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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate (ABD) Political Science, University of Iowa, Current 2021

Dissertation: *Security Hierarchies and Order in Territorial Claims*

Committee: Sara Mitchell, Elizabeth Menninga, David Lake, Brian Lai, and Kelly Kadera

This project explores the effect of structure—namely hierarchy—on the conflict surrounding territory. Current scholarship implicitly assumes that disputes over territory take place in anarchy, which forces states to engage in power politics. However, territorial claimants are often embedded in a complex web of security relations. In this project I demonstrates one such relation—security hierarchy—not only makes war over territory less likely, but also prevents diplomatic conflict over territory from occurring in the first place.

M.A. Political Science, Iowa State University 2016

Minor in statistics

B.A. Political Science and Public Administration, University of Northern Iowa 2010

Minor in Economics

Certificate in Local and State Politics

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Issue Correlates of War Workshop at *Peace Science Society Meeting* 2019

Networked Behavior Workshops at *Political Networks* 2019

ICPSR Summer Program; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 2018

Measurement, Scaling, and Dimensional Analysis; Social Choice Theory

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- International Relations:** International Conflict and Cooperation, Territorial/Maritime Claims, Hierarchy, Security Institutions, Alliances, Basing, Troop Deployment, Reputation
- Political Methodology:** Statistical Methods, Network Analysis, Time Series Analysis, Latent Variable Analysis

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Schmidt, C.** & Lee, B. & Mitchell, S. (2020). The Climate Bones of Contention: How climate change influences territorial, maritime, and river interstate conflicts.
2. Tschantret, J. & Yang, Y. & **Schmidt, C.** (2020). Is Terrorism Deadlier in Democracies?
3. **Schmidt, C.** & Wallack, M. (2020). Major Power Hierarchies in International Relations.

WORKING PAPERS

1. **Schmidt, C.** & Lee, B. & Yang, Y & Mitchell, S. How Natural Disasters Influence Interstate Rivalry De-escalation. *Peace Science Society Meeting*.
2. **Schmidt, C.** (2019). Security by Subordination? The Influence of Hierarchy on the Initiation and Escalation of Territorial Disputes. *Peace Science Society Meeting*.
3. **Schmidt, C.** & Wallack, M. (2019). Measuring Relational Authority, 1950-2012: Expanding the Scale and Scope of Contract Hierarchy. *ISA Midwest*.
4. **Schmidt, C.** (2019). The Hard Lessons of Authority: How Subordinates Learn in the US Hierarchy. *St. Louis Area Methods Meeting*
5. Lee, B. & **Schmidt, C.** & Mitchell, S. (2019). Paths to Peace in Issue Rivalries. *Peace Science Society Meeting*.
6. **Schmidt, C.** & Mitchell, S. (2019). Insecure Fisheries: How the Characteristics of Fisheries Increase Risks for Interstate Conflict and Piracy. *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*.
7. **Schmidt, C.** (2019). Dependence in the Network of Authority. *Political Networks Conference*
8. **Schmidt, C.** (2018). Unreciprocated Conflict in Hierarchy: A Time Series Analysis of Conflict Between Germany and the United States. *St. Louis Area Methods Meeting*
9. **Schmidt, C.** (2017). Return to the State of Nature: How Exploitation Drives Subordinates Away from Order. *ISA Midwest*.

CONFERENCES

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2020)
- International Studies Association Annual Convention (2019, 2020*)
- International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting (2019)
- Political Networks Conference (2019, 2020*)
- Minnesota Political Methodology Graduate Student Conference (2019)
- Saint Louis Area Methods Meeting—SLAMM! (2018, 2019, 2020*)
- Iowa Association of Political Scientists Annual Conference (2014; 2016)

APPOINTMENTS

1. 2016-present: Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of Iowa
2. 2016-2019: Research Assistant, Political Science, University of Iowa
3. 2015-2016: Teaching Assistant, Political Science, Iowa State University
4. 2015-2016: Research Assistant, Political Science, Iowa State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Consequences of War, Instructor SP 2020
- Introduction to International Relations, Instructor SP 2020
- Analyzing Political Data, Instructor SP 2019
- Political Analysis, Teaching Assistant FA 2018
- American Foreign Policy, Teaching Assistant SP 2018, FA 2019
- American Politics, Teaching Assistant FA 2016
- International Politics, Teaching Assistant FA 2015, SP 2016

HONORS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Graduate College Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa (\$5,000)
- 2020 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Iowa (\$1,000)
- 2020 Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Fellowship (\$10,000)
- 2020 Klingberg Award, *ISA Midwest* (\$200)
- 2019 Travel Grant; Political Science, University of Iowa (\$500)
- 2019 Research Grant, University of Iowa Library (\$12,300)
- 2019 Best Paper Award; Political Science, University of Iowa (\$500)
- 2019 Political Networks Conference Fellowship (\$900)
- 2019 Research Grant; Political Science, University of Iowa (\$1,000)
- 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper (Nominated); *ISA Midwest*
- 2018 Travel Grant; Political Science, University of Iowa (\$550)
- 2018 Scholarship for Political Science Research; ICPSR Summer Program (\$2,500)
- 2018-19 Humane Studies Fellowship, 2018-2019 (\$5,000)
- 2018 Travel Grant; Saint Louis Area Methods Meeting (\$300)
- 2017 Summer Workshop Grant, University of Iowa, 2017 (\$2,700)
- 2017 Research Grant; Political Science, University of Iowa (\$750)
- 2017 Travel Grant; Political Science, University of Iowa (\$600)
- 2016-present Laurence Fairall Scholar; University of Iowa (\$37,500)
- 2016 Graduate Student Award; Iowa State University, 2016 (\$500)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. American Political Science Association
2. International Studies Association
3. Society for Political Methodology
4. Peace Science Society (International)
5. Political Networks Section of APSA

PROFESSIONAL/DEPARTMENT SERVICE

1. Manuscript Reviewer, *International Interactions*, 2020
2. Manuscript Reviewer, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 2020
3. Discussant for *What Do we Know About War?* Book conference, 2019
4. Judge for Spring Undergraduate Research Festival, 2018
5. Conference Assistant, *ISA-Midwest*, 2017
6. First-Year Mentor, 2017-2019

REFERENCES

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