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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation: "A Composite Theory and Practical Model of Forced Displacement," Deposited 13 May 2007
Committee Chair: Paul F. Diehl
- 2004 M.A., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Primary Field: International Relations, Africa Emphasis
Secondary Field: Comparative Politics
- 2001 B.S., Cum Laude, The Florida State University:
Double Major: Political Science & International Affairs
- 2001 B.A., Cum Laude, The Florida State University:
Major: Philosophy with Biological Sciences Minor

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2006 Graduate Teaching Certification, UIUC
- 2005 DIS: Human Trafficking Across International Borders, University of Illinois
- 2004 Complex Adaptive Systems Program, Argonne Laboratory, United States
Department of Energy, Chicago, IL
- 2003/04 Participant, Junior-Masters Program, Merriam Lab for Analytical Political
Research, Urbana, IL
- 2003 CIC Traveling Scholar: University of Michigan, Interuniversity Consortium
for Political and Social Research

PROFESSIONAL and RESEARCH INTERESTS

Violent Political Conflict and Conflict Resolution
Forced Displacement and Complex Humanitarian Crises
Insurgency
Relief and Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager, Science for Human Rights

Amnesty International USA, March 2008-Current

Responsibilities: Management of a \$1.6m grant-supported project using advancing geospatial and other technologies in the monitoring and prevention of human rights abuses; research and policy support for AIUSA's crisis response and conflict prevention mechanisms; research and policy support for AIUSA's Africa work

Adjunct Professor, The George Washington University

Elliot School of International Affairs, Washington, DC

State, Society, and Development in Africa, Fall 2009 (Graduate Level)

Adjunct Professor, American University

School of International Service, Washington, DC

Conflict in Africa, Fall 2008 (Graduate Level)

Human Rights, Spring 2009

Adjunct Professor

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, Washington, DC

Ethnic Conflict & Civil War: Causes, Consequences, & Solutions, Summer 2008

Violent Political Conflict, Fall 2008

Human Rights: Research, Monitoring, and Enforcement, Spring 2009

International Human Rights, Summer 2009

Conflict, Violence, and War, Summer 2009

Consultant, Anti-Human Trafficking Resource Development

Southeastern Network of Children and Family Services, May-November 2008

Responsibilities: Development of training and technical assistance materials as requested; provided feedback to SEN essential for the continued provision of effective services to assigned agency clients (local social service providers)

Country Specialist and Country Action Program Coordinator for Sudan

Amnesty International USA, February 2004-February 2008

Responsibilities: Research and analysis on ground conditions in Sudan and surrounding states for use by all AIUSA programs and departments; research and policy development; coordinating day-to-day operations of the Sudan Country Action Program; advising country specialist to the East Africa coordination-group, the Darfur Stop Violence Against Women campaign, and the Darfur crisis response team.

Senior Researcher and Projects Manager

The Center for Democracy and Human Rights in Saudi Arabia, May-November 2007

Responsibilities: Research on civil and political conditions and gender-based violence in Saudi Arabia; creation and management of advocacy projects; grant writing; media relations and external communications; research and policy

Acting Government Relations and Advocacy Director for Africa,

Amnesty International USA, August/September, 2006

Responsibilities: Acting US Government Relations and Advocacy Director for Africa

Independent Instructor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Department of Political Science

Introduction to Political Science, Summer, 2006

Introduction to International Relations, Summer, 2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, continued

Gender Projects Manager

Coordinated Effort for the Reporting of Rights Violations, May 2003-November 2004

Responsibilities: Research and analysis on country-specific gender-based violence; external communications; grant writing and development; volunteer coordination

Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Department of Political Science

American Government, Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, and Spring 2004

Introduction to Political Science, Fall 2005

Executive Director, Florida Young Democratic Caucus

The Florida Democratic Party, March 2000-March 2002

Responsibilities: Managing daily operations of the caucus; budget management; fundraising; external communications and media.

Staff Researcher, Senate Victory 2000

The Florida Democratic Party, October 1999-December 2000

Responsibilities: Donor research; intern coordination

BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS, and RESEARCH

The Chaos of Forced Migration: A Modeling Means to a Humanitarian End. 2009.

Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Verlag Publishing

“The Use of Computational Tools in Predicting and Assessing Forced Displacement”

(2008) *Journal of Refugee Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 3, pp. 347-359

“Accounting for the Unaccounted: Weak-Actor Social Structure in Asymmetric Wars”

with Mike Findley, (2007) *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 51, No. 3, pp. 583-606

“Desertification in Darfur: Weighing the Benefits of International Development and the

Risks of Social Breakdown in Environmental Migration” *Forced Migration Review*,

Issue 31, October 2008

Review of *The Refugee in International Society: Between Sovereigns* by Emma Haddad,

Political Science Quarterly, forthcoming

“Satellite Image Feature Extraction in Darfur: Practical Geospatial Applications in the

Documentation of Human Rights Abuses” with John Sulik. Under Review,

International Journal of Remote Sensing

“Network Facility Location for Introduction of Relief Aid in Darfur: Selecting Air-drop

Sites for Optimal Relief Distribution” with John Sulik & Charles Layman, American

Association of Geographers Annual Meeting 2008, Boston

“Counterfactuals in Advocacy: Measuring NGO Signaling Effects on Regime

Counterinsurgency Behavior” with John Sulik (In Progress)

“Unseen Audiences Effects on Conflict Duration: Human Rights Advocacy and Conflict

in Sudan” with Alexandra Budabin (In progress)

“Preventing Durable Solutions as a Weapon of War: Government Sponsored Land Grabs

in Sudan” (In Progress)

PUBLICATIONS and RESEARCH, continued

“Revisiting Conclusions about Forced Displacement: Limitations in Cross Sectional Time Series Displacement Data in Political Science” (In Progress)

“My Enemy’s Enemy: Cooperative Arrangements Among Groups Engaged in Intra-State Conflict” Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2004, Chicago

“Negotiation and Implementation of Peace Agreements: A Model of the Influence of Extremist Preferences, Attitudes, and Power” (In progress)

“Advanced Social Science Methodology in Human Rights Monitoring and Advocacy” (Book manuscript, in progress)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/SERVICE

Peer Reviewer, *International Interactions*, 2009

Member, Country Specialist Steering Committee, Amnesty International, USA
August 2007-Current

Contributing Country Specialist to the Somalia Workgroup, Amnesty International
January 2007-Current

International Relations Departmental Area Committee Member, UIUC
August 2004-July 2005

Formal Theory & Empirics Departmental Area Committee Member, UIUC
August 2002-July 2004

Charles Merriam Fellow, Department of Political Science, UIUC
August 2002-May 2004