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| EDUCATION | Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, Massachusetts Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science (expected May 2016) Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations (High Pass, 2012) Dissertation: "Organization <i>and</i> Community: Determinants of Insurgent Military Effectiveness" Committee: Roger Petersen (chair), Barry Posen, Fotini Christia, Lily Tsai Colby College , Waterville, Maine B.A., Government, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (May 2007) Thesis: "It's Not All About July: Understanding Hezbollah's Quest for Deterrence" |
| WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN-PROGRESS | "Fatality Thresholds, Causal Heterogeneity, and Civil War Research: Reconsidering the Link Between Narcotics and Conflict" (co-authored with Noel Anderson). <i>Currently under review at a peer-reviewed journal.</i> "Who Can Keep the Peace? Insurgent Organizational Control of Collective Violence" <i>Currently under review at a peer-reviewed journal.</i> "The Worst Case Scenario? Assessing the Impact of a Complete ISAF Military Withdrawal from Afghanistan." <i>Working paper.</i> |
| ESSAYS AND OPINION PIECES | " A Closer Look at ISIS in Iraq ," with Evan Perkoski (University of Pennsylvania), Political Violence @ a Glance, 16 June 2014. " Insurgent Organizational Structure and the Control of Collective Violence ," <i>Précis</i> , Fall 2013. |
| GRANTS AND AWARDS | 2015-2016 George Washington University Institute for Security and Conflict Studies Predoctoral Research Fellow 2015-2016 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship 2014 Levitan Award for Excellence in Teaching 2013, 2014 MIT Center for International Studies Research Grant 2014 Smith Richardson Foundation World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship 2013 Tobin Project National Security Fellowship 2010-2015 MIT Graduate Fellowship 2007 <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> inductee 2007 <i>Pi Sigma Alpha</i> inductee 2007 Distinction in Government (Colby College) 2007 Albert A. Mavrinac Prize in Government for best original research project 2006 Laurie Peterson Memorial Award in Government 2006 Charles A. Dana Scholar |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , "Political Science Scope and Methods" Fall 2013/2014 With Professor Fotini Christia (MIT) Student Evaluations: 7.0/7.0 |

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| | <i>Graduate Teaching Certificate</i> MIT's Teaching and Learning Laboratory | Spring 2013 |
| RESEARCH EXPERIENCE | Research Assistant, Professor Roger Petersen (MIT) | 2011-2015 |
| | Research Assistant, Professor Fotini Christia (MIT) | 2011, 2013 |
| | Research Assistant, Professor Lily Tsai (MIT) | 2012 |
| | Research Assistant, Professor Guilain Denoux (Colby College) | 2006-2007 |
| | Research Assistant, Professor Peter Ditmanson (Colby College) | 2005 |
| CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS | TISS New Faces Conference (Chapel Hill, NC—October 2015) | |
| | APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA—September 2015) | |
| | ISA Annual Convention (New Orleans, LA—February 2015) | |
| | APSA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC—August 2014) | |
| | Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT (Cambridge, MA—May 2014) | |
| | Harvard-Yale-MIT Conference on Political Violence (New Haven, CT—April 2014) | |
| | ISA Annual Convention (Toronto, Canada—March 2014) | |
| | Tobin Project Graduate Student Forum (Cambridge, MA—October 2013) | |
| | APSA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL—August 2013) | |
| | ISA Annual Convention (San Francisco, CA—April 2013) | |
| | Harvard-Yale-MIT Conference on Political Violence (Cambridge, MA—April 2013) | |
| | Harvard Political Violence Working Group, Harvard (Cambridge, MA, March 2013) | |
| | Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT (Cambridge, MA—November 2012) | |
| | Olympia Summer Seminars Transformation of Conflict, (Olympia, Greece—July 2012) | |
| | Strategic Use of Force Working Group, MIT (Cambridge, MA—November 2011) | |
| | PRIO/MIT Conference on Counterinsurgency and Counterterrorism, MIT (Cambridge, MA—November 2011) | |
| SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS | <i>Manuscript Referee</i> , Journal of Peace Research, International Studies Quarterly <i>Co-Coordinator</i> , MIT-Harvard-Yale Political Violence Conference, April 2015 <i>Coordinator</i> , MIT Political Science Graduate Work in Progress Group, 2012-2013 <i>Member</i> , American Political Science Association <i>Member</i> , International Studies Association <i>Affiliate</i> , MIT Security Studies Program | |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | <i>Manager</i> , Afghanistan and Pakistan Business Development, <i>Chemonics International</i> , Washington, D.C. | 2007-2010 |
| | Traveled to Afghanistan to assist in the development and implementation of United States Agency for International Development programs. | |
| REFERENCES | Roger Petersen, Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science, rpeters@mit.edu Barry Posen, Ford International Professor of Political Science, posen@mit.edu Fotini Christia, Associate Professor of Political Science, cfotini@mit.edu Lily Tsai, Associate Professor of Political Science, l_tsai@mit.edu | |
| ADDITIONAL SKILLS | Proficient French and Elementary Vietnamese. Proficient in R, LaTeX and STATA. | |