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## Education

- Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison expected 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 June 2013
- M.A. in International Relations, University of Chicago June 2011
- B.A. in Government (magna cum laude) and Asian Studies, Cornell University May 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

## Papers

### *Working Papers*

- "Married by the Revolution: Forced Marriage as a Strategy of Control in Khmer Rouge Cambodia" (*Under Review*)
- "Atrocity Processes and Dynamics: Top-Down Strategy or Bottom-Up Escalation?" With Scott Straus. in preparation for *Oxford Handbook of Atrocity Crimes* edited by Barbora Hola, Hollie Nyseth Brehm, and Maartje Weerdesteijn.
- "Governing During Revolution: Governance and Patterns of Direct Violence in Cambodia's Genocide"

### *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

## Conferences

"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*

"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*

"Forced Marriage and Social Structures: Social Policy during Democratic Kampuchea." presented at the *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

*Forced Marriage and Social Collectivization in Democratic Kampuchea*, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, *February 2, 2018*

*Shedding Their Customs: Forced Marriage in Democratic Kampuchea*, Council on Southeast Asia Studies, Yale University, *April 1, 2015*

## Guest Lectures:

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| Hybrid Courts and the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, <i>Principles of International Law</i>  | December 2017 |
| Qualitative Methods I: Field Research, <i>Research Methods in Political Science</i> | November 2017 |
| Collectivization in Comparative Perspective, <i>Modern Chinese Politics</i>         | February 2017 |

## Teaching Experience

### *Teaching Assistant*

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| Politics of Human Rights (Professor: Scott Straus)                 | <i>Spring 2018</i>          |
| Comparative Studies of Genocide (Professor: Scott Straus)          | <i>Fall 2015, Fall 2017</i> |
| Principles of International Law (Professor: Helen Kinsella)        | <i>Spring 2017</i>          |
| Introduction to International Relations (Professor: Jon Pevehouse) | <i>Fall 2012</i>            |

## Other Research Experience

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| Southeast Asia Analyst, <i>Freedom in the World</i> , Freedom House | <i>2011 - 2015</i> |
| Research Analyst, <i>Countries at a Crossroads</i> , Freedom House  | <i>2011 - 2012</i> |

## Languages

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

## Departmental Service

TA Mentor, Department of Political Science, *Spring 2019*  
Graduate Student Committee Member, Asian Languages and Cultures Job Search, *2017*  
Coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student Workshop *2015*

## References

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