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Appointments

Dickinson College 2019 -
Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Studies

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2019
Dissertation: *Organizing the Revolutionary State: Governance and Mass Death in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge*
Committee: Scott Straus (Chair), Erica Simmons, Helen Kinsella, Scott Gehlbach, and Tyrell Haberkorn (Asian Languages and Cultures)
Fields of Study: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Methodology (minor)

M.A. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2013

M.A. in International Relations, University of Chicago 2011

B.A. in Government (magna cum laude) and Asian Studies, Cornell University 2010

Selected Academic Awards and Honors

Young Southeast Asia Fellow, *Southeast Asia Research Group* 2018
Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship 2017
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award 2016
Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowship 2015
Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Award 2014
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship 2013, 2014
Political Science Summer Initiative Award 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018

Publications

"Atrocity Processes and Dynamics: Top-Down Strategy or Bottom-Up Escalation?" With Scott Straus. forthcoming in *Oxford Handbook of Atrocity Crimes* edited by Barbora Hola, Hollie Nyseth Brehm, and Maartje Weerdesteijn.

2019, "Cambodia's General Election: Backsliding and Single Party Consolidation" *Asian Politics and Policy* 11(4).

Working Papers

"Married by the Revolution: Forced Marriage as a Strategy of Control in Khmer Rouge Cambodia"
(*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Genocide Research*)

"A Logic of Forced Labor During Mass Atrocity: Evidence from Cambodia" (in progress)

Book Reviews

Review of *Assessing Dynamics of Democratisation: Transformative politics, new institutions, and the case of Indonesia and Beyond Democracy in Cambodia: political reconstruction in a post-conflict society. Journal of Asian Studies*, February 2015. 74:1

Conference Presentations

"Married by the Revolution: Forced Marriage as a Strategy of Control in Khmer Rouge Cambodia"
presented at: *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA. *September 2018* and
Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), Washington, DC *June 2018*

"Constructing Victimhood: Sexual Violence, Identity, and Cultural Harm in Transitional Justice."
presented at: *Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC. *March 2018*

"Local Administration of Revolution: Collective Agriculture under the Khmer Rouge"
presented at: *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA. *August 2017*

"Collectivizing Village Life: State administration of the family and forced labor in Democratic Kampuchea "
presented at: *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting* New Orleans, LA. *January 2017* and
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. *April 2015*

"Violent Discourses: Regime Durability and Protectorship in Post-Conflict Cambodia"
presented at: *Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute Conference*. Madison, WI. *July 2013*.

Invited Talks

2020: Asia Institute, *University of Toronto*

2019: Center for Southeast Asia Studies, *Northern Illinois University*

2018: Department of Political Science, *Columbia University*

2017: Comparative Politics Colloquium, *UW-Madison*; Center for Southeast Asian Studies, *UW-Madison*

2015: Council on Southeast Asia, *Yale University*

Guest Lectures:

Hybrid Courts and the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, *Principles of International Law*

December 2017

Qualitative Methods I: Field Research, *Research Methods in Political Science*

November 2017

Collectivization in Comparative Perspective, *Modern Chinese Politics*

February 2017

Teaching Experience

Dickinson College

American Foreign Policy

Spring 2020

Human Rights

Spring 2020, Fall 2020

International Relations

Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Politics of Southeast Asia
Political Violence

Fall 2019
Fall 2020

University of Wisconsin (Teaching Assistant)

Politics of Human Rights (Professor: Scott Straus)
Comparative Studies of Genocide (Professor: Scott Straus)
Principles of International Law (Professor: Helen Kinsella)
Introduction to International Relations (Professor: Jon Pevehouse)

Spring 2018
Fall 2015, Fall 2017
Spring 2017
Fall 2012, Spring 2019

Other Research Experience

Southeast Asia Analyst, *Freedom in the World*, Freedom House
Research Analyst, *Countries at a Crossroads*, Freedom House

2011 - 2015
2011 - 2012

Languages

Khmer (Advanced proficiency)
French (Intermediate proficiency)
Vietnamese (Basic proficiency)

Service

Program Chair, APSA Southeast Asia Related Group, *2018-2020*
Reviewer, *Perspectives on Politics*
Reviewer, *National Science Foundation*
TA Mentor, Department of Political Science, UW-Madison, *Spring 2019*
Graduate Student Committee Member, Asian Languages and Cultures Job Search, UW-Madison, *2017*
Coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student Workshop, UW-Madison, *2015*

References

Scott Straus; Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison; sstraus@wisc.edu

Helen Kinsella; Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota; kinsoo17@umn.edu

Erica Simmons; Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison; essimmons@wisc.edu