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## Current Appointment

Associate Professor of International Affairs (Sept. 2019-present)  
School of Public and International Affairs  
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Associate Dean (July 2024-present)  
School of Public and International Affairs  
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Associate Professor (by courtesy) of Political Science (2019-present)  
Department of Political Science  
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## Previous Appointments

Assistant Professor of International Affairs (Sept. 2011-Aug. 2019)  
School of Public and International Affairs  
University of Pittsburgh

Director, Master of Public and International Affairs Degree Program (July 2020-June 2024)  
School of Public and International Affairs  
University of Pittsburgh

Postdoctoral Scholar (Aug. 2010-July 2011)  
Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation  
University of California, San Diego

## Education

Stanford University  
Ph.D., Political Science (June 2010)  
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics  
Dissertation: *Ethnic Group Rebellion in Civil War*  
Adviser: James D. Fearon

Duke University  
A.B., *with distinction in the discipline*, Political Science (May 2003)  
Honors Thesis: *U.S. Behavior and International Law: Determining Its Influence on the Use of Force against Terrorist States*  
Adviser: Robert O. Keohane

## Fields of Interest

International Security, Ethnic Politics, Political Violence, State-building

## Research

### *Publications*

Wright, Austin L., Luke N. Condra, Jacob N. Shapiro, and Andrew C. Shaver. "Civilian Harm, Wartime Informing, and Counterinsurgent Operations." 2025. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 20 (4): 513-535.

Condra, Luke N. and Austin L. Wright. 2019. "Civilians, Control, and Collaboration during Civil Conflict." *International Studies Quarterly* 63 (4): 897-907.

Condra, Luke N. and Sera Linardi. 2019. "Casual Contact and Ethnic Bias: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan." *The Journal of Politics* 81 (3): 1028-1042.

Condra, Luke N., Michael Callen, Radha K. Iyengar, James D. Long, and Jacob N. Shapiro. 2019. "Damaging Democracy? Security Provision and Turnout in Afghan Elections." *Economics & Politics* 31 (2): 163-193.

Condra, Luke N., Mohammad Isaqzadeh, and Sera Linardi. 2019. "Clerics and Scriptures: Experimentally Disentangling the Influence of Religious Authority in Afghanistan." *British Journal of Political Science* 49 (2): 401-419.

-Co-winner of the 2016 Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for best paper in comparative politics presented at the Midwest Political Science Association's Annual Conference.

Condra, Luke N., James D. Long, Andrew Shaver, and Austin Wright. 2018. "The Logic of Insurgent Electoral Violence." *American Economic Review* 108 (11): 3199-3231.

Condra, Luke N. and Jacob N. Shapiro. 2012. "Who Takes the Blame? The Strategic Effects of Collateral Damage." *American Journal of Political Science* 56 (1): 167-187.

### *Working Papers*

The Economic Legacy of Racial Trauma in the American South (with Daniel B. Jones and Randall P. Walsh). *NBER Working Paper 34523*.

Corruption and Political Mobilization: Evidence from a Natural Experiment (with Austin Wright). Working paper.

Political Consequences of Fear (with Austin Wright). Working paper.

Police Shootings and Citizen Cooperation (with Austin Wright). Working paper.

Insurgent Math: The Impact of Civilian Casualties in the Afghan Insurgency (with Joseph H. Felter, Radha K. Iyengar, and Jacob N. Shapiro). *NBER Working Paper 16152*.

Community Monitors vs. Leakage: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan (with Eli Berman, Michael Callen, Mitch Downey, Tarek Ghani, and Mohammad Isaqzadeh). Working paper.

## Awards and Grants

Hewlett International Grant Program, University of Pittsburgh. “Understanding Why State-Building Succeeds or Fails: The Long-Run Political and Economic Effects of Police Patrols in Colonial-Era Papua New Guinea.” 2022. (\$1,500)

GSPIA Faculty Grant, University of Pittsburgh. “Understanding Why State-Building Succeeds or Fails: The Long-Run Political and Economic Effects of Police Patrols in Colonial-Era Papua New Guinea.” 2022. (\$6,948)

Asia Studies Center Grant, University of Pittsburgh. “Understanding Why State-Building Succeeds or Fails: The Long-Run Political and Economic Effects of Police Patrols in Colonial-Era Papua New Guinea.” 2022. (\$2,000)

Global Studies Center Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh. “Police Shootings and Citizen Cooperation,” 2018. (\$2,000)

Hewlett International Grant Program, University of Pittsburgh. “State-building in Papua New Guinea.” 2018. (\$1,500)

Global Studies Center Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh. “Oil, Revenue Sharing, and Ethnic Group Rebellion in Civil War,” 2016. (\$2,000)

International Growth Centre Small Projects Grant (with Michael Callen, Eli Berman, Tarek Ghani, Mitch Downey, and Mohammad Isaqzadeh). Co-Investigator. “Community Monitoring to Address Leakage in Roads Construction in Afghanistan,” 2015. (£20,000)

Hewlett International Grant Program, University of Pittsburgh. “Explaining Ethnic Conflict in Papua New Guinea,” 2014. (\$1,500)

Global Studies Center Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh. “Explaining Ethnic Conflict in Papua New Guinea,” 2014. (\$2,000)

John G. Bowman Faculty Grant, University of Pittsburgh. “Explaining Ethnic Conflict in Papua New Guinea,” 2014. (\$2,000)

Hewlett International Grant Program, University of Pittsburgh. “Islamic Authority and Counterinsurgency: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” 2013. (\$3,500)

Central Research Development Fund, University of Pittsburgh (with Mohammad Isaqzadeh). Principal Investigator. “Islamic Authority and Counterinsurgency: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” 2012. (\$13,800)

Global Studies Center Faculty Research Grant, University of Pittsburgh. 2012. (\$2,750)

Hewlett International Grant Program (with Burcu Savun). Symposium on Political Violence, University of Pittsburgh. (\$1,500)

International Growth Centre Political Economy Grant (with Rikhil R. Bhavnani). Co-Principal Investigator. “Why People Vote for Corrupt Politicians: Evidence from Survey Experiments in Afghanistan,” 2011. (£8,100)

Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Postdoctoral Scholar, UC-San Diego. 2010-2011.

Center for International Conflict and Resolution Graduate Fellow, Stanford University. 2009-2010.

School of H&S Graduate Research Opportunity Award, Stanford University. 2009. (\$4,996)

Vice Provost for Graduate Education Dissertation Grant, Stanford University. 2007. (\$5,000)

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University. 2004-2009.

Bakke Scholarship, Duke University. 1999-2003.

Alona E. Evans Prize, for Best Paper Submitted in International Law, Duke University. 2003. For "International Law and State Behavior", Senior Honors Thesis.

Alona E. Evans Prize, for Best Paper Submitted in International Law, Duke University. 2001. For "Justifying NATO's Intervention in Kosovo", *The American Undergraduate Journal of Politics & Government* 2, no. 2 (Fall 2002): 36-47.

## Conference Presentations

APSA, 2020. Presentation: "Corruption and Political Mobilization: Evidence from a Natural Experiment."

MPSA, 2019. Presentation: "Scandals and Electoral Accountability: Evidence from Natural Experiment."

MPSA, 2018. Presentation: "Police Shootings and Citizen Cooperation."

Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, Duke University, 2017. Presentation: "Imagined vs. Actual 'Others': An Experiment on Interethnic Giving in Afghanistan."

MPSA, 2016. Presentation: "Imagined vs. Actual 'Others': An Experiment on Interethnic Giving in Afghanistan."

MPSA, 2015. Presentation: "Clerics and Scripture: Experimentally Disentangling the Effect of Religious Authority in Afghanistan."

WPSA, 2015. Presentation: "Clerics and Scripture: Experimentally Disentangling the Effect of Religious Authority in Afghanistan."

ISA, 2015. Presentation: "Clerics and Sermons: An Experiment on the Impact of Religious Authority on Giving in Afghanistan."

APSA, 2013. Presentation: "Let's Make a Deal: Oil, Revenue Sharing, and Ethnic Group Rebellion in Civil War."

ISA, 2013. Presentation: "Protests and Information."

MPSA, 2012. Presentation: "Competition in Insurgent Conflicts: Theory and Evidence from Afghanistan."

APSA, 2011. Presentation: "Perils of the Periphery: Explaining African Ethnic Group Rebellion, 1980-2006."

APSA, 2011. Presentation: "Voting for Corrupt Politicians: Observational and Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan."

Peace Science Society, 2010. Presentation: "A Tale of Two Conflicts: Perils of the Periphery and Inequality's Varying Effect on Ethnic Group Rebellion."

APSA, 2010. Presentation: "A Tale of Two Conflicts: Inequality's Varying Effect on Ethnic Group Rebellion."

APSA, 2010. Presentation: "The Effect of Civilian Casualties in Afghanistan and Iraq."

APSA, 2009. Presentation: "Ethnic Group Rebellion Against the State: Perils of the Periphery." Conference presentation.

APSA, 2009. Presentation: "Who Takes the Blame? The Strategic Effects of Collateral Damage."

APSA, 2008. Presentation: "Why Ethnic Groups Rebel: Inequality, Power, and Opportunity in Civil War."

## Invited Presentations

Political Economy II, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, 2021.  
Presentation: "Civilian Abuse, Wartime Informing, and Counterinsurgent Outcomes."

Political Violence Workshop, Department of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis, 2019. Presentation: "Civilian Abuse and Wartime Informing."

Foreign Imposed Regime Change and American Foreign Policy Speaker Series, Emory University, 2019. Presentation: "Challenges to Post-FIRC Democratization: Insurgent Electoral Violence in Afghanistan."

Global Politics Seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2017. Presentation: "Police Shootings and Citizen Cooperation."

Human Trafficking Data Workshop, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, 2016. Presentation: "Exploring Indicators of Anti-Trafficking Policy Responses."

Order, Conflict, and Violence Workshop, Yale University, 2015. Presentation: "Damaging Democracy? Security Provision and Turnout in Afghan Elections."

Political Economy Workshop, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2015. Presentation: “Clerics and Sermons: An Experiment on the Impact of Religious Authority on Giving in Afghanistan.”

International Relations Colloquium, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2014. Presentation: “Legitimacy and Order in Corrupt Polities: Evidence from Afghanistan.”

RAND Corporation, Pittsburgh, 2013. Presentation: “Legitimacy and Order in Corrupt Polities: Evidence from Afghanistan.”

Workshop on Ethnicity and Conflict, Uppsala University, 2012. Presentation: “Perils of the Periphery: Explaining African Ethnic Group Rebellion, 1980-2006.”

Terrorism, Governance, and Development Conference, UC-San Diego, 2011. Presentation: “Perils of the Periphery: African Ethnic Group Rebellion in Civil War.”

## Teaching

Global Governance/International Affairs. Master’s lecture, University of Pittsburgh, 2011-2023

Intermediate Quantitative Methods. Master’s lecture, University of Pittsburgh, 2011-2013

Order and Violence. PhD and Master’s seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2018-2023

Ethnic Politics. PhD and Master’s seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2012-2019

Economics and Politics of Counterinsurgency. PhD and Master’s seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2013-2015

Ethics and National Security. Master’s seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2014-2019

Human Trafficking. Master’s seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2014, 2017-2018

Civil War and Conflict Resolution. Master’s seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2022

## Refereeing

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Political Opinion Quarterly, Security Studies, U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research, World Politics

## Field Work

Afghanistan (March-April 2010; November 2010; May-June 2011; June 2012; June 2014)  
Papua New Guinea (July-August 2014, July 2023).

