014-2015)
- Connor Sonksen (second reader, 2016)
- Sierra Winans (chair, 2017).
- Margaret Tucker (chair, 2018).
- Nicole Floda (chair, 2019).
- Madison Jacks (chair, 2021).

Junior Fellows research supervision:

- Fall 2014: Weston Aviles, Brendan Porter, Zalman Stern-Zapad
- Fall 2015: Julio Cuen
- Spring 2016: Sari Inaba, Che Forgeron, Sarah Atchinson
- Fall 2016: Jame Peru
- Spring 2017: Lubaba Ahmed, Samantha Mohn, Madelyn Nelson, Margaret Tucker
- Fall 2017: Piper Nelson, Shenika Butler
- Spring 2018: Esther Choe, Kathryn Ziglin
- Fall 2022: Dominic Elliot, Brianna Masel, Grace Turner

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE:
DISCIPLINE

Academic year 2022-2023:

- Panel Chair, Peace Science Society Meeting, November 3-5, 2022.

Academic year 2021-2022:

- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, September 24-26, 2021.

Academic year 2020-2021:

- President, ISA-West region, Fall 2019-Fall 2020.

- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting (virtual), September 24-27, 2020.

Academic year 2019-2020:

- President, ISA-West region, Fall 2019-Fall 2020.
- Program Chair, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 27-28, 2019
- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 27-28 2019.
- Councillor, Four Corners Conflict Network.

Academic year 2018-2019:

- At-large member, ISA-West executive council.
- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September 21-22
- Councillor, Four Corners Conflict Network.

Academic year 2017-2018:

- At-large member, ISA-West executive council.
- Councillor, Four Corners Conflict Network.
- Discussant, Four Corners Conflict Network meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 31-April 1.
- Discussant, ISA-West regional meeting, Pasadena, CA, September

Academic year 2016-2017:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD. February 22-25.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.

Academic year 2015-2016:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.
- Discussant, Four Corners Conflict Network meeting, Tempe, AZ, April.
- Participant, Workshop on Four Corners Conflict Network, Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Oxford, MS, November.

Academic year 2014-2015:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA. February 22-25.
- Section Program Co-Chair, Human Rights Section, International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Panel Chair, International Studies Association-Midwest Meeting, St. Louis, MO

Academic year 2013-2014:

- Panel Chair, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Academic year 2012-2013:

- Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE: ARIZONA
STATE UNIVERSITY

Academic year 2022-2023:

- Deputy Academic Lead, Security & Defence PLuS at ASU

Academic year 2021-2022:

- Member, Search Committee, Dean of Social Sciences

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE: SCHOOL
OF POLITICS AND
GLOBAL STUDIES

Academic year 2022-2023:

- Associate Director for Graduate Studies, 2020–
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), 2020–

Academic year 2021-2022:

- Associate Director for Graduate Studies, 2020–
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), 2020–

Academic year 2020-2021:

- Associate Director for Graduate Studies, 2020–
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), 2020–
- Member, Search Committee for Lecturer in Global Security, Fall 2020
- Member, Search Committee for School Director, Fall 2020–Spring 2021.

Academic year 2019-2020:

- Interim Associate Director for Graduate Studies, Spring 2020
- Member, Advisory Committee (ex-officio), Spring 2020
- Member, Search Committee for Conflict & Human Rights, Spring 2020

Academic year 2018-2019:

- Co-supervisor, Honors Thesis Program (with Avital Simhony)
- Member, Graduate Committee

Academic Year 2017-2018:

- Member, Advisory Committee
- Service presentation for Graduate Teaching & Writing Workshop

Academic Year 2016-2017:

- Member, Graduate Committee
- Service presentation for Fall Transfer Student Orientation
- Service presentation for Graduate Teaching & Writing Workshop

Academic Year 2015-2016:

- Member, Graduate Committee

Academic Year 2014-2015:

- Member, Committee on Colloquia, Workshops and Guest Speakers
- Co-coordinator, Academic Job Market Workshop
- Organizer, School Workshop Series

Academic Year 2013-2014:

- Member, Search committee for Global Studies hire (successful)
- Member, Committee on Colloquia, Workshops and Guest Speakers
- Co-coordinator, Academic Job Market Workshop
- Organizer, School Workshop Series
- Organizer, Conflict and Human Rights Working Group

Academic Year 2012-2013:

- Co-coordinator, Academic Job Market Workshop
- Organizer, School Workshop Series

REVIEWER SERVICE

Academic Journals:

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Conflict Management and Peace Science
Comparative Political Studies
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Area Studies Review
International Interactions
International Peacekeeping
International Studies Quarterly
International Studies Review
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Human Trafficking
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Politics
PLOS-One
Political Geography
Political Research Quarterly
Political Science Research and Methods
Social Science Quarterly
Security Studies
Terrorism and Political Violence

Book Presses:

Oxford University Press
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

External Grant Agencies:

National Science Foundation

PUBLIC
SCHOLARSHIP,
PRESENTATIONS
AND SERVICE

Public Presentations

2017. “Refugees, State Repression, & Political Violence” Genocide Awareness Week, Scottsdale Community College, April 17.

Blog Posts and Media Commentary

2020. “Pandemics and Political Violence.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, April 8, 2020. (with Reed M. Wood)

2018. “How Does the Trump Administration Think About Human Rights? Evidence from the State Department Country Reports.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, June 1, 2018, (with Rebecca Cordell, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, and Reed M. Wood)

2017. “Refugees, Host Country Politics, and Human Suffering.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, February 10, 2017, (with Shweta Moorthy)

CONSULTING WORK

2015-2016. Research consultant, McCain Institute Fortune 500 Project, (with Reed M. Wood)

REFERENCES

Paul F. Diehl

Ashbel Smith Professor Emeritus
University of Texas–Dallas
Henning Larsen Professor Emeritus
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