

Megan A. Stewart

Curriculum Vitae

American University
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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University, August 2017-Present

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Politics Department, University of Virginia, 2016-2017

Brookings Institute Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, 2015-2016

Education

Ph.D., Government, Georgetown University, 2016

Dissertation (Defended with Distinction): "The Determinants of Rebel Public Goods Provision."

2018 Winner for Walter Isard Best Dissertation in Peace Science (Peace Science Society)

Committee: Daniel Byman (chair), Desha Girod, Daniel Nexon

M.A. in passing, Government, Georgetown University, 2012

Fields: International Relations, Methodology

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Politics and Journalism, New York University, 2010

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Flynn, D.J. and **Megan A. Stewart**. "Secessionist Social Services Reduce the Public Costs of Civilian Killings: Experimental Evidence from the United States and United Kingdom." 2018. *Research & Politics*. 5(4): 2053168018810077.

Stewart, Megan A. "Civil War as State-Making: Strategic Governance in Civil War." 2018. *International Organization*. 72(1): 205-226.

Honorable Mention: Best Paper Award (2016), APSA Conflict Processes Section

Stewart, Megan A. and Yu-Ming Liou. "Do Good Borders Make Good Rebels? Foreign Territorial Control and Civilian Casualties." 2017. *Journal of Politics*. (79)1: 284-301.

Girod, Desha M., **Megan A. Stewart** and Meir R. Walters "Mass Protests and the Resource Curse: The Politics of Demobilization in Rentier Autocracies." 2016. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. doi: 10.1177/0738894216651826

In Review or Revision

Nedal, Dani, **Megan A. Stewart** and Michael Weintraub. "Urban Concentration and Civil Wars: Population Distribution and Civil War Intensity." (*Revise and Resubmit*).

Mampilly, Zachariah and **Megan A. Stewart**. "Rebel Political Institutions." (*Revise and Resubmit*).

Stewart, Megan A. and Karin E. Kitchens. "Statebuilding, Violence and Social Order: the Legacies of the U.S. Civil War." (*Revise and Resubmit*).

Conrad, Justin, Liana Reyes-Reardon and **Megan A. Stewart**. "Rebel Resource Extraction and Healthcare: Strategic Incentives for Social Service Provision." (*Under review*).

Stewart, Megan A. *Governing for Revolution*. Book Manuscript. (*Under review*).

Works in Progress

Megan A. Stewart. "The Islamic State as a Revolutionary Rebel Group: Contextualizing IS' Governance and Violence in a Global Historical Context." Book Chapter for *Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies* Edited by Melani Cammett and Pauline Moore.

Sechser, Todd S. and **Megan A. Stewart**. "Pro-Social Behavior, Violence and Gender: Evidence from Four Experiments."

Megan A. Stewart and Calvin Ellison. "Colonial Rule and the Emergence of Revolutionary Rebel Groups."

Adelstein, Shirley and Alexis Henshaw and **Megan A. Stewart**. "Women in War: The Post-Conflict Consequences of Women's Participation in Civil War."

Book Reviews

Review of "Return of the Barbarians: Confronting Non-State Actors from Ancient Rome to the Present" by Jakub Grygiel. *H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews*. January 2019.

Policy and Media Publications

"In Search of Recruits, Neo-Nazis Turn to Islamists' Social Service Provision." *Political Violence at a Glance*. 30 January 2018.

"Beyond the State: Ordering as a Scalable Process." *International Studies Quarterly* Online Symposium on: *Comparing International Systems in World History: Anarchy, Hierarchy, and Culture*. (2017).

"The Islamic State: Caliphate Interrupted, but not Defeated." *Sustainable Security*. Oxford Research Group. 25 August 2017.

"The Legacy of Reconstruction and Occupation After the US Civil War." *Political Violence at a Glance*. 15 August 2017.

"THE GOVERNANCE NEXUS: Surveying the Research on Violent Extremism, Governance Failures, and the Quest for Political Legitimacy." *United States Institute of Peace*. Resolve Network. (2017)

“Trump’s plan for Syria safe zones could put civilians at even more risk.” *Washington Post’s The Monkey Cage* blog. 23 February 2017.

“The Global-Theater Security Cooperation Management Information System: Assessment and Implications for Strategic Users.” *RAND Report RR-1680-DSCA*.

“Why the Islamic State is so Bad at Being a State.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. 22 December 2015.

“What’s So New About the Islamic State’s Governance?” *Project on Middle East Political Science, POMEPS Studies* 9, October, 2014. Also featured in an October 7, 2014 post on the *Monkey Cage*.

“Case Study on Rwandan Genocide,” Political Instability Task Force Casebook on Genocide.

“Case Study on Haitian Political Violence (1991-1994),” Political Instability Task Force Casebook on Genocide.

Grants, Scholarships, and Other Awards

Walter Isard Dissertation Award, Peace Science Society (2018)

Dean’s Summer Research Award (DSRA), American University (2017)

Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award, APSA Conflict Processes Section (2016)

Dickey Center Post-Doctoral Fellowship 2016-2017 (Declined)

Graduate School Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University, 2015 (\$5,000)

Qualtrics Behavioral Research Grant [with DJ Flynn] (\$2,520)

Edwin J. Beinecke, Jr. Scholarship in International Affairs, Harry Truman Foundation, 2015-2016 (\$2,500)

Summer Research Award, Georgetown University, 2014 (\$5,000)

Finalist, Primary Investigator for Minerva Research Grant, FY 2013 (\$227,903)

Summer Methods Training Grant (\$3,000), Georgetown University, Spring 2012

Phi Beta Kappa, Spring 2010

John Peter Zenger Excellence in Writing Award, New York University, Spring 2010

June Schlesinger Katz International Research Scholar Award (\$1,750), New York University, Winter 2010

Presidential Honors Scholar, New York University, 2007-2010

Invited Presentations

Syracuse University, September 2019 (*Scheduled*).

Presentation: TBD

UC Santa Barbara, May 2019

Presentation: “Governing for Revolution”

Upsalla University, May 2018.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Online Peace Science Consortium, October 2017.

Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions"

SUNY Binghamton, September 2017.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Political Violence Workshop, American University, September 2017.

Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions"

DC-Area International Relations Workshop, Georgetown University, May 2017.

Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions"

Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Working Group, University of Virginia, April 2017.

Presentation: "Women in War: The Post-Conflict Consequences of Women's Participation in Civil War"

Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia, April 2017.

Presentation: "Pro-Social Behavior, Violence and Gender: Evidence from Four Experiments"

GUITARS, Georgetown University, November 2016.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference, Notre Dame, June 2016.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Workshop on Conceptualizing Women Combatants, American University, May 2016.

Paper Presentation: "Civil War, Women and Post-Conflict Development"

Yale University Order, Conflict and Violence Workshop, February 2016.

Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building"

Geneva Call and Protect Education in Insecurity and Armed Conflict, "Education and Armed Non-State Actors: Towards a Comprehensive Agenda" Workshop, June 2015

American University Political Violence Research Workshop, March 2015

Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building: The Causes of Rebel Public Goods Provision"

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, October 2014

"Introduction to R."

CRITICS, Georgetown University, April 2014

Paper Presentation with Desha Girod: "Repression and Backlash: Evidence from a Global Data Set."

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, October 2013

"Introduction to R."

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, December 2012

"Non-Parametric Models, The Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test."

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association, August-September 2019

Paper Presentations: "The Colonial Origins of Revolutionary Rebel Groups" [with Calvin Elison]; "Violence, Gender and Pro-Social Behavior" [with Todd Sechser]

International Studies Association-South, July-August 2019

Paper Presentation: "The Colonial Origins of Revolutionary Rebel Groups" [with Calvin Elison]

European Political Science Association, June 2019

Paper Presentation: "Statebuilding, Violence and Social Order: the Legacies of the U.S. Civil War" [with Karin Kitchens]

International Studies Association, March 2019

Paper Presentation: "Statebuilding, Violence and Social Order: the Legacies of the U.S. Civil War" [with Karin Kitchens]

Conflict Research Society, September 2018

Paper Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions" [with Karin Kitchens]

ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference, October 2017

Paper Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions" [with Karin Kitchens]

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August-September 2017

Paper Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions" [with Karin Kitchens]

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 2017

Paper Presentation: "International Legitimacy and Secessionism: Evidence from a Survey Experiment." [with D.J. Flynn]

Peace Science Society Conference, October 2016

Paper Presentation: "How Do Rebel Groups Gain Support? Evidence from Survey Experiments in the U.S. and India."

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2016

Paper Presentation: "How Do Rebel Groups Gain Support? Evidence from Survey Experiments in the U.S. and India."

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2016

Paper Presentation: "Women Insurgents: Neither Victims Nor Combatants."

Chair: Panel on Rebel Diplomacy.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2015

Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building: The Causes of Rebel Public Goods Provision."

New York University Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference, May 2015

Paper Presentation: "Do Good Borders Make Good Rebels? Foreign Territorial Control and Civilian Casualties."

Junior Scholars Symposium. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 2015

Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building: The Causes of Rebel Public Goods Provision."

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2014
Paper Presentation with Desha Girod: "Repression and Backlash: Evidence from a Global Data Set."

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014
Paper Presentation with Desha Girod: "The Causes of Protest Backlash."

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2013
Paper Presentation: "Good Neighbor Rebels? Foreign Territorial Control and Civilian Casualties: Results from a Natural Experiment."

International Studies Association Annual Meeting, April 2013
Paper Presentation: "Estimating the Effects of the Withdrawal of State Sponsorship of Rebel Groups: Results from a Quasi-Natural Experiment."

Teaching

American University

"International Affairs Statistics and Methods," Masters-level introductory research methods course (S18, F18, S19)

"Strategies of Rebellion: From Mao to ISIS," Undergraduate research capstone (F17, S18, S19)

"Intervention in Civil War," Undergraduate seminar (S19)

Georgetown University

"Introduction to International Relations," Undergraduate introductory course (Summer 2013-2014).

Service

Professional

Section Chair: Foreign Policy Processes Section, APSA

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *World Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Organization*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Theory*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *International Studies Review*, *International Interactions*

Departmental

American University: Complex Governance Speaker Series Chair, Olson Scholar Mentor

Georgetown: Chair of Complex Governance Research Cluster, Women's Caucus At-Large Member, Chair of Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Vice Chair of Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Vice President of the Graduate Political Science Association, Treasurer of the Graduate Political Science Association

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society, Women in Conflict Studies

Research and Technology Skills

Languages: Media-level Arabic, proficient in Spanish and French, basic knowledge of Czech.

Research Skills: Archival data, lab and survey experiments, statistical analysis, field research experience in Egypt and Lebanon.

Technology Skills: R, Stata and L^AT_EX

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