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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, August 2019-Current.

Postdoctoral Research Associate, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, September 2017-May 2019.

Research Fellow, Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation, University of Essex, September 2017-September 2018.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Essex, November 2017.

Dissertation: Did 9/11 Change Everything? Security and Human Rights Trade-offs in International Cooperation.

Committee: Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Alejandro Quiroz Flores, Anna Getmansky.

M.A. in Theory and Practice of Human Rights, University of Essex, July 2013.

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Birmingham, July 2010.

Publications

1. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. “Disaggregating Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Human Rights Reports.” *International Studies Quarterly*. Conditional Accept.
2. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2021. “The Political Costs of Abusing Human Rights: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 65(2-3): 255-282.
3. **Rebecca Cordell**, Thorin M. Wright and Paul F. Diehl. 2021. “Extant Commitment, Risk, and UN Peacekeeping Authorization.” *International Interactions*. 47(1): 135-160.
4. **Rebecca Cordell**, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Florian G. Kern and Laura M. Saavedra-Lux. 2020. “Measuring Institutional Variation Across American Indian Constitutions Using Automated Content Analysis.” *Journal of Peace Research*. 57(6): 777-788.
5. **Rebecca Cordell**, 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 the US State Department Human Rights Reports following Presidential Transitions”. *Journal of Human Rights*. 19(1): 3-18
6. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2019. “Security-Civil Liberties Trade-offs: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition”. *International Interactions*. 45(2): 369-400.
Winner of the 2018 Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section.
7. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2018. “Measuring Extraordinary Rendition and International Cooperation: A Response to Blakeley and Raphael”. *International Area Studies Review*. 21(2): 179-187.

8. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2017. "Measuring Extraordinary Rendition and International Cooperation." *International Area Studies Review*. 20(2): 179-197.

Works in Progress

1. **Rebecca Cordell**. "In the Name of National Security: Human Rights Violations and Counter-terrorism."
2. **Rebecca Cordell**. "Who Did What to Whom: A Survey Experiment on Public Attitudes Toward Abusing Human Rights."
3. **Rebecca Cordell**, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. "Disease and Dissent: How Epidemics Contribute to Social Unrest."
4. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. "Classifying the Content of Physical Integrity Rights Allegations using Supervised Machine Learning Methods."
5. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. "Measuring Sub-national Levels of Repression: A Latent Variable Model."
6. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. "All Repression is Local: The Sub-national Determinants of Physical Integrity Rights Abuse."
7. **Rebecca Cordell** and Thorin M. Wright. "An Examination of U.S. Refugee Policy Over Time."
8. Florian G. Kern, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and **Rebecca Cordell**. "Institutions and Violent Crime Across American Indian Nations."
9. Florian G. Kern, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and **Rebecca Cordell**. "The Tribal Leaders Survey 2017-18: American Indian and Alaska Native Governance in Comparative Perspective."

Book Reviews

1. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2019. Kathryn Sikkink. 2017. "Evidence for Hope: Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century" *Journal of Peace Research*.

Public Scholarship

1. **Rebecca Cordell**, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2021. "Social Unrest During Epidemics." *Science Note*.
2. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2021. "The Political Costs of Abusing Human Rights." *Political Violence @ a Glance*.
3. **Rebecca Cordell**, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2021. "Do Pandemics Contribute to Social Unrest?" *Indiana University IT News and Events*.
4. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2019. "Human Rights Has Made Giant Strides, Philanthropy Can Help Drive Movement Through Transition." *Alliance Magazine*.
5. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2018. "Security-Civil Liberties Trade-offs: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition." *Political Violence @ a Glance*.
6. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2018. "How Does the Trump Administration Think about Human Rights? Evidence from the State Department Country Reports." *Political Violence at a Glance*.
7. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2017. "The U.S. Carried out Extraordinary Rendition Flights from 2001-2005. Here are 15 More Countries that Helped." *Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*.

8. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2016. "Nepal Earthquake: Fears That Relief Efforts Could Exasperate Poor Political Record." *Human Rights Centre Blog, University of Essex*.
9. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2014. "CIA Torture is Out in the Open - But Guantanamo Bay Detainees Are Still Going Nowhere." *The Conversation*.

Grants and Awards

- University of Texas at Dallas Social Sciences Seed Grant, April 2020, \$10,000.
- Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section, Baltimore, April 2018.
- Silberrad Scholarship, University of Essex, 2014-2017, \$40,000.
- Department of Government Methods Training and Travel Funds, University of Essex, 2014-2017, \$5,100.
- Associate Teaching Fellowship (Commendation), Higher Education Academy, June 2016.
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute Scholarship, National Science Foundation, Duke University, June 2016.
- International Peer to Peer Mentoring Scheme for Women in Science Scholarship, University of Konstanz, April 2016, \$600.
- European International Studies Association Scholarship, Olympia Summer Academy, June 2015. \$600.
- Institute of Democracy and Conflict Resolution Travel Scholarship, University of Essex, October 2013. \$2,000.

Additional Training

Methods

- An Introduction to Power Python, Pandas, and Data Science, 2019 Texas Advanced Computing Center Symposium for Texas Researchers, Austin, September 2019.
- Interactive Parallelization Tool, 2019 Texas Advanced Computing Center Symposium for Texas Researchers, Austin, September 2019.
- Tools & Best Practices for the Integration of Spatial Data, 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 2017.
- Quantitative Text Analysis, Essex Social Science Summer School in Data Analysis, August 2017.
- The Gold Standard of Quantitative Reproducible Research, University of Nottingham, March 2017.
- Spatial Econometrics and Geographical Information System (GIS) Methods, University of Maryland, March 2017.
- Programming in Python, University of Essex, October 2016-December 2016.
- Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), EITM Summer Institute, Duke University, June 2016.
- GIS for Political Analysis, University of Essex, May 2016.
- Qualitative Replication Workshop, University of Essex, May 2016.
- Strategic Nonviolent Action, University of Essex, April 2016.
- Causal Inference, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, August 2015.
- Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Olympia Summer Academy Greece, July 2015.
- Religion and International Politics, Olympia Summer Academy Greece, July 2015.
- Advanced Research Methods, University of Essex, 2014-2015.
- Political Explanation, University of Essex, 2014-2015.

Professional Development, University of Essex, 2014-2015.

Introduction to Regression, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, July 2014.

Mathematics for Social Scientists, Essex Social Science Summer School in Data Analysis, July 2014.

Teaching

Good Teaching Practice, University of Essex, October 2015.

Assessment and Feedback, University of Essex, October 2015.

Essay Marking, University of Essex, October 2015.

Graduate Teaching Induction, University of Essex, October 2015.

Invited Talks, Workshops and Conference Presentations

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, 2021.

Peace Science Society International Conference and Workshop, 2018, 2019, 2020.

Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) Symposium for Texas Researchers, 2020.

Art, Refugee Policy and Human Rights Event, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2020.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020.

Invited Talk, University of North Texas, 2020 (*cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic*).

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2020 (*cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic*).

Invited Talk, Human Rights and Migration Seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2020.

Political Science, Public Policy & Political Economy Seminar, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2019, 2020.

Invited Talk, School of International Relations Seminar, University of Southern California, 2019.

Kopf Sub-national Politics Workshop, Arizona State University, 2018.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018.

School of Politics and Global Studies Workshop, Arizona State University, 2018.

Network of European Peace Scientists Annual Conference, 2017.

University of Essex Political Science Graduate Seminar, 2017.

Development in the Face of Global Inequalities Conference, 2017.

Department of Government and Politics Workshop, University of Maryland, 2017.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute 2016.

Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation Workshop, University of Essex, 2016.

Midwest Political Science Association, 2016.

University of Konstanz Workshop, University of Essex, 2016.

Conflict Research Workshop, University of Kent, 2016.

Human Rights Research Workshop, University of Cambridge, 2016.

Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, Uppsala University, 2015.

Olympia Summer Academy 2015, Greece, 2015.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, PSCI 6306: Human Rights and International Law (graduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, Spring 2021.

Instructor, PPPE/PSCI 6361: Civil Conflict (graduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2020.

Instructor, PSCI 4348: Terrorism (ungraduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2020.

Instructor, PSCI 4316: Civil War and Conflict Resolution (undergraduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, Spring 2020.

Instructor, PSCI 4357: Human Rights (undergraduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2019.

Instructor, Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data (graduate), School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, June 2018.

Guest Instructor, Forms of Cooperation: IOs and Law (graduate), Political Science 715: International Relations Theory, Department of Political Science, University of Southern Carolina, February 2021.

Guest Instructor, The Politics of Human Rights (undergraduate), PSCI 3328 International Relations, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, January 2021.

Guest Instructor, Spatial Analysis (graduate), POS604 Polimetrics II, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, November 2018.

Guest Instructor, International Security Cooperation During the Post-9/11 Period (undergraduate), POS360 World Politics, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, April 2018.

Temporary Instructor and Teaching Assistant, GV307: Political Economy (undergraduate), Department of Government, University of Essex, Fall 2014-Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant, GV214: International Relations: Theory and Approaches (undergraduate), Department of Government, University of Essex, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant, GV254: Ethics and Public Policy (undergraduate), Department of Government, University of Essex, Spring 2016-Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant, GV100: Introduction to Politics (undergraduate), Department of Government, University of Essex, Fall 2015.

Teaching Assistant, 2C: Probit and Logit Models (graduate). Essex Social Science Summer School in Data Analysis, University of Essex, August 2015.

Fieldwork Experience

American Indian Reservations in Arizona, US, February 2017.

Chitwan, Kaski, Kathmandu, Rolpa, Nepal, October 2013-November 2013.

Research Experience

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Sub-national Analysis of Repression Project (SNARP), funded by the National Science Foundation, Arizona State University, September 2017-May 2019.

Research Consultant, Center for Latina/os and American Politics, Arizona State University, June 2018-Current.

Research Assistant, Traditional Actors and Federal State Authorities in Interaction: Explaining Patterns of Security and Conflict Across American Indian Reservations Project, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation, University of Essex, February 2016-August 2017.

Research Assistant, Political Discourse Analysis of UK General Election Leaders Debate 2015, University of Essex, July 2015.

Research Assistant, Human Rights and Climate Change Horizon 2020 Consortia Bid, University of Essex, June 2015.

Research Assistant, The Human Rights Atlas, University of Essex, February 2015.

Research Assistant, Human Rights: Building Blocks for a Comparative Politics of Power, University of Essex, November 2014.

Research Assistant, Global Values Indicator Project, Glowinkowski International, November 2014.

Institute of Democracy and Conflict Resolution Intern, Alliance for Peace and Development Nepal, Kathmandu, October 2013-November 2013.

Regional Fundraiser, Freedom from Torture UK, Birmingham, March 2011-September 2012.

Service

Student Supervision

Graduate Dissertation Committee Member, 2020-Current.

Erjok Erjok, Andres Ricardo Sanchez De La Rosa, Patrick Muenks.

Undergraduate Independent Study Project Supervisor, University of Texas at Dallas, 2020.

Cienna Alam.

Undergraduate Research Assistants Human Rights Data Project Supervisor, University of Texas at Dallas, 2019-Current.

Maysem Abdul-Kadir, Cienna Alam, Ali Asad Damani, Cameron Benavides, River Bluhm, Noorhan Chahal, Mariam Farahmand, Amna Farrukh, Vasti Galvan, Areesha Hemani, Kathryn Higgins, Sarah John, Madhumita Kathirarasu, Jared Miller, Reagan Madsen, Eduardo Pasaret, Ashley Simpson, Alex Vaughn, Lauren Wallace, Dat Tran.

Letter Writer

Ali Asad Damani, Cienna Alam, Cord Miller, Devin Le, Mariam Farahmand, Samina Haneef, Kathryn Higgins, Alex Vaughn, Shahin Zangeneh.

Departmental Service

Pandemic in Policy, Practice and Politics Series Speaker, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2020.

Art, Refugee Policy and Human Rights Event Speaker, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2020.

Cyber Security Search Committee Member, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2019/2020.

Teaching Graduate Level International Relations Group Member, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2019-Current.

Scholars Day Presenter, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2020.

Public Policy and Political Economy Club Job Market Roundtable Presenter, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2020.

Public Policy and Political Economy Club Middle East Roundtable Presenter, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, 2020.

Honors Round Table Series Presenter, University of Texas at Dallas, 2019.

Conflict and Human Rights Working Group Member, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, 2017-2018.

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2014-2017.

Exam Invigilator for SpLD students, Department of Government, University of Essex, 2016-2017.

Social Media Officer, Department of Government Annual Student Conference, University of Essex, 2016-2017.

Professional Development Seminar Guest Advisor, Department of Government, University of Essex, October 2016.

Journal Reviews

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict, European Journal of International Relations, International Interactions, International Journal of Global Environmental Issues, International Journal of Human Rights, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Strategic Studies, National Science Foundation, Research and Politics, Palgrave Communications, Terrorism and Political Violence.

Awards Committee Member

Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section, Toronto March 2019.

Conference Panel Discussant

Online Peace Science Colloquium, 2021.

Peace Science Society International Conference Workshop, 2018.

Four Corners Conflict Network Conference, 2018.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018.

Department of Government Annual Student Conference, University of Essex, 2017.

Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, 2016.

University of Konstanz Workshop, University of Essex, 2016.

Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, Uppsala University, 2015.

Conference Panel Organizer

Public Opinion and Political Violence, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, 2020.

Risky Business: International Politics, Diplomacy, and Secrecy, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.

Dilemmas in Diplomacy: Politics, Information, and Secrets, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2017.

Public Service

Politics and Human Rights Class (5th grade), Gislingham Primary School, Eye, UK, November 2016.

Did 9/11 Change Everything? Security and Human Rights Trade-offs in International Cooperation Presentation (Part 1), Amnesty International Local Group, Bury St. Edmunds, UK, April 2016.

Did 9/11 Change Everything? Security and Human Rights Trade-offs in International Cooperation Presentation (Part 2), Amnesty International Local Group, Bury St. Edmunds, UK, October 2015.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Four Corners Conflict Network, Peace Science Society (International), Texas Triangle on International Relations, Women Also Know Stuff, Women in Conflict Studies.

Technical Expertise

Methodological and Statistical: Machine learning, text analysis, spatial econometrics, OLS, MSE, survey design, experimental design, causal inference.

Programming and Software R, Python, Stata, QGIS, Linux, Latex.

References

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