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Professional Appointments

Director, Center for International Trade and Security (2019-current)
University of Georgia

Associate Professor of International Affairs (2019-current)
University of Georgia

Associate Professor of Political Science (2016-2019)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Associate Professor of Public Policy (2018-2019)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2011-2016)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Education

Ph.D., Political Science (2011)
Florida State University Tallahassee, FL

M.A., Latin American Studies (2003)
University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA

B.A, International Affairs (2002)
Florida State University Tallahassee, FL

Book Manuscripts

Conrad, Justin. 2017. *Gambling and War: Risk, Reward and Chance in International Conflict* (Annapolis: U.S. Naval Institute Press).

Conrad, Justin and William Spaniel. *Competition, Terrorism and the Outbidding Puzzle*. In Preparation.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Whitaker, Beth Elise, James Igoe Walsh, and Justin Conrad. 2019. "Natural Resource Exploitation and Sexual Violence by Rebel Groups." *Journal of Politics*. Forthcoming.

Conrad, Justin M., Kevin T. Greene, James Igoe Walsh, and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2019. "Rebel Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict Duration." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002718755853>

Walsh, James I., Justin Conrad, Beth Elise Whitaker and Katelin Hudak. 2018. "Funding Rebellion: The Rebel Contraband Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research*: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343317740621>

Conrad, Justin. 2017. "How Democratic Alliances Solve the Power Parity Problem." *British Journal of Political Science* 47(4): 893-913.

Asal, Victor, Justin Conrad and Nathan Toronto. 2017. "I Want You! The Determinants of Military Conscription." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(7): 1432-1455.

Abrahms, Max and Justin Conrad. 2017. "The Strategic Logic of Credit Claiming: A New Theory for Anonymous Terrorist Attacks." *Security Studies* 26(2): 279-304.

Conrad, Courtenay, Justin Conrad, James A. Piazza and James I. Walsh. 2017. "Why Military Forces Respond to Terrorism with Torture." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 13(4): 761-786.

Conrad, Justin and Kevin Greene. 2015. "Differentiation and the Severity of Terrorist Attacks." *Journal of Politics* 77(2): 546-561.

Asal, Victor, Justin Conrad and Peter B. White. 2014. "Going Abroad: Transnational Solicitation and Contention by Ethnopolitical Organizations." *International Organization* 68(4): 945-978.

Conrad, Courtenay, Justin Conrad and Joseph K. Young. 2014. "Why Some Autocrats Are Terrorized While Others are Not." *International Studies Quarterly* 58(3): 539-549.

Conrad, Justin and James I. Walsh. 2014. "International Cooperation, Spoiling and Transnational Terrorism." *International Interactions* 40(4): 453-476.

Conrad, Justin, Hong-Cheol Kim and Mark Souva. 2013. "Narrow Interests and Military Resource Allocations in Autocracies." *Journal of Peace Research* 50(6): 739-752.

Conrad, Justin and Daniel Milton. 2013. "Unpacking the Connection Between Terror and Islam." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 36: 315-336.

Conrad, Justin. 2011. "Interstate Rivalry and Terrorism: An Unprobed Link." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(4): 529-555.

Conrad, Justin and Mark Souva. 2011. "Regime Similarity and Rivalry" *International Interactions* 37(1): 1-28.

Book Chapters

Conrad, Justin, Kevin Greene, James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker. 2018. "Accounting for Rebellion: How Rebels Finance Violence" in David Backer, Ravinder Bhavnani, Paul Huth, eds., *Peace and Conflict 2018* (Abingdon: Routledge). Forthcoming.

Conrad, Justin, James I. Walsh, Beth Elise Whitaker and Samuel Wilmer. 2018. "Rebel Human Rights Abuses During Civil Wars" in David Backer, Ravinder Bhavnani, Paul Huth, eds., *Peace and Conflict 2018* (Abingdon: Routledge). Forthcoming.

Working Papers

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

"Terrorist Competition and Violence in Unstable Environments" (with William Spaniel). *Under Review*.

"Resource Constraints, Organizational Choices and Transnational Terrorism."

"The Political Determinants of Civil War" (with Peter B. White and William Reed).

"Repressive Regimes and the Escalation to War."

"Power and State-Sponsored Terrorism: Some Indirect Evidence."

"Regime Similarity and Alliance Formation."

"Organizational Characteristics and Environmental Circumstances in Protest Movements" (with Victor Asal and Kevin Greene).

Other Scholarly and Policy Publications

Conrad, Justin and William Spaniel. 2018. "How Governments Influence Competition between Militant Groups." *Midwest Political Science Association Blog*. June 21.

Conrad, Justin. 2018. "What Poker Tells Us about ISIS's Changing Strategy." *Foreign Policy Research Institute*. March 20.

Conrad, Justin. 2017. "Review of Wright, Lawrence. *The Terror Years: From al-Qaeda to the Islamic State*." *H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews*. June.

Conrad, Justin. 2016. "Strengthening US-Japan Alliance Can Deter, Without Provoking, China." 2016. Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). *Issues and Insights*

16(13): 5-6.”

Conrad, Justin. 2016. “Syria and the Credible Commitments of World Powers.” *War on the Rocks*. March 3.

Conrad, Justin and Kevin Greene. 2015. “Why Terrorists Become More Violent.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. July 1. **Named one of Aspen Institute’s “Five Best Ideas of the Day”**

Conrad, Justin. 2015. “Why America’s Democratic Allies are the Best Bet against a Rising China.” *War on the Rocks*. June 18.

Conrad, Courtenay, Justin Conrad, James I. Walsh and James A. Piazza. 2015. “When Do Countries Respond to Terrorism with Torture?” *Washington Post/Monkey Cage*. Jan 13.

Walsh, James I., Beth Elise Whitaker and Justin Conrad. 2014. “Funding Rebels: Resources, Crime, and Conflict in Africa.” National Intelligence University. *Africa Research Initiative Newsletter*. August.

Conference Participation

“Government Responses to Militant Group Competition” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2019.

“Terrorist Tactics and Individual Information-Seeking Behavior” (with Tobias Heinrich, Yoshiharu Kobayashi and Jacob Swanstrom). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2019.

“Government Responses to Militant Group Competition” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting. January 2019.

“Militant Group Rivalries and Civilian Victimization” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting. September 2018.

“Rebel Resource Extraction and Healthcare: Strategic Incentives for Social Service Provision” (with Megan A. Stewart and Liana Reyes-Reardon). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2018.

“Militant Group Rivalries and Civilian Victimization” (with Kevin Greene and Brian Phillips). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2018.

“How Conflict Unfolds.” Panel chair at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. April 2018.

“Terrorist Competition and Violence in Unstable Environments” (with William Spaniel). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2017. **Awarded Best Paper in International Relations.**

“Religion and Violence.” Chair and discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2017.

“Rebel Finance and Sexual Violence” (with James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker). Presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, October 2016.

“Rebel Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict Duration” (with Kevin Greene, James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker). Presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, October 2016.

“New Data on Militant Groups: A Survey of Forthcoming Datasets” Invited roundtable participant at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2016.

“Rebel Natural Resource Exploitation and Conflict Duration” (with Kevin Greene, James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2016.

“The Strategic Logic of Credit Claiming: A New Theory for Anonymous Terrorist Attacks” (with Max Abrahms). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2016.

“Natural Resources and Conflict: New Data and New Approaches.” Panel organizer at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2016.

“Funding Rebellion: The Rebel Contraband Dataset” (with James I. Walsh, Beth Elise Whitaker and Katelin Hudak). Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2016.

“Rebel Finance and Sexual Violence” (with James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker). Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, January 2016.

“Rebel Finance and Sexual Violence” (with James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker). Presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, November 2015.

“Organizational Characteristics and Environmental Circumstances in Protest Movements” (with Victor Asal and Kevin Greene). Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 2015.

“Rebel Finance and Civilian Victimization” (with James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker). Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2015.

“Differentiation and the Severity of Terrorist Attacks” (with Kevin Greene). Presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, October 2014.

“Rebel Finance and Civilian Victimization” (with James I. Walsh and Beth Elise Whitaker).

Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2014.

“Resource Constraints, Organizational Choices and Transnational Terror.” Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2014.

“Resource Constraints, Organizational Choices and Transnational Terror.” Presented at the International Studies Association-South annual meeting, October 2013.

“Who Tortures the Terrorists? Unpacking State Torture in Response to Terrorism” (with Courtenay Conrad, James Piazza and James Walsh). Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2013.

“Teaching About the End of the World” (with Victor Asal and Steve Sin). Presented at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, February 2013.

“The Macropolitics of Terrorism and Counterterrorism.” Discussant at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, January 2013.

“Asking the Right Questions: Framing Quantitative Social Science.” Panel member at the Human Domain Analysis Workshop at U.S. Army Special Operation Command, November 2012.

“Going Abroad: Transnational Solicitation and Contention by Ethnopolitical Organizations” (with Victor Asal and Peter B. White). Presented at the Northeast Political Science Association annual meeting, November 2012.

“International Cooperation, Spoiling and Transnational Terrorism” (with James I. Walsh). Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, August 2012.

“Why Some Autocrats Are Terrorized While Other Are Not” (with Joseph K. Young and Courtenay Conrad). Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2012.

“Who Tortures the Terrorists?” (with Courtenay Conrad, James Piazza and James Walsh). Presented at the Peace Science Society annual meeting, October 2011.

“Terrorism and Counterterrorism: New Quantitative Approaches and Solutions.” Discussant at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2011.

“Who Tortures the Terrorists? Unpacking State Torture in Response to Terrorism” (with Courtenay Conrad, James Piazza and James Walsh). Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2011.

“Power Preponderance and State-Sponsored Terrorism.” Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, March 2011.

“Interstate Rivalries and State-Sponsored Terrorism.” Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, February 2010.

“Alliance Credibility and Deterrence.” Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, February 2010.

“Interstate Rivalries and State-Sponsored Terrorism.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, January 2010.

“Regime Similarity and Alliance Formation.” Presented at the Florida Political Studies Association annual meeting, April 2009.

“Rivalry and the Democratic Peace” (with Mark Souva). Presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, February 2009.

“Rivalry and the Democratic Peace” (with Mark Souva). Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, January 2009.

Grant Proposals and Funding

“Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence.” 2019. Co-Principal Investigator. Defense Intelligence Agency. Amount: \$1,489,000. Status: Funded.

“Violent Non-State Rivalry and Organizational Behavior.” 2017. Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation. Amount: \$405,818. Status: Funded.

“Natural Resources and Armed Conflict.” 2013. Co-Principal Investigator. U.S Department of Defense. Amount: \$825,000. Status: Funded.

“Transnational Politics in the Middle East and North Africa.” 2013. Principal Investigator. UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant. Amount: \$4,300. Status: Funded.

UNC Charlotte Diversity Grant. 2013. Amount: \$1,000. Status: Funded.

“State Actions and Terrorism: Evidence from the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.” 2012. Principal Investigator. UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant. Amount: \$6,000. Status: Funded.

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor

Gambling and War (Spring 2018)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

Counterterrorism (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Summer 2019)

Penn State University graduate course

International Conflict (Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

Politics of Terror (Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

U.S. Foreign and Defense Policy (Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Summer 2019)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

International Politics (Spring 2013)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

Political Science Research Methods (Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

Political Science Senior Thesis (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2019)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

Political Science Independent Study (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

UNC Charlotte undergraduate course

Public Policy Independent Study (Fall 2013)

UNC Charlotte graduate course

Master of Public Administration Thesis (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

UNC Charlotte graduate course

Terror and Politics (Spring 2011, Summer 2011)

Florida State University undergraduate course

Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2009, Summer 2010)

Florida State University undergraduate course

Teaching Assistant/Lab Instructor

Game Theory (Spring 2010)

Florida State University graduate course

Advanced Quantitative Analysis/Methods IV (Fall 2009)

Florida State University graduate course

Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2009)

Florida State University undergraduate course

Service & Professional Affiliations

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Social Science Research*, *International Studies Review*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *Democracy and Security*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*, *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict* (2011-current)

Associate Editor, *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (2019-current)

Peace Science Section Chair, 2018 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference (2018)

Editor, *Future of Global Security* book series, U.S. Naval Institute Press (2017-2018)

Young Leader, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Pacific Forum (2016-2018)

Faculty Affiliate, Ph.D. in Public Policy Program, UNC Charlotte (2012-2018)

Member, Department Review Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2018-2019)

Member, Political Science Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2018-2019)

Member (elected), University Faculty Executive Committee, UNC Charlotte (2016-2018)

Member, Political Science Awards Development Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2017-2018)

Faculty Affiliate, Project Mosaic, UNC Charlotte (2017)

Member, Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2016-2017)

Member, Political Science Hiring Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2016-2017)

Member, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, UNC Charlotte (2012-2015)

Member, Faculty Executive Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2014-2015)

Member, Department Review Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2013-2014)

Member, Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, UNC Charlotte (2011-2013)

Vice President, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2009-2010)

Graduate Student Representative, FSU Political Science Faculty Committee (2009-2010)

Secretary, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2008-2009)

Member, Peace Science Society International

Member, Southern Political Science Association

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, International Studies Association

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Awards and Honors

Best Paper in International Relations Award (2018)

Midwest Political Science Association

Junior Faculty Development Award (2015)

UNC Charlotte

Academic Fellowship (2012)

Foundation for the Defense of Democracies

Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship (2010)

Florida State University

Prestage-Cook Travel Grant (2009)

Southern Political Science Association

Graduate Assistantship (2007-2011)

Florida State University

College Teaching Fellowship (2007-2008)

Florida State University

Graduate Fellowship (2002-2003)

University of California, Los Angeles

Student Speaker - Commencement Ceremonies (2003)

University of California, Los Angeles