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Academic Experience

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES
Minneapolis, MN
Visiting Scholar, The Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change. 2026-present.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, TWIN CITIES
Minneapolis, MN
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. 2014-2026.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Los Angeles, CA
Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Political Science. 2012-13

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Palo Alto, CA
Postdoctoral Scholar/Lecturer, Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law/Department of Political Science. 2011-12, 2013-2014

HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Cambridge, MA
Pre-doctoral Scholar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School. 2009-2011

Education

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Los Angeles, CA
Ph.D., Political Science.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, BOMBAY
Mumbai, India
M.Phil., Planning and Development.

LUCKNOW UNIVERSITY
Lucknow, India
B.A., Political Science and History.

Publications

2022. "The Moderating Effect of Democracy on Climate-Induced Social Conflict: Evidence from Indian Districts." (with Ore Koren). *Political Research Quarterly*. 75(3):892-905.

2021. "The Structure of Religion, Ethnicity & Insurgent Mobilization: Evidence from India." *World Politics*. 73(1):82-127.

2018. "State Capacity, Insurgency and Civil War: A Disaggregated Analysis." (with Ore Koren). *International Studies Quarterly*. 62(2): 274-288.

2016. "Impact of Drone Strikes on Terrorism in Pakistan and Neighboring Afghanistan." (with Patrick Johnston). *International Studies Quarterly*. 60(2): 203-219.

2014. "Insurgent-Population Ties and the Variation in the Trajectory of Peripheral Civil Wars." *Comparative Political Studies*. 47(10): 1470-1500.

Book Projects

Anchoring Rebellion: Ethnicity, Religion and Insurgent Mobilization in South Asia.
(Under review with expected publication in spring 2027)

Working Papers

"Colonial Land Tenure & Communist Insurgency: Evidence from Sub-district Analysis in India."

"Crop Productivity, Institutional Legacies and Attenuated Conflict in India." (with Ore Koren).

Ongoing Projects

“Environmental Stress, Political Institutions & Social Conflict: Evidence from South Asia.” (with Ore Koren).

“Colonization, Religion and Ethnicity: How Colonial-era Religious Changes Shaped Ethnic Politics in Post-colonial India.”

“The Structure of Ethnic Group & Insurgent Mobilization: A Global Analysis.”

“Long-term Effects of the Expansion of State Capacity.”

“(D/R)econstrucing Ethnic Conflict Using Microhistory.”

Awards & Scholarships

National Science Foundation Security and Preparedness Grant. 2023-2026. \$407,000 (includes \$145,000 subaward to Indiana University).

University of Notre Dame Global Religion Research Initiative (GRRI) Project Launch Award. 2019-2020, 2020-2021. \$21,000.

University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Seed Grant. 2019-2020. \$7,000.

University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (CLA) McMillan Travel Award. 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2018-2019. \$12,000.

University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Hard-to-Fund Seed Grant. 2017-2018. \$8,000.

University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment (IonE) Mini Grant. 2015-2016, 2017-2018. \$6,000.

University of Minnesota Office of the Vice President for Research Grant-in-Aid. 2017-2018. \$33,000.

UCLA Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship. 2010-2011.

Harvard University Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Predoctoral Fellowship. 2009-2010.

United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship. 2008-2009.

UCSD Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship. 2008-2009.

Hiroshi Wagatsuma Fellowship. 2008-2009 and 2007-2008.

Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship. 2007-2008.

UCLA International Institute Field Research Fellowship. 2007-2008.

Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. 2007-2008 and 2004-2005.

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, India. 2001-2002.

Conference Papers

“Networks of Religion, Ethnicity and Social Conflict: Evidence from India.” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2023.

“Crop Productivity, Institutional Legacies and Attenuated Conflict in India.” (with Ore Koren). Annual Conference of the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project. 2023.

“The Structure of Ethnic Group & Insurgent Mobilization: Evidence from a Global Analysis.” Annual Meeting, Peace Science Society. November 2021.

“Anchoring Rebellion: Ethnicity, Religion & Conflict Trajectory.” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2021.

“The Moderating Effect of Democracy on Climate-Induced Social Conflict: Evidence from Indian Districts.” (with Ore Koren). Annual Meeting, International Studies Association. April 2019.

“Anchoring Rebellion: Ethnicity, Religion & Conflict Trajectory.” Annual Conference on South Asia. October 2018.

“Religion, War & Famine: A Micro-level Analysis of Rebel Recruitment.” Annual Con-

ference on South Asia. October 2017.

“Colonialism, Religion & Rebellion: How Missions Shaped Contemporary Insurgencies in India.” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2017.

“Land Tenure Institutions & Communist Insurgency in India.” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2016.

“Religion, War & Famine: A Micro-level Analysis of Rebel Recruitment.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association. April 2016.

“Determinants of Rebel Recruitment: What Does the Universe of Recruits in an Ethnic Insurgency Tell Us?” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2016.

“Impact of Drone Strikes on Terrorism in Pakistan.” (with Patrick Johnston). Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2011.

“Insurgent-Population Ties and Negotiated Settlements in Peripheral Civil Wars: A Cross-national Analysis.” Annual Convention, International Studies Association. March 2011.

“Insurgent-Population Ties and Variation in the Trajectory of Peripheral Civil Wars.” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2010.

“Underrepresented and Understudied: A New Dataset of Low Intensity Intrastate Wars.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association. April 2010.

“Organizational Character of Rebel Movements and the Dynamics of Civil Wars.” Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association. April 2009.

“Spatial Interdependence of Civil Wars: Do Weak Neighbors Produce Bad Neighborhoods.” Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association. September 2006.

Invited Talks

“Rebellions in South Asia: Ethnicity, Religion & Insurgents.” Center for South Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. January 2026.

“Anchoring Rebellion: Ethnicity, Religion & Insurgent Mobilization in South Asia.” Department of Sociology, Central University, Hyderabad. January 2026.

“Anchoring Rebellion: Ethnicity, Religion & Insurgent Mobilization in South Asia.” Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow. January 2026.

“The Structure of Religion, Ethnicity & Insurgent Mobilization: Evidence from India.” George Washington University, Washington, DC. October 2020.

“The Structure of Religion, Ethnicity & Insurgent Mobilization: Evidence from India.” Johns Hopkins University/Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC. July 2020.

“Structure of Religion & Ethnic Mobilization: How Colonial Missions Shaped Ethnic Rebellions.” Department of Sociology, Ambedkar University, New Delhi. August 2019.

“Religion, War & Famine: A Micro-level Analysis of Rebel Recruitment.” Department of Economics, Manipur University, Imphal, India. December 2017.

“Religion, War & Famine: A Micro-level Analysis of Rebel Recruitment.” National Intelligence Agency, Government of India, New Delhi, India. June 2017.

“Religion, War & Famine: A Micro-level Analysis of Rebel Recruitment.” Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, Mumbai, India. June 2016.

“Religion, War & Famine: A Micro-level Analysis of Rebel Recruitment.” Minnesota International Relations Colloquium. Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. September 2015.

“Insurgent-Population Ties and Variation in the Trajectory of Peripheral Civil Wars.”

Department of Political Science, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. February 2012.

“Measuring Intrastate Disparities using Satellite Imagery.” Center for Geographical Analysis, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. June 2011.

“Impact of Drone Strikes on Terrorism in Pakistan.” (with Patrick Johnston). New America Foundation, Washington, D.C. February 2011.

“How Much is a High-Value Target Really Worth? Evidence from U.S. Drone Strikes in Pakistan.” (with Patrick Johnston). Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. December 2010.

“Insurgent-Population Ties and Variation in the Trajectory of Peripheral Civil Wars.” Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. March 2010.

Courses Taught

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

- POL 4991: Political Science Capstone. Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023 & Spring 2024.
- POL 3410/3431: Politics of India. Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Fall 2019 & Spring 2025.
- POL 1054/1054H: Puzzles in World Politics/Politics Around the World. Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019 Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024 & Fall 2025.
- POL 8660: Political Violence. Fall 2016, Spring 2019, Spring 2021 & Fall 2022.
- POL 8621: Comparative & Case Study Methods. Fall 2024, & Spring 2025.
- POL 3410/3423: Politics of Disruption: Violence and its Alternatives. Fall 2016, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Spring 2024, & Fall 2024.
- POL 1905: Freshman Seminar: Politics of Disruption: Violence and its Alternatives. Fall 2014.

Stanford University

- POLISCI 242A: Civil Wars and Peace Processes. Spring 2014.
- POLISCI 141S: Politics of India. Winter 2014.

Professional Activities

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*. *American Journal of Political Science*. *Journal of Politics*. *Asian Survey*. *Comparative Political Studies*. *Conflict Management & Peace Science*. *Foreign Policy Analysis*. *Geoforum*. *International Interactions*. *International Security*. *International Studies Quarterly*. *International Political Science Review*. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. *Journal of Peace Research*. *Political Science Research & Methods*. *Terrorism & Political Violence*.