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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, Thorin M. Wright. Forthcoming. "Changing Standards or Political Whim? Evaluating Changes in the Content of the US State Department Human Rights Reports". *Journal of Human Rights*.
2. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2019. "Security-Civil Liberties Trade-offs: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition". *International Interactions*. 45(2): 369-400.
3. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2018. "Measuring Extraordinary Rendition and International Cooperation: A Response to Blakeley and Raphael". *International Area Studies Review*. 21(2): 179-187.
4. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2017. "Measuring Extraordinary Rendition and International Cooperation." *International Area Studies Review*. 20(2): 179-197.

## Works in Progress

1. **Rebecca Cordell**. "The Political Costs of Abusing Human Rights: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition."
2. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, Thorin M. Wright. "Recording Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Annual Country Human Rights Reports."
3. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, Thorin M. Wright. "Classifying the Content of Physical Integrity Rights Allegations using Supervised Machine Learning Methods."

4. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, Thorin M. Wright. “Measuring Sub-national Levels of Repression: A Latent Variable Model.”
5. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, Thorin M. Wright. “All Repression is Local: The Sub-national Determinants of Physical Integrity Rights Abuse.”
6. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, Thorin M. Wright. “Changing Standard of Accountability or the Decline in Violence?”
7. **Rebecca Cordell**, 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. **Rebecca Cordell**, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Florian G. Kern and Laura M Saavedra-Lux. “Measuring Institutional Variation Across American Indian Constitutions Using Automated Content Analysis Approach.”
10. 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**. 2018. “Security-Civil Liberties Trade-offs: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition.” *Political Violence at a Glance*.
2. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood, 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*.
3. **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*.
4. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2016. “Nepal Earthquake: Fears That Relief Efforts Could Exasperate Poor Political Record.” *Human Rights Centre Blog, University of Essex*.
5. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2014. “CIA Torture is Out in the Open - But Guantanamo Bay Detainees Are Still Going Nowhere.” *The Conversation*.

## Grants and Awards

Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, International Studies Association, 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

- 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.

## Conference Presentations

1. An Examination of U.S. Refugee Policy over Time.  
International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2019, Washington D.C., August 2019.
2. Measuring Institutional Variation Across American Indian Constitutions Using Automated Content Analysis.  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2019, Washington D.C., August 2019.  
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2018, New Orleans, January 2018.
3. The Political Costs of Abusing Human Rights: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition.  
International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2018, San Francisco, April 2018.  
School of Politics and Global Studies Workshop, Arizona State University, January 2018.  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017, San Francisco, August 2017.  
Network of European Peace Scientists Annual Conference 2017, Antwerp, June 2017.

University of Essex Political Science Graduate Seminar, June 2017.

4. Recording Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Annual Country Human Rights Reports.

International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2018, San Francisco, April 2018.

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

5. The Tribal Leaders Survey 2017-18: American Indian and Alaska Native Governance in Comparative Perspective.

Indigenous Peoples, Global Politics, and Complex Sovereignties Workshop, International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2018, San Francisco, April 2018.

International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2018, San Francisco, April 2018.

6. Institutions and Violent Crime Across American Indian Reservations.

Development in the Face of Global Inequalities Conference 2017, Barcelona, May 2017.

International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2017, Baltimore, February 2017.

7. Security-Civil Liberties Trade-offs: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition.

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

International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2017, Baltimore, February 2017.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute 2016, Duke University, June 2016.

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

8. Measuring Extraordinary Rendition and International Cooperation.

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2016.

University of Konstanz Workshop, University of Essex, April 2016.

Conflict Research Workshop, University of Kent, February 2016.

Human Rights Research Workshop, University of Cambridge, January 2016.

Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, Uppsala University, December 2015.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2015, San Francisco, August 2015.

Olympia Summer Academy 2015, Greece, June 2015.

## Teaching Experience

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

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

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

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

### Departmental Service

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, Journal of Peace Research, International Interactions, Journal of Strategic Studies, Palgrave Communications.

## Awards Committee Member

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

## Conference Panel Discussant

Peace Science Society Workshop: Advancing The Scientific Study of Diplomacy, The 52nd North American Annual Meeting, Austin, November 2018.

Four Corners Conflict Network, Third Annual Meeting 2018, University of New Mexico, January 2018.

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2018, New Orleans, January 2018.

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

Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, November 2016.

University of Konstanz Workshop, University of Essex, April 2016.

Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, Uppsala University, December 2015.

## Conference Panel Organizer

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

Dilemmas in Diplomacy: Politics, Information, and Secrets, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2017, San Francisco, August 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), Women Also Know Stuff, Women in Conflict Studies.

## Technical Expertise

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

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

## References

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