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FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

- International Relations
- International Conflict
- Natural Resource Conflict
- Ethnic Conflict
- Conflict Management
- Civil Wars and Rebel Group Dynamics

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (Political Science), expected Spring 2017. University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.
- B.A. (Double major in Political Science and International Relations), 2011. University of California at Davis, Davis, California.

PUBLICATIONS

- Bryan A. Frederick, Paul R. Hensel, and Christopher Macaulay. "The Issue Correlates of War Territorial Claims Data, 1816-2001." *Journal of Peace Research* (forthcoming 2017).

DISSERTATION

- Title: *Territorial Issue Salience: Escalation, Resources, and Ethnicity*
- Committee: Paul Hensel (chair), Idean Salehyan, Michael Greig, Andrew Enterline

I study the role of issue tangibility in interstate territorial conflict, identifying tangible and intangible factors that contribute to conflict, conflict escalation, and conflict management. Building on previous research that asserts the broad importance of issues in territorial conflict, I construct new hypotheses that disaggregate these measures and analyze the role of issue tangibility in the conflict initiation and escalation processes. I construct hypotheses that contend that intangible issues (such as ethnicity) lead to more conflict escalation over territory compared to tangible issues (such as natural resources) due to domestic political concerns and less material incentives. This is supported by the empirical analysis.

I further devise a series of hypotheses that focuses on the natural resource components of tangible issue salience, disaggregating them and analyzing resource type's impact on conflict initiation and escalation. The results largely confirm the previous findings that natural resources broadly increase the propensity for low level conflict, with minimal or even a dampening effect on severe forms of conflict. I complete the dissertation by examining the ethnic component of

intangible issue salience and how it relates to conflict management. I construct hypotheses that content that the presence of an ethnic or identity component to a territorial claim make successful settlements more intractable and indivisible, and result in fewer compromise and binding settlement outcomes. This is supported in the empirical results, which offer support for the contention that these territorial claims are more difficult to manage. I conclude the dissertation by discussing the policy implications of the findings, and suggesting avenues for future research.

CURRENT RESEARCH AND MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS

“Rebel Political Wings and Post-Conflict Peace Duration” (with Dr. Eric Keels)
Submitted to *Conflict Management and Peace Science*

“Shared Ethnic Groups and Interstate Territorial Conflict” (with Dr. Paul R. Hensel)
Submitted to *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Dr. Paul Hensel, Issue Correlates of War (ICOW) project, University of North Texas. October 2011 – May 2014, January 2015 – current

Research Assistant to Dr. Andrew Enterline Correlates of War project, University of North Texas. August 2014 – December 2015

Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas: August 2013 – May 2015

Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas: August 2014 – December 2014

Research Assistant to Dr. Scott Gartner, University of California at Davis, Davis, CA
January 2011 – June 2011

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Master’s and Doctoral Fellowship (MDF), 2011-2015
From Toulouse Graduate school at University of North Texas
- Graduated with Honors in International Relations, University of California at Davis, May 2011
- Received Honors for service to the International Relations Community at UC Davis for leadership of the UC Davis Model United Nations program, May 2011

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Conflict Escalation and Territorial Issue Salience” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL April 2016

“The Disparity of Representation” with Ron McGauvran presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL April 2016

“Conflict Escalation and Territorial Issue Saliency” presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico January 2016

“Ethnic/Identity Issues and Interstate Territorial Conflict” with Dr. Paul Hensel presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association ISA. New Orleans, LA February 2015

“Ethnic/Identity Issues and Interstate Territorial Conflict” with Dr. Paul Hensel at presented at a meeting of the FLASCO-ISA. Buenos Aires, Argentina July 2014

“Natural Resources and International Conflict,” presented with Dr. Paul Hensel at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. Toronto, ON, Canada March 2014

“Natural Resources and International Conflict,” presented with Dr. Paul Hensel at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society International. Knoxville, TN October 2013

“Imported Power, Arms Races, and Interstate Conflict,” presented with Dr. Andrew Enterline at the annual meeting of the Texas Triangle Conference. College Station, TX March 2013

AWARDS

Master’s and Doctoral Fellow (MDF)

Funding provided by Toulouse Graduate school at University of North Texas

Annual Stipend of \$13,000 plus tuition for a total of four years

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department at University of North Texas.

January 2015 – May 2015

Course: Political Science 2300: Introduction to Political Research, 1 semester, 50 students

Teaching Fellow, Political Science Department at University of North Texas.

August 2014 – December 2014

Course: Political Science 1050: American Government Policies and Processes, 1 semesters, 75 students

Lead Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department at University of North Texas.

January 2014 – May 2014

Course: Political Science 1040: Intro American Government, 1 semester, 500 students

Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department at University of North Texas.

August 2013 – December 2013

Course: Political Science 1040: Intro American Government, 1 semester, 300 students

TEACHING INTERESTS

- International Relations
- International Conflict
- Political Geography

- Resource Conflict
- Ethnic Conflict
- Conflict Management
- American Government

RESEARCH SKILLS

Languages: Native English speaker. Ability to speak, write, and read Spanish. Proficient skill in spoken Japanese.

Statistics: Probability and basic statistics, regression, logit/probit, event history analysis, multi-stage modelling.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of International Studies Association

Member of Peace Science Society

Member of American Political Science Association

Member of Southern Political Science Association

Member of Mid-West Political Science Association

CONFERENCE FUNDING

March 2013

Travel funding for Texas Triangle Conference at Texas A&M, College Station, TX
\$150 provided by department of Political Science and College of Arts and Sciences

March 2014

Travel funding for International Studies Association conference in Toronto, ON, Canada
\$700 provided by department of Political Science and College of Arts and Sciences

February 2015

Travel funding for International Studies Association in New Orleans, LA
\$400 provided by department of Political Science and College of Arts and Sciences

January 2016

Travel funding for Southern Political Science Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico
\$750 provided by department of Political Science and College of Arts and Sciences

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher at San Ramon Valley Unified School District in Danville, CA
May 2012 to present

Teaching Assistant, Peoplelink at U.C. Davis, Davis, CA
June 2011 – July 2011

Teaching English to foreign exchange students, leading foreign exchange students on field trips and other cultural activities.

Summer Intern, Japan Children's Home Intern Program (JCHIP), Mashiki, Kumamoto, Japan
June 2010 – July 2010

Teaching English to Japanese children, caring for them and otherwise assisting with the orphanage (children's home) and its operations.

Census Worker, U.S. Government, Department of Commerce, Davis, CA
January 2010 – August 2010

Conducting door to door interviews to complete census data collection.

REFERENCES

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