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Political Science and International Relations (POIR)
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Visiting Scholar, Indiana University's Ostrom Workshop

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Education

University of Southern California

PhD in Political Science and International Relations (degree expected 2020)

M.A. in Political Science and International Relations (2016)

Indiana University

B.A. in Political Science, Minor in Philosophy (2014)

Book Manuscript

Title: All Too Human: How Our Nature Leads Human Rights NGOs and Their Donors to Work Together to Create a Better World...for Themselves

Dissertation Committee: Wayne Sandholtz (USC), Patrick James (USC), Sofia Gruskin (USC, School of Law and Keck School of Medicine), and Christopher Fariss (University of Michigan).

Description: My dissertation/book project investigates how social signaling motives among donors influence the behavior of human rights nongovernmental organizations. I argue that people donate to signal their socially desirable traits, and human rights NGOs meet this demand by seeking to benefit donor reputation rather than seeking to effectively advance human rights.

Manuscripts Under Review

“[Do Human Rights Treaty Obligations Matter?](#)” with Wayne Sandholtz

“[Productive Pacifists: The Rise of Production-Oriented States and Decline of Territorial Conquest](#)” with Jonathan Markowitz, Benjamin A.T. Graham, and Christopher J. Fariss

“Young, Wild, and Academically Free: A Graduate Student Perspective on Academic Freedom,” special issue for Symposium on Academic Freedom and the University Campus: Global and Empirical Perspectives

Working Projects

“The Demand for Honest, Rigorous Impact Information in Charity”

“Do Randomized Trials Undermine Charity Fundraising?” with Lucius Caviola and Stefan Schubert

“Watching the Watchdogs: Revival of ‘The Work of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch: Evidence from Colombia’” with Michael Spagat

“Good Intentions or Good Deeds? Analyzing the Nobel Peace Prize’s Criteria for Rewarding International NGOs” with Barbara Koremenos

Editor-Reviewed Articles

“[Amnesty International’s travel warning about the U.S. is a mistake.](#)” *The Washington Post*, August 13, 2019.

“[Fact Checkers Exposed Trump but also Exposed Human Rights Reporting.](#)” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, May 29, 2019

“[The Virtue Economy.](#)” *Quillette*, January 31, 2019

Academic Affiliations

Indiana University

Visiting Scholar, Ostrom Workshop (2018-2020)

University of Southern California

Affiliated Scholar, The Security and Political Economy Lab, School of International Relations (2016-present)

Grants and Awards

Russell Endowed Fellowship, University of Southern California (2018-2019)

School of International Relations summer research grants, University of Southern California (2015-2019)

Jesse H. and Beulah Chanley Cox Legacy Scholarship, Indiana University (2013-2014)

School of Public and Environmental Affairs Scholarship, Indiana University (2013)

Wendell L. Willkie Scholarship, Indiana University (2013)

Research Appointments

Research Assistantship, Dr. Benjamin Graham, University of Southern California (2017-2018)

Research Assistantship, Security and Political Economy Lab, University of Southern California (2017)

Research Assistantship, Dr. Wayne Sandholtz, University of Southern California (2016-2017)

Research Assistantship, Dr. Lawrence Rubin and Dr. David Palkki, Georgia Institute of Technology (2016)

Research Assistantship, Dr. Nicholas Weller and Dr. Jeb Barnes, University of Southern California (2016)

Research Assistantship, Dr. Wayne Sandholtz, University of Southern California (2016)

Teaching

Instructor

Mathematics and Statistics Bootcamp, University of Southern California (2017)

Teaching Assistant

Mathematics and Statistics Bootcamp, University of Southern California (2016)

Historical Research Methods, University of Southern California (2015)

Guest Lecture

Applied Data Science for International Relations, University of Southern California (2017)

International Organizations, Occidental College (2017)

Invited Presentations

Department of International Relations, Lehigh University, “All Too Human: How Our Nature Leads Human Rights NGOs and Their Donors to Work Together to Create a Better World...for Themselves” (September 2019)

Conference Presentations and Workshop Participation

19. “All Too Human: How Our Nature Leads Human Rights NGOs and Their Donors to Work Together to Create a Better World...for Themselves” World Politics Research Seminar, Indiana University (September 2019)

18. “All Too Human: How Our Nature Leads Human Rights NGOs and Their Donors to Work Together to Create a Better World...for Themselves” American Political Science Association, Washington DC (August 2019)

17. “Productive Pacifists: The Rise of Production-Oriented States and Decline of Territorial Conquest” with Jonathan Markowitz, Benjamin Graham, and Christopher Fariss, American Political Science Association, Washington DC (August 2019)

16. “Does Honest, Rigorous Impact Information Undermine Charity Fundraising?” Behavioral Models of Politics, Penn State University (May 2019)

15. "A Social Signaling Theory of Human Rights NGOs" International Studies Association, Toronto (March 2019)
14. "Academic Freedom on Campus: A PhD Student Perspective" International Studies Association, Toronto (March 2019)
13. "A Social Signaling Theory of Human Rights NGOs" World Politics Research Seminar, Indiana University (March 2019)
12. "Human Rights Triage: Do Human Rights INGOs Advocate Where They Are Most Effective?" Graduate International Relations-International Law Workshop, University of Southern California (December 2018)
11. "Conquering Alone: Rent Addiction and Territorial Conquest" with Jonathan Markowitz, Benjamin Graham, and Christopher Fariss, American Political Science Association, Boston (September 2018)
10. "Human Rights Treaty Obligations and State Commitment" with Wayne Sandholtz, International Studies Association, San Francisco (April 2018)
9. "The Role of NGOs in Drafting Human Rights Treaties: Imprecision or Socialization?" with Barbara Koremenos, International Studies Association, San Francisco (April 2018)
8. "Human Rights Treaty Obligations and State Commitment" with Wayne Sandholtz, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California (March 2018)
7. "Conquering Alone: Rent Addiction and Territorial Conquest" with Jonathan Markowitz, Benjamin Graham, and Christopher Fariss, The Political Economy of Security, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California (January 2018)
6. "Human Rights Treaty Obligations and State Commitment" with Wayne Sandholtz, Northern California International Law Scholars Workshop, University of California Berkeley (September 2017)
5. "Unknown Victims: Amnesty International's Strategic Incentives Against Reporting Human Rights Violations" Center for International Studies, University of Southern California (March 2017)
4. "Unknown Victims: Amnesty International's Strategic Incentives Against Reporting Human Rights Violations" International Studies Association, Baltimore (February 2017)
3. "Human Rights Treaty Obligations and State Commitment" with Wayne Sandholtz, Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, University of Southern California (February 2017)
2. "Unknown Victims: Amnesty International's Strategic Incentives Against Reporting Human Rights Violations" Comparative Sociology Workshop, University of California Irvine (November 2016)
1. "Unknown Victims: Amnesty International's Strategic Incentives Against Reporting Human Rights Violations" American Political Science Association, Philadelphia (September 2016)

Additional Academic Activities

Statistical Consulting, Security and Political Economy Lab, University of Southern California (2017-2018)

Volunteer, International Studies Association West (2016)

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (2015)

Department of Political Science Undergraduate Advisory Board, Indiana University (2013-2014)

Technical Skills

Software and Tools: R, STATA, LaTeX