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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 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

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 Weerdsteijn (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).

Working Papers

“Repertoires of Coercion in Mass Violence: A Framework from the Cambodian Genocide” (in progress)

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

“Autocratic Backsliding and the Limits of Hybrid Tribunals: Evidence from Cambodia” (in progress)

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

“Autocratic Backsliding and the Limits of Hybrid Tribunals: Evidence from Cambodia”
presented at: *European Association for Southeast Asian Studies 2022*, Paris, France. June 2022

“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

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:

Mass Atrocity in Southeast Asia, <i>Modern Southeast Asia</i> (University of Pennsylvania)	March 2021
Hybrid Courts and the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, <i>International Law</i> (UW-Madison)	December 2017
Qualitative Methods: Field Research, <i>Political Science Research Methods</i> (UW-Madison)	November 2017
Collectivization in Comparative Perspective, <i>Modern Chinese Politics</i> (UW-Madison)	February 2017

Teaching Experience*at Dickinson College*

American Foreign Policy	Spring 2020, 2021, Fall 2021
Civil Wars and Political Violence (survey)	Fall 2021
Human Rights	Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2022
International Relations	Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
Politics of Southeast Asia	Fall 2019
Political Violence (seminar)	Fall 2020, Spring 2022

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 California, Berkeley; sstrauss@berkeley.edu

Helen Kinsella; Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota; kins0017@umn.edu

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