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### EDUCATION

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#### University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

- PhD, Political Science, 2004

Dissertation: *The Human Face of Justice: Victims' Responses to South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process*

- MA, Political Science, 1998

Thesis: *Appraising the Past amid Political Transitions*

#### University of Cape Town (Cape Town, South Africa)

Fulbright Scholar (completed coursework for MSocSci, South African and African Studies), February–November 1994

#### Amherst College (Amherst, MA)

BA *summa cum laude*, Interdisciplinary Studies (Social Change and the Political Economy) and Economics, 1990

Honors thesis: *Management, Control, and Separation: The Patterns of Reform in South Africa, 1975–1990*

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### University of Maryland (College Park, MD)

- July 2019–present: Research Professor, Department of Government & Politics
- January 2018–present: Associate Director, Center for International Development and Conflict Management
- June 2012–present: Director, Minor in International Development and Conflict Management
- March 2012–June 2019: Associate Research Professor, Department of Government & Politics
- March 2012–December 2017: Assistant Director, Center for International Development and Conflict Management

#### Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva, Switzerland)

- Autumn 2016, Autumn 2018, Spring 2020: Visiting Professor

#### United States Institute of Peace (Washington, DC)

- July 2010–September 2011: Program Officer/Senior Program Officer, Grant Program

#### University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN)

- September 2009–June 2010: Research Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

#### Stanford University (Stanford, CA)

- September 2005–August 2006: Postdoctoral Scholar, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

#### College of William & Mary (Williamsburg, VA)

- August 2005–July 2010: Assistant Professor, Department of Government, and Affiliated Faculty, African Studies and International Relations Programs

#### University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)

- August 2004–April 2005: Lecturer, Department of Political Science
- August 1998–June 2004 (periodic): Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Science
- May 1997–August 2003 (periodic): Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Department of History, Law School, Center for Political Studies
- May–August 1996: Government Relations Intern, Office of the Vice President for Research

#### Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa)

- August 2001–present: Research Associate
- October 2000–April 2001: Intern

#### The Carter Center (Atlanta, GA)

- May–August 1999: Graduate Assistant, Democracy Program

#### National Economic Research Associates, Inc. (White Plains, NY)

- January–October 1993, November 1994–July 1995: Associate Analyst
- January 1992–December 1992: Research Associate
- July 1990–December 1991: Research Assistant

## CONSULTING PROJECTS

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### **Centre for Sustainable Peace and Development (Cyprus)**

February 2018–May 2018: Assistance with quality assurance on design and implementation of Social Cohesion and Reconciliation (SCORE) surveys in Liberia

### **University of Michigan, Center for Political Studies**

September 2014–August 2015: Data collection and report writing for USAID-funded project on election forensics

### **United States Institute of Peace, Media, Technology & Peacebuilding Program**

August 2013–January 2014: Draft report about the use of new media and technology in social and political mobilization

### **Princeton University, Innovations for Successful Societies Research Program**

November 2011–January 2012: Background report on election-related violence (factors, cross-national data, annotated bibliography, case studies); Analysis of Afrobarometer data on government performance in Nigeria

### **Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (South Africa)**

July–October 2008: Assessment of website summarizing measures of transitional justice implemented around the world

## HONORS & AWARDS

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Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Dataset Award, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2012 [co-recipient with Ken Kollman, Allen Hicken & Daniele Caramani for Constituency-Level Elections Archive (CLEA)]

Visiting Fellowship, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2009-10

Post-Doctoral Scholarship, Center on Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law, Stanford University, 2005-06

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (Political Science), US Department of Education, 1995-99

Fulbright Scholar (South Africa), Institute of International Education, 1994

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (Economics), US Department of Education, 1993 [declined]

## FUNDING FOR BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH

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**UK Department for International Development** (via Action Against Hunger), *Strengthening Data for Nutrition Programme Contract* (February 2017– January 2021): £2,750,000 for project on modeling early risk indicators for acute malnutrition in conflict-affected settings [PI of sub-award (\$1,151,388); co-PI: Paul Huth (Maryland)]

**University of Maryland, University of Maryland – Ulster University Workshop Grant** (March 2016 – February 2017): \$30,000 for development of project on creating a peace event dataset and detailed cityscapes [PI with Brandon Hamber (Ulster)]

**USAID** (via Management Systems International), *USAID 2015-2018 Alert Lists Contract* (August 2015–October 2018): \$721,278 for cross-national analysis of fragility and instability risk, as well as relationship to development aid [PI: Paul Huth]

**US National Science Foundation, Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Science Program Grant** (August 2015–July 2017): \$249,984 to study factors mediating relationship between foreign aid and development outcomes [PI on UMD award (\$31,250); PIs on collaborative award: Ken Kollman (Michigan), Allen Hicken (Michigan), Brian Min (Michigan), Eugenio Arima (Texas), Michael Findley (Texas) & Joel Selway (BYU)]

**US National Science Foundation, Political Science Program Grant** (August 2015–July 2017): \$78,013 to advance and transition Constituency-Level Elections Archive [PI: Ken Kollman; co-PIs: Allen Hicken & David Lublin (American)]

**US Department of Defense, Minerva Initiative Grant** (September 2014–June 2018): \$2,549,460 to study relationship between development aid and resilience to intrastate armed conflict [PI: Paul Huth; co-PI: Kevin Jones (Maryland)]

**US National Science Foundation, INSPIRE Grant** (August 2014–August 2018): \$2,594,533 to study relationship between grievances (measured using social media data) and political instability [PI: Gary LaFree (Maryland); co-PIs: David Cunningham (Maryland), Jennifer Golbeck (Maryland) & George Mohler (Santa Clara)]

**USAID** (via Tetra Tech ARD), *USAID 2014 Alert Lists Contract* (October 2013–December 2014): \$145,428 for cross-national analyses of fragility and instability risk, as well as relationship to development aid [PI: Paul Huth]

**US National Science Foundation, Human & Social Dynamics Program Grant** (November 2006–October 2013): \$682,036 for study of victims' responses to transitional justice in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone [WATJ Project]

**Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, International Cooperation Program Grant** (May–December 2008): \$18,000 for acquisitions and database development of Constituency-Level Elections Archive

**College of William & Mary, Technology Improvement Program Grant** (2006): \$2,000 for equipment on WATJ Project

**College of William & Mary, Faculty Development Grant** (2006): \$5,000 for study on transitional justice in Latin America

**United States Institute of Peace, Solicited Grant** (January 2006–September 2007): \$45,000 for study of victims' responses to transitional justice in Ghana [WATJ Project]

**US Department of Defense**, *Small Group Dynamics Grant* (October 2001–December 2004): \$537,350 to apply agent-based modeling methods to analyze leadership decision-making and coalition dynamics in closed political regimes [PI: Rick Riolo (Michigan); co-PI: Ravi Bhavnani (Michigan)]

**US National Science Foundation**, *US–South Africa Dissertation Enhancement Grant* (August 2001–July 2002): \$10,000 for first wave of survey of apartheid-era victims in the Cape Town area [PI: Jennifer Widner (Michigan), as PhD advisor]

**University of Michigan**, 13 separate grants received from the Department of Political Science, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, and Center for Afro-American & African Studies (1999–2004): overall total of \$25,982 to conduct PhD fieldwork in South Africa, Cape Town survey, training of enumerators, interviews, and follow-up research

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Books**

Backer, David, Ravi Bhavnani & Paul Huth (eds.), *Peace and Conflict 2017*, New York: Routledge, 2017

- Melander, Erik, David Backer & Eric Dunford, “The Geography of Violence from Armed Conflict around the World”
- Backer, David, Jacob Aronson & Paul Huth, “The Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger 2017: A New Methodology and Ranking of States on Future Risks”

Backer, David, Ravi Bhavnani & Paul Huth (eds.), *Peace and Conflict 2016*, New York: Routledge, 2016

- Backer, David and Paul Huth, “The Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger: Ranking States on Future Risks”

Backer, David, Jonathan Wilkenfeld & Paul Huth (eds.), *Peace and Conflict 2014*, Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2014

- Backer, David & Paul Huth, “The Peace and Conflict Instability Ledger: Ranking States on Future Risks”
- Backer, David & Paul Huth, “Global Trends in Armed Conflict, 1946–2012”
- Backer, David, “Special Theme—Disaggregation and the Micro-Dynamics of Conflict and Peacebuilding”

### **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

“Integrating Conflict Event Data” [with Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath & David Cunningham], *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(5) [2019]: 1337-1364

Backer, David & Anupma L. Kulkarni, “Humanizing Transitional Justice: Reflections on the Role of Survey Research in Studying Violent Conflict and its Aftermath,” *Transitional Justice Review* 1(4) [2016]: 185-231

Backer, David & James D. Long, “Electoral and Party System Development in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Oxford Bibliographies*, August 2015, DOI: 10.1093/obo/9780199756223-0126

Backer, David, “Watching a Bargain Unravel? A Panel Study of Victims’ Attitudes about Transitional Justice in Cape Town, South Africa,” *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 4(2) [November 2010]: 443-456

Backer, David, “The Layers of Amnesty: Evidence from Surveys of Victims in Five African Countries,” *Global Studies Review* 5(2) [Fall 2009]

Bhavnani, Ravi, David Backer & Rick Riolo, “Simulating Closed Regimes with Agent-Based Models,” *Complexity* 14(1) [September/October 2008]: 36-44

Backer, David, “Civil Society and Transitional Justice: Possibilities, Patterns and Prospects,” *Journal of Human Rights* 2(3) [September 2003]: 297-313

Backer, David & David Carroll, “NGOs and Constructive Engagement: Promoting Human Rights, Good Governance and the Rule of Law in Liberia,” *International Politics* 38(1) [March 2001]: 1-26

Bhavnani, Ravi & David Backer, “Localized Ethnic Conflict and Genocide: Accounting for Differences in Rwanda and Burundi,” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 44(3) [June 2000]: 283-306

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

“Factoring Transitional Justice into the Quality Peace Equation,” in Madhav Joshi & Peter Wallensteen (eds.), *Understanding Quality Peace: Peacebuilding After Civil War* (New York: Routledge, 2018)

Backer, David, “Cross-National Comparative Analysis,” in Hugo van der Merwe, Victoria Baxter & Audrey Chapman (eds.), *Assessing the Impact of Transitional Justice: Issues for Empirical Research* (Washington, DC: United States Institute of Peace Press, 2009)

Backer, David, “Victims’ Responses to Truth Commissions: Evidence from South Africa,” in Muna Ndulo (ed.), *Security, Reconciliation and Reconstruction: When the Wars End* (London: University College of London Press, 2006)

Olaleye, Wole & David Backer, “NGOs as Agents of Social Stabilization? Trauma Management and Crime Prevention Initiatives in the Southern African Region,” in Oliver Richmond & Henry Carey eds., *Subcontracting Peace: The Challenges of NGO Peacebuilding* (Williston, VT: Ashgate Publishing, 2005)

Backer, David & David Carroll, “NGOs and Constructive Engagement: Promoting Human Rights, Good Governance and the Rule of Law in Liberia,” in Daniel Nelson & Laura Neack (eds.), *Global Society in Transition: An International Politics Reader* (The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 2002)

### ***Papers in Conference Proceedings***

Backer, David, Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo, “A Hybrid Model of Decision-Making Processes in Closed Political Regimes,” in *Agent 2002—A Workshop on Social Agents: Ecology, Exchange and Evolution* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory, 2003)

Backer, David, “The CODEPU Study—A South African Perspective,” in *Truth Commissions: Torture, Reparations and Prevention* (Geneva: Association for the Prevention of Torture, 2003)

### ***Working Papers***

Backer, David, Joseph Lahouchuc & James Long, “Addressing the Post-Election Violence: Micro-Level Perspectives on Transitional Justice in Kenya,” *Oxford Transitional Justice Research Working Paper*, June 16, 2010

Ravi Bhavnani & David Backer, “Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *Afrobarometer Working Paper* #90, September 2007

Backer, David & David Carroll, “The Carter Center in Liberia: Promoting Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Difficult Transitional Settings,” *Carter Center Working Paper*, February 2000

Bhavnani, Ravi & David Backer, “Localized Ethnic Conflict and Genocide: Accounting for Differences,” *Santa Fe Institute Working Paper* #99-08-053, August 1999

### ***Book Reviews***

Backer, David, *Traditional Justice and Reconciliation after Violent Conflict: Learning from African Experiences*, by Luc Huyse & Mark Salter (eds.), *Democratization* 16(5) [December 2009]: 1035-1038

Backer, David, *The Order of Genocide: Race, Power and War in Rwanda*, by Scott Straus, *Taiwan Journal of Democracy* 4(1) [July 2008]: 179-85

Backer, David, *Overcoming Apartheid: Can Truth Reconcile a Divided Nation?* by James Gibson, *Comparative Political Studies* 39(8) [October 2006]: 1157-1161

### ***Government Publications—Credited***

Backer, David, *2013 Alert Lists—Fragility and Risk for Instability: Worldwide Rankings*, Washington, DC: USAID, 2013

### ***Government Publications—Uncredited***

*2018 Alert Lists—Global Assessments of Conflict Vulnerability*, Washington, DC: USAID, 2018 [sole author]

*2017 Alert Lists—Global Assessments of Conflict Vulnerability*, Washington, DC: USAID, 2017 [sole author]

*2016 Alert Lists—Fragility and Risk for Instability: Worldwide Rankings*, Washington, DC: USAID, 2016 [sole author]

*2015 Alert Lists—Fragility and Risk for Instability: Worldwide Rankings*, Washington, DC: USAID, 2015 [sole author]

*2014 Alert Lists—Fragility and Risk for Instability: Worldwide Rankings*, Washington, DC: USAID, 2014 [sole author]

“Extreme Poverty, Fragility, and Armed Conflict,” *USAID Technical Brief*, 2014 [with Paul Huth and Jacob Aronson]

“(Re)Assessing the Relationship between Food Aid and Armed Conflict,” *USAID Technical Brief*, 2014 [with Paul Huth and Jacob Aronson]

“Advancing Early Warning of Mass Atrocities against Civilians,” *USAID Technical Brief*, 2014 [with Paul Huth]

### ***Other Publications***

Backer, David, “Public Radio International’s In-Depth Reporting on Security Issues in Afghanistan and Pakistan,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, July 2011

Backer, David, “Counting the Dead and Wounded: Improving Capacity to Measure the Casualties of Armed Conflict,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, June 2011

Backer, David, “Building Confidence to Enable Peacebuilding: USIP Support for Track II Dialogue,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, May 2011

Backer, David, “A Multimedia Online Atlas of War Crimes in Bosnia-Herzegovina,” *United States Institute of Peace Grant Highlight*, March 2011

Backer, David, “Evaluating Transitional Justice in South Africa from a Victims’ Perspective,” *Journal of the International Institute* 12(2) [Winter 2005]: 8-9

## DATASETS

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Kollman, Ken, Allen Hicken, Daniele Caramani, David Backer, Joel Selway & Fabricio Vasselai, *GeoReferenced Electoral Districts (GRED) v1*: GIS files of constituency maps for 167 elections in 74 countries around the world [\[online\]](#)

Kollman, Ken, Allen Hicken, Daniele Caramani & David Backer, *Constituency-Level Elections Archive (CLEA) v1 – v13*: Latest update has detailed results of 1,900 lower house legislative elections in 168 countries around the world [\[online\]](#)

Backer, David & Anu Kulkarni, *West Africa Transitional Justice Project*. Surveys administered in 2007-08 and 2010 to a total of 3,293 victims of past conflict in Ghana, Liberia (two waves), Nigeria and Sierra Leone

Backer, David, *Political Attitudes of Victims of Human Rights Abuses in the Cape Town Area*. Survey conducted in 2002-03 with 220 victims of gross violations during the apartheid era, 153 of whom were interviewed again in 2008

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### **Book Manuscripts**

*Peace and Conflict 2020*, under contract with Routledge [edited with Ravi Bhavnani & Paul Huth]

*The Arc of Transitional Justice: Surveying Victims' Experiences with Conflict and Post-Conflict Processes in Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and South Africa* [with Anu Kulkarni]

### **Article Manuscripts**

“An Integrated Picture of Conflict” [with Eric Dunford, David Cunningham, Karsten Donnay & Erin McGrath], revise and resubmit at *Journal of Peace Research*

“Empirical Studies of Factors Associated with Child Undernutrition: Highlighting the Evidence about Climate and Conflict Shocks” [with Molly Brown, Trey Billing, Peter White, Kathryn Grace, Shannon Doocy & Paul Huth], conditional acceptance at *Food Security*

“Measuring and Modeling Resilience to Violent Armed Conflict” [with Ravi Bhavnani, Karsten Donnay, Andrew Linke & Trey Billing]

“The Strategic Logic of Targeting of Aid by Rebel Groups During War” [with Michael Findley & Trey Billing]

“Analyzing Subnational Geocoded Data on Development Aid Projects: Standards & Methods” [with Trey Billing, Deniz Cil, Andrew Linke & Daniel Runfola]

“How Conflict Affects the Distribution of Aid: Patterns of Spatio-Temporal Clustering” [with Trey Billing, Roudabeh Kishi & Eric Dunford]

“Distributed or Diverted? Patronage Politics and the Ethno-Regional Distribution of Development Aid” [with Roudabeh Kishi, Trey Billing & Eric Dunford]

“Is Aid Directed Toward Areas of Need? The Influence of Physical, Demographic, and Economic Geography” [with Trey Billing, Eric Dunford & Roudabeh Kishi]

“Anticipating Electoral Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa using Grievance Measures Derived from Social Media” [with Erin McGrath, Eric Dunford, Cody Buntain, Karsten Donnay & David Cunningham]

“Perceptions of Social Distance and Grievance” [with Erin McGrath, Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay & David Cunningham]

“Violence among Victims of Past Conflict: Results from Surveys in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni]

“Trading Justice for Peace? Victims' Attitudes towards Amnesty in Four West African Countries” [with Anu Kulkarni]

“Tradition versus Modernity: Empirical Reflections on the Suitability of Local-Cultural Practices for Transitional Justice” [with Anu Kulkarni]

“Trauma and Efficacy among Survivors of Conflict in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni & Harvey Weinstein]

“What Is and Is Not Transitional Justice? A Taxonomy with Reflections” [with Anu Kulkarni & Brandon Hamber]

## INVITED TALKS

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2018 “Victims' Experiences of Transitional Justice - Conceptualizing and Assessing Impact,” workshop on *Mechanisms for Dealing with the Legacy of Historical Child Abuse*, Ulster University (Northern Ireland).

2017 “Instability Risk Forecasting,” Workshop on *Crisis Forecasting and Instability Modeling*, US Department of State Bureau of Intelligence and Research [with Paul Huth]

“Resilience to Conflict: A New, Integrated, Granular Measure,” Ulster University

2016 “Who Reconciles? Influences on Victims' Reactions to Experiences of Conflict and Trauma,” University of Lausanne

- “Aiding Resilience: The Impact of Foreign Assistance on the Dynamics of Intrastate Armed Conflict,” Economic Development and Stability Working Group, United States Institute of Peace [with Paul Huth, Jacob Aronson & Deniz Cil]
- 2015 “Conceptualizing Justice in Transition & the Mutability of Memory,” conference on *The Politics of Memory: Victimization, Violence and Contested Memories of the Past*, Columbia University
- “Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Patterns among Victims of Past Atrocities in Liberia,” Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva)
- 2014 Strategic Studies Group – Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army [with Paul Huth & Jacob Aronson]
- 2012 “Identifying and Managing Conflict Risks in Post-Conflict States,” Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, US Department of State [with Anu Kulkarni]
- “Transitional Justice in West Africa,” *Development Circle Forum*, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland
- 2011 “Who Reconciles? Influences on Victims’ Reactions to Experiences of Conflict and Trauma,” INCORE & Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster (Northern Ireland)
- “Violence among Victims of Conflict: Results from Surveys in Liberia,” London Transitional Justice Network & School of Oriental and African Studies – University of London
- “Victims Attitudes about Amnesty and Accountability: Evidence from Five African Cases,” Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section, US Department of Justice
- 2010 “Quality Peace: Dealing with Past Violence,” University of Notre Dame
- “Are Amnesties Acceptable and Durable? The Conditional Support among Victims in Five African Countries and Its Implications,” Human Rights Program, Center on Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law, Stanford University
- “Watching the Bargain Unravel? A Panel Study of Victims’ Attitudes about Transitional Justice in Cape Town, South Africa,” Africa Working Group, University of Notre Dame
- “Who Reconciles? Overcoming Past Injustices in Post-Conflict Settings,” Kellogg Institute for International Studies & Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2009 “Understanding Victims’ Justice: Perspectives from Post-Conflict Settings in Africa,” Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- “A New Perspective on the Justice vs. Peace Debate: What Do Victims Think about Amnesty?” class on *Accountability for Gross Violations of Human Rights*, University of Notre Dame Law School
- “Understanding Victims’ Justice: Evidence from Surveys in Five African Countries,” symposium on *Accountability after Mass Atrocity: Latin American and African Examples in Comparative Perspective*, George Mason University
- “The Impact of Transitional Justice Interventions on Post-Conflict Development Processes in West Africa,” Harrison Program, University of Maryland
- 2008 “Elections and Conflict in Sub-Saharan Africa,” Reves Center for International Studies, College of William & Mary
- 2006 “Assessing the Implications of Transitional Justice Processes: Evidence from South Africa,” Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Stanford University
- 2004 “Exit, Voice and Loyalty in Transitional Justice Processes: Evidence on Victims’ Responses to South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission,” symposium on *Security, Reconciliation and Reconstruction: When the Wars End*, Cornell University
- 2003 “The Human Face of Justice: Survivors’ Perspectives on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process in South Africa,” Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (South Africa)
- “Electoral Laws under Extreme Conditions: The Case of Africa,” *Democracy Seminar Series*, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (South Africa)
- 2002 “The CODEPU Study—A South African Perspective,” symposium on *Truth Commissions: Torture, Reparations and Prevention*, Mexico City
- 1999 “When Normative and Practical Collide in the Breach: Assessing the Contributions of NGOs to the Rule of Law in Liberia,” workshop on *Nongovernmental Organizations and the Rule of Law*, Georgia State University [with David Carroll]

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020	<i>American Meteorological Society</i>	“Impact of Climate Shocks and Conflict Events on Acute Malnutrition in Children Under Five” [with Molly Brown & Kathryn Grace]
2019	<i>American Geophysical Union</i>	“Modeling Climate and Conflict Shocks on Acute Malnutrition in Children” [with Molly Brown, Trey Billing & Kathryn Grace]
2018	<i>American Geophysical Union</i>	“Integrating Climate Shocks and Climate into Malnutrition Research and Decision Making” [with Molly Brown, Peter White, Kathryn Grace, Paul Huth & Shannon Doocy]
2017	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Modeling Resilience to Violent Conflict” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Karsten Donnay] “The Strategic Logic of Targeting of Aid by Rebel Groups During War” [with Michael Findley] “Analyzing Subnational Geocoded Data on Development Aid Projects: Standards & Methods” [with Trey Billing, Deniz Cil, Andrew Linke & Karsten Donnay] “How Conflict Affects the Distribution of Aid: Patterns of Spatio-Temporal Clustering” [with Trey Billing, Roudabeh Kishi, Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay & Andrew Linke] “Distributed or Diverted? Patronage Politics and the Ethno-Regional Distribution of Development Aid” [with Roudabeh Kishi, Trey Billing & Eric Dunford] “Is Aid Directed Toward Areas of Need? The Influence of Physical, Demographic, and Economic Geography” [with Trey Billing, Eric Dunford & Roudabeh Kishi] “Measuring Resilience to Intrastate Armed Conflict” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Karsten Donnay] “Grievance and Electoral Political Instability in Sub-Saharan Africa” [with Erin McGrath, Eric Dunford, Cody Buntain, Karsten Donnay and David Cunningham] “Short Course—Tools & Best Practices for Integration of Spatial Data” [with Karsten Donnay, Andrew Linke, Eric Dunford, Erin McGrath, and David Cunningham]
	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“Explaining Electoral Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa using Grievance Measures Derived from Social Media” [with Erin McGrath, Eric Dunford & David Cunningham] “Conflict Diffusion Revisited: Studying the Spatiotemporal Interdependence of Non-Violent and Violent Conflict Events” [with Karsten Donnay, Eric Dunford, David Cunningham & Erin McGrath] “An Integrated Approach to Modeling the Relationship between Development Aid and Intrastate Armed Conflict” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Karsten Donnay]
2016	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Perceptions of Social Distance and Grievance” [with Erin McGrath, Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay & David Cunningham] “Integrating African Conflict Event Datasets” [with Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay, Erin McGrath & David Cunningham]
	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	“An Aggregation of Geo-coded Violent and Non-violent Conflict Events” [with Eric Dunford, Karsten Donnay, Erin McGrath & David Cunningham]
	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“Needs of Peace: Individual-Level Perspectives from Post-Conflict Societies” [with Anu Kulkarni] “A Micro-Level Study of the Relationship between Crime and Immigration” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Karsten Donnay]
2014	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“Who Reconciles? Influences on Victims’ Reactions to Experiences of Conflict and Trauma” [with Anu Kulkarni]
2013	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“From Victims to Citizens? A Micro-Level Analysis of Transitional Justice and the Development of Democracy in Post-Conflict West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“Conceptualizing Justice in Transition: Exploring the Understandings of Human Rights Victims and Their Sources” “The Arc of Transitional Justice: Violent Conflict, Its Victims and Pursuing Redress in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni]
2012	<i>African Studies Association</i>	“The Arc of Transitional Justice: Violent Conflict, Its Victims and Pursuing Redress in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>Transitional Justice - Transitions in/to Democracy</i>	“From Victims to Citizens? A Micro-Level Analysis of Transitional Justice and the Development of Democracy in Post-Conflict West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni]

	<i>Law &amp; Society Association</i>	“Accountability on Trial: Tracing the Evolution of Transitional Justice Practice in Post-Conflict Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>World Society Of Victimology</i>	“The Arc of Transitional Justice: Violent Conflict, Its Victims and Pursuing Redress in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] “Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Accounting for Patterns among Victims of War in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“Investigating Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Accounting for Patterns among Victims of Past Atrocities in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni]
2011	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Investigating Post-Conflict Violence at the Micro Level: Accounting for Patterns among Victims of Past Atrocities in Liberia” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>Law &amp; Society Association</i>	“Amnesty for Serious Human Rights Violations? Complex Perspectives from a Survey of Victims in Four West African States with Legacies of Conflict” [with Anu Kulkarni]
2010	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Trading Justice for Peace? A Study of Victims’ Attitudes towards Amnesty in Four West African Countries” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	“A New Perspective on the Justice vs. Peace Debate: What Do Victims Think About Amnesty?” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>Western Political Science Association</i>	“The Subtleties of Victims’ Attitudes toward Amnesty: Evidence from a Four-Country Study in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni] “The Evolution of Victims’ Responses to South Africa’s Transitional Justice Process: A Panel Study in the Cape Town Area”
2009	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Trauma and Efficacy: The Impact of Transitional Justice Interventions on Post-Conflict Development Processes in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni & Harvey Weinstein]
	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“Trauma and Efficacy: The Impact of Transitional Justice Interventions on Post-Conflict Development Processes in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni & Harvey Weinstein]
2008	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“The West Africa Transitional Justice Project: Priorities, Preferences and Evaluations of Victims in Ghana and Sierra Leone” [with Anu Kulkarni]
	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“The Nature and Implications of Victims’ Responses to Transitional Justice: A Comparative Study in West Africa” [with Anu Kulkarni]
2007	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa” [with Ravi Bhavnani]
	<i>The Microfoundations of Mass Behavior in Sub-Saharan Africa</i>	“Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa” [with Ravi Bhavnani]
2006	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Comparing the Attitudes of Victims and the General Public toward South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process”
	<i>International Studies Association</i>	“Using Agent-Based Models to Explore Alliance Dynamics in Closed Political Regimes” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo]
2005	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“The Active Management of Closed Regimes: An Agent-Based Model of Alliance Politics with Applications to Syria” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo]
	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	“Comparing the Attitudes of Victims and the General Public toward South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process”
2004	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Exit, Voice and Loyalty in Transitional Justice Processes: Evidence on Victims’ Responses to South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission” “Alliance Politics within Closed Regimes: Modeling the 1949 Coups in Syria” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo]
2003	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“The Human Face of Justice: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process in South Africa” “Participation and Alienation: The Truth and Reconciliation Process in South Africa and Its Impact on the Political Attitudes of Victims”
	<i>International Political Science Association</i>	“The Human Face of Justice: Survivors’ Perspective on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Process in South Africa”
	<i>Central &amp; East European International Studies Association</i>	“A Landscape Model of Decision-Making in Closed Political Regimes” [with Ravi Bhavnani & Rick Riolo]



	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	“Electoral Laws under Extreme Conditions: The Case of Africa” [with Ken Kollman]
2002	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	“South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its Impact on the Political Attitudes of Victims of Gross Human Rights Violations”
	<i>American Psychological Association</i>	“Forgiveness among Victims of Political Violence: Evidence from South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Process” [with Jeffrey Sonis, Hugo van der Merwe, Cyril Adonis & Hlaha Masitha]
	<i>Social Agents: Ecology, Exchange and Evolution</i>	“A Hybrid Model of Decision-Making Processes in Closed Political Regimes” [with Ravi Bhavnani and Rick Riolo]
	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	“Reconstructing Societies after War: NGO Initiatives in the Southern African Region” [with Wole Olaleye]
		“The Nexus between Local and National Politics: Electoral Competition and Party System Development in Sub-Saharan Africa” [with Ken Kollman]
2001	<i>International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies</i>	“Survivor Perspectives on South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Voices from Focus Groups” [with Jeffrey Sonis, Hugo van der Merwe, Nomusa Nkambule & Hlaha Masitha]
2000	<i>Midwest Political Science Association</i>	“Developing a Methodology for Assessing the Effects of Transitional Justice”
		“The Puzzling Persistence of Semi-Permanent Refugee Camps: Analyzing Humanitarian Crises Using Bargaining Models” [with Devra Coren]
1998	<i>American Political Science Association</i>	“Localized Ethnic Conflict and Genocide: Accounting for Differences in Rwanda and Burundi” [with Ravi Bhavnani]

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### ***Department of International Relations & Political Science, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies***

Designing & Conducting Field Research (RISP098), Spring 2020  
 Designing & Conducting Field Research (RISP098), Autumn 2018  
 Reconciliation in Conflict-Affected Settings (RISP087), Autumn 2016

##### ***Department of Government & Politics, University of Maryland***

Special Topics: Geographies of Conflict and Development (Government & Politics 368J), Spring 2015 [with Paul Huth]

##### ***Department of Government, College of William & Mary***

Human Rights (Government 150W), Spring 2009  
 Introduction to Comparative Politics (Government 203), Spring 2009  
 Politics in Africa (Government 337), Spring 2008  
 Transitional Justice (Government 150W), Fall 2006, Fall 2007

##### ***Department of Political Science, University of Michigan***

Conflict, Crisis & Contestation in Africa (Political Science 389), Winter 2005  
 Comparative Democratization (Political Science 497), Winter 2005  
 Human Rights in Theory & Practice (Political Science 389), Spring 2004, (Political Science 489) Fall 2004

#### STUDENT SUPERVISION & MENTORSHIP

##### ***University of Maryland***

Michael Cowan, Graduate Student Research Assistant, 2020-present  
 Brandon Ives, Graduate Student Research Assistant, 2018-2019  
 Trey Billing, Graduate Student Research Assistant, 2017-present  
 Peter White, Post-Doctoral Scholar, 2016-2018  
 Eric Dunford, Graduate Student Research Assistant, 2015-2018  
 Karsten Donnay, Post-Doctoral Scholar, 2014-2017

##### ***Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies***

Buğra Güngör, PhD, International Relations & Political Science, due to graduate in 2021  
 Dominika Ornatowska, PhD, International Relations & Political Science, due to defend in 2020  
 Berfu Kiziltan, PhD, International Relations & Political Science, due to defend in 2020  
 Anca Paducel, PhD, International Relations & Political Science, 2017 [International Organization on Migration]

## TRAINING EXPERIENCE

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“Tools & Best Practices for Integration of Spatial Data,” Short Course at Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 30, 2017 [with Karsten Donnay (University of Konstanz, Germany), Andrew Linke (Utah), Eric Dunford (Maryland), Erin McGrath (Maryland) & David Cunningham (Maryland)]

- Participants: 20+ scholars from US and other countries

“Workshop on Security Studies,” Programme Doctoral en Science Politique, Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, October 19-20, 2012 [with Ravi Bhavnani (Graduate Institute, Geneva) & Karsten Donnay (ETH Zurich)]

- Participants: Eight graduate students from India, Canada, and Switzerland

“Goals, Methods, & Ethics of Research on Victims of Conflict,” organized as part of West Africa Transitional Justice Project [with Anu Kulkarni]

- Monrovia, Liberia, March 27-31, 2010: local partners, research manager, and 35 survey enumerators
- Abuja, Nigeria: March 8-11, 2008: local partners, research manager, and 13 survey enumerators
- Accra, Ghana, April 23-26, 2007: local partners, research manager, and 15 survey enumerators
- Freetown, Sierra Leone, April 17-20, 2007: local partners, research manager, and 15 survey enumerators
- Monrovia, Liberia, March 19-22, 2007: local partners, research manager, and 26 survey enumerators

“Goals, Methods, & Ethics of Research on Victims of Conflict,” organized as part of South Africa TRC Project

- Cape Town, June 5, 2008: local partners; research manager; 7 survey enumerators
- Cape Town, November 15-16, 2002: local partners; research manager; 8 survey enumerators

“Practicum on Writing for Scholarly Publications,” organized by the *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, Stellenbosch, South Africa, May 30–June 1, 2008 [with Susan Dwyer (Maryland) & Roy Gutman (McClatchy Newspapers)]

- 6 journal fellows from Cambodia, East Timor, Liberia, Peru, Sri Lanka, and Uganda

“Capacity-Building Workshop on Evaluating the Transitional Justice Process in Sierra Leone,” organized by the African Transitional Justice Research Network, Freetown, Sierra Leone, March 15–18, 2008 [with Chris Dolan and Moses Okello (RLP, Uganda)]

- 30 representatives of local civil society organizations, government, UNIOSIL, and academia

“Capacity-Building Workshop on Transitional Justice Advocacy for Liberian Civil Society,” organized by the Center for Democratic Empowerment (Liberia) and the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (South Africa), Gbarnga, Liberia, March 5–7, 2007 [with Ezekiel Pajibo (CEDE, Liberia) and Carnita Ernest (CSV, South Africa)]

- 18 representatives of local civil society organizations and media

“Capacity-Building Workshop on Furthering Objectives of Transitional Justice through Research,” organized by African Transitional Justice Research Network, Monrovia, Liberia, June 26–28, 2006 [with Nahla Valji and Carnita Ernest (CSV, South Africa), Moses Okello (RLP, Uganda), Franklin Oduro (CDD-Ghana) & Victoria Baxter (AAAS, US)]

- 15 representatives of local civil society organizations

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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### *University of Maryland*

Promotion Committee Member, Professor Stacy Kosko, 2019

Review Committee Member, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, 2018

Search Committee Member, Postdoctoral Fellow in Computational Social Science, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, 2015

Participant, Delegation to University College Dublin (Ireland) and University of Ulster (Northern Ireland) [with VP for Research, VP for International Affairs, and Professor Stephen Thomas (School of Public Health)], 2014

Reviewer, Maryland Summer Scholars Program, Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research, 2014

Reviewer, Nominations for Carnegie Junior Fellows Program, Maryland Center for Undergraduate Research, 2013

Application Committee, Global Communities Program, 2013

### *College of William & Mary*

Search Committee Member, Tenure-Track Faculty Position in Africana Studies, 2009

Search Committee Member, Tenure-Track Faculty Position in Middle East & North African Politics, 2006

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### ***Collaborative Initiatives***

Co-Director, West Africa Transitional Justice Project, 2005–present  
Co-Founder & Co-Director, Constituency-Level Elections Archive, 2007–present  
Member, AidData Research Consortium

### ***Publication Administration***

Member, Board of Editors, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, 2006–present

### ***Reviewer - Journals***

<i>African Journal of Political Science and International Relations</i>	<i>International Journal of Transitional Justice</i>	<i>Journal of Politics</i>
<i>American Political Science Review</i>	<i>International Studies Perspectives</i>	<i>Law &amp; Society Review</i>
<i>British Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>	<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>
<i>Comparative Political Studies</i>	<i>International Studies Review</i>	<i>Nature</i>
<i>Conflict Management &amp; Peace Science</i>	<i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>	<i>Political Geography</i>
<i>Ethics &amp; International Affairs</i>	<i>Journal of Historical Sociology</i>	<i>Politics &amp; Gender</i>
<i>Global Change, Peace &amp; Security</i>	<i>Journal of Human Rights</i>	<i>Taiwan Journal of Democracy</i>
<i>Human Rights Review</i>	<i>Journal of Peacebuilding &amp; Development</i>	<i>Transitional Justice Review</i>
<i>International Journal of Conflict Engagement and Resolution</i>	<i>Journal of Peace Research</i>	<i>World Politics</i>

### ***Reviewer - Publishers***

Cambridge University Press  
Palgrave Macmillan  
Routledge  
University of Notre Dame Press

### ***Reviewer - Funders***

American Political Science Association: Small Research Grant Program  
Irish Research Council  
South Africa National Research Foundation  
US Institute of Peace: Unsolicited Grant Initiative; Peace Scholars  
US National Science Foundation: Political Science Program Research Grants

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Canada, France, **Ghana**, Greece, India, Ireland, **Liberia**, Mexico, Netherlands, **Nigeria**, **Sierra Leone**, **South Africa**, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland) [conducted field research in all countries in bold]