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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  
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 Awards and Honors

Faculty of the Year, *Dickinson College Student Senate* 2022  
Young Southeast Asia Fellow, *Southeast Asia Research Group* 2018  
Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship 2017  
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award (Cambodia) 2016  
Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowship 2015  
Center for Southeast Asian Studies Field Research Award 2014  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Khmer Language) 2013, 2014  
Political Science Summer Initiative Award 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018

## Book Project

*Mutual Aid in Mass Atrocity: Everyday Survival in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge* (in progress)

## Publications

"Married by the Revolution: Forced Marriage as a Strategy of Control in Khmer Rouge Cambodia"  
*Journal of Genocide Research* 24:3, 357-379, (2022), doi.org/10.1080/14623528.2020.1856499

"Atrocity Processes and Dynamics: Top-Down Strategy or Bottom-Up Escalation?" With Scott Straus. In *Oxford Handbook of Atrocity Crimes* eds. Barbora Hola, Hollie Nyseth Brehm, and Maartje Weerdesteijn (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022).

"Cambodia's General Election: Backsliding and Single Party Consolidation" In "Democracy in South-east Asia: A Year of Elections" (ed. Jacob Ricks) *Asian Politics and Policy* 11, no.4 (2019). \*invited essay

### Working Papers

"A Logic of Forced Labor During Mass Atrocity: Evidence from Cambodia" (Under review)

"Repertoires of Coercion in Mass Violence: A Framework from the Cambodian Genocide" (Under review)

"Autocratic Backsliding and the Limits of Hybrid Tribunals: Evidence from Cambodia"

"Surviving Atrocity: A Framework from Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge"

### Book Reviews

Review of *Traces of Trauma: Cambodian Visual Culture and National Identity in the Aftermath of Genocide*. Pacific Affairs, September 2021, Volume 94, No. 3

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. Volume 74, no. 1

### Conference Presentations

"A Logic of Forced Labor During Mass Atrocity: Evidence from Cambodia"  
presented at: *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA September 2024 and *European Association on Southeast Asian Studies*, Amsterdam, NL July 2024

"Surviving Atrocity: A Framework from Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge"  
presented at: *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, QC. September 2022 and *Southeast Asia Research Group*, Durham, NC. December 2023

"Autocratic Backsliding and the Limits of Hybrid Tribunals: Evidence from Cambodia"  
presented at: *European Association for Southeast Asian Studies 2022*, Paris, France. June 2022 and *International Studies Association* Montreal, QC March 2023

"Repertoires of Coercion in Mass Violence: A Framework from the Cambodian Genocide"  
presented at: *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA (virtual). September 2021

"Married by the Revolution: Forced Marriage as a Strategy of Control in Khmer Rouge Cambodia"  
presented at: *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL(virtual). April 2021, *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

2024: *University of Pennsylvania*

2021: *University of Amsterdam, University of Pennsylvania*

2020: *University of Toronto*

2019: *Northern Illinois University*

2018: *Columbia University*

2015: *Yale University*

## Teaching Experience

*Dickinson College, 2019 -*

American Foreign Policy  
Civil Wars and Political Violence (survey course)  
Human Rights  
International Relations  
Politics of Southeast Asia  
Political Violence (seminar)  
Rebellion and Revolution: Revolutionaries from past to present (First Year Seminar)

*Foreign Service Institute, US Department of State, 2024 -*

Mainland Southeast Asia, *Course Coordinator and Instructor*

## Languages

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

## Service

APSA Southeast Asia Related Group

Treasurer, *2022-2024*

Program Chair, *2018-2020*

Reviewer, *Perspectives on Politics, Journal of East Asian Studies*, National Science Foundation

**Dickinson College**

Fulbright Program Advisor, *2023 -*

Political Science Search Committee - Latin American Politics 2023

International Studies Search Committee - Global Economy 2023

Member, Space Planning Committee, 2022 - 2024

Member, Title IX Hearing Board, 2022 - 2023

Member, President's Working Group on Title IX, 2022

#### **UW-Madison**

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

Scott Straus; Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley; sstraus@berkeley.edu

Helen Kinsella; Professor of Political Science and Law, University of Minnesota; kinsoo17@umn.edu

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