

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Oliver Kaplan**

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#### **Current Position**

Assistant Professor

University of Denver, Denver, CO

The Josef Korbel School of International Studies

September 2013-present (Lecturer, 2012-2013)

Research and teaching courses in the Human Rights program at the undergraduate and graduate levels on: Human Rights and Foreign Policy, Civilian Protection, Civil War and Peacebuilding, Social Science Methods, Human Rights Research Methods.

Associate Director, Human Trafficking Center, Josef Korbel School

Associate Director, Latin America Center, Josef Korbel School

#### **Previous Positions**

Post Doctoral Research Associate in Conflict Studies, 2011-2012

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC; Minerva Department of Defense project)

Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

Post Doctoral Fellow, 2010-2011

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC; Minerva Department of Defense project)

Department of Political Science

Stanford University

#### **Education**

Stanford University, Stanford, California

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2010

Emphases: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Minor fields: Political Methodology, American Politics

Dissertation project: "Civilian Autonomy in Civil War"

Committee: David Laitin (chair), Ken Schultz, Jeremy Weinstein, Terry Karl

\* 2012 Latin American Studies Association Diskin Dissertation Award (honorable mention)

University of California, San Diego (UCSD)  
Bachelor of Arts Degree June 2001 *with Highest Distinction; Magna Cum Laude*  
Major: Political Science—Public Policy  
Minors: Economics; Spanish Studies

University of Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica  
University of California Education Abroad Program, 2000

## Honors and Awards

2016-17 Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship, US Institute of Peace  
2015 Blog Finalist, Duck of Minerva, Human Trafficking Center Blog  
2015 Blog Finalist, Duck of Minerva (“García Márquez’ Magical Realism: It’s Real”)  
([politicalviolenceataglance.org/2014/05/16/garcia-marquez-magical-realism-its-real/](http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2014/05/16/garcia-marquez-magical-realism-its-real/))  
2012 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Diskin Dissertation Award (honorable mention)  
2008 Stanford Goldsmith Writing Award in Dispute Resolution (\$1,000)  
Dept. of Political Science, Stanford Univ., Graduate Fellowship  
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Fellowship Program  
Lakoff Award, Best Undergraduate Thesis, UCSD Department of Political Science  
Department Honors in Political Science with *Highest Distinction*, UCSD  
Research Scholar Award, UCSD Undergraduate Research Conference  
Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Chapter (UCSD)  
Golden Key National Honor Society  
John Muir College Caledonian Honor Society  
Provost Honors List, John Muir College, UCSD

## Grants

2017-2018 Carnegie Corporation of New York Co-Investigator, “Inclusive Approaches to Violence Reduction, Peacebuilding, and Governance” (\$1 million)  
2016-2017 “Roots of Behaviour in War Study Update,” International Committee of the Red Cross (\$45,000 CHF)  
2016 University of Denver Public Goods Fund award, “Korbel Asylum Project,” (\$17,816.44)  
2015 University of Denver Faculty Research Fund award, “Human Trafficking Data Workshop” (\$2,742)  
2015 Carnegie Corporation of New York, Co-Principal Investigator for Colombia and the Americas, “Renewing Rights-based Approaches to Peacebuilding: Global Norms, Local Dynamics” (\$1 million)  
2015 Korbel Social Science Foundation Grant (Human Trafficking Speakers \$18,250)  
2014-2016 Carnegie Corporation of New York, Rigor and Relevance grant Co-Investigator, “Nonviolent Action in Violent Settings: Practices and Implications for Policy” (\$1 million)  
2014-2016 Department of Defense Minerva grant Co-Investigator, “Taking Development (Im)balance Seriously: Using New Approaches to Measure and Model State Fragility” (\$1.07 million)  
2014 University of Denver Professional Research Opportunities for Faculty (PROF) grant (“Measuring and Analyzing Links Between Human Trafficking and Security”, \$17,779)  
2014-2015 Korbel Social Science Foundation Grant – Center for Latin American Studies (with Aaron Schneider, \$42,000)

2014 Korb Social Science Foundation Grant – DDR (\$9,000)  
2014 Korb Research Grant – Human Trafficking and Security (\$7,500)  
2013 International Center on Nonviolent Conflict conference grant (\$2,500)  
2011 Bradley Foundation Research Fellowship, Princeton University (\$3,500)  
2008-2009 Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Fellowship (\$10,000)  
2008 Smith Richardson Found. World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)  
Stanford Community Engagement Grant (2010, \$500)  
Stanford Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity grant (2009, \$1,500)  
Stanford CICN Research Grant (2009, \$3,200)  
Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation (SCICN) Fellow, 2009  
American Political Science Association Travel Grant, Annual Meeting (\$300)  
Stanford Graduate Research Opportunity award (2008, \$5,000)  
O’Bie Schultz Dissertation Travel Fellowship, Stanford University, 2007 (\$5,000)

## Research Activities

### Book Project:

*Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves*, Cambridge University Press, 2017.

### Spanish language translation:

*Resistiendo a la Guerra: Como las Comunidades Se Protegen*, Fondo de Cultura Económica, Forthcoming, 2018.

## Peer-reviewed Publications

The Art of Rhetorical Traps in Civilian Self-Protection. 2017. *Journal of Peace and Development*, 12(3).

Kaplan, Oliver and Enzo Nussio. 2016. “Explaining Recidivism of Ex-combatants in Colombia.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Kaplan, Oliver and Enzo Nussio. 2015. “Community Counts: The Social Reintegration of Ex-combatants in Colombia.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Kaplan, Oliver. 2013. “Nudging Armed Groups: How Civilians Transmit Norms of Protection.” *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development* 2(3): 62.

Kaplan, Oliver. 2013. “Protecting Civilians in Civil War: The Institution of the ATCC in Colombia.” *Journal of Peace Research* 50(3): 351–367.

Albertus, Michael and Oliver Kaplan. 2013. “Land Reform as a Counterinsurgency Policy: Evidence from Colombia.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(2): 198–231.

## Manuscripts Under Review

Walls as a Nonviolent Strategy in Armed Conflict (with Natalie Southwick; revise and resubmit, *Journal of Global Security Studies*)

This article examines the use of walls as a nonviolent strategy for protection during armed conflicts.

#### Explaining State Territorial Consolidation in Post-conflict: The Macarena Region of Colombia

This study examines the joint efforts by USAID and the Colombian government to "consolidate" gains in the conflictive Macarena region of Colombia through development spending and institutional strengthening beginning in the mid-2000s.

#### Shootings and Shamans: Indigenous Group Authority Structures and Civil War Violence in Colombia

I develop and test a theory about the importance of strong tribal authority structures to regulate the internal order of indigenous communities and reduce entanglements with external armed groups.

#### Taking it to the Streets: Engaged Research in Political Science

This article argues there can be great value to engaging communities with research and taking results back to the "streets" after academic research has been completed.

### Commentary and Analysis

Regular blogger:

- Political Violence @ a Glance  
*37 blog posts published since 2012*  
(<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/authors/oliver-kaplan/>)
- Human Trafficking Center Blog (founder/ faculty editor)  
(<http://humantraffickingcenter.org/blog/>)

"How to Keep the FARC Guerrillas Out of the Fight" with Enzo Nussio. *The New York Times*, August 3, 2017.

"DU Expert Weighs in on Peace Talks Between Colombia and the FARC Rebels," DU NewsRoom, June 27, 2016

"Bridging Oceans: The Panama Canal" (9News TV documentary appearance), June 26, 2016.

"Exposing America's Largest Trafficking Crisis," with Claude d'Estrée, MediaPlanet's Impacting our Future series, January 30, 2016.

"To end forced marriage, we must work with the whole community'," with Kate Castenson, *CNN.com* (The CNN Freedom Project), November 2, 2015.

"The Key To Peace In Colombia Is In Its Countryside" with Michael Albertus, *Forbes.com*, October 29, 2015.

“Another Step Toward Peace in Colombia.” *Foreign Policy*, July 13, 2015.

“International Cooperation Needed for Niger Anti-Trafficking Law to Work”  
Interview, *World Politics Review*, July 6, 2015.

<http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/trend-lines/16158/international-cooperation-needed-for-niger-anti-trafficking-law-to-work>

"This is the best effort we ever had at peace" (American researcher and academic Oliver Kaplan tells The Post's Mark Kennedy he's optimistic about the prospects for peace, despite the recent surge in violence). *The Bogotá Post*, June 17, 2015 (published interview with Mark Kennedy).

“Peace is Coming to Colombia” (Despite recent setbacks, the negotiation process between FARC and the government remains on track). *Foreign Policy* (Democracy Lab), May 14, 2015.

“Can Snowball Sampling Estimate Human Trafficking?” with Ashley Greve, *openDemocracy* (Beyond Trafficking and Slavery; peer reviewed), February 12, 2015.

“Colombia Calls a Draw in the War on Drugs” (After years of bloodshed, Colombia's government is teaming up with its former rebel enemies to beat the drug problem). *Foreign Policy* (Democracy Lab), June 13, 2014.

“Beyond Boko Haram: Nigeria's Human-Trafficking Crisis” with Lauren Jekowsky, *National Interest*, May 19, 2014.

“Grassroots political participation key to ensure peace in Colombia: Conflict expert” *Colombia Reports*, interview by Taran Volckhausen, November 21, 2013.

“Can Colombia build on its democratic opening?” *CNN.com Global Public Square*, November 19, 2013.

“Land for Peace in Colombia” (The Key to Ending Bogotá's War With the FARC) with Michael Albertus. 2013. *Foreign Affairs*, April 15, 2013.

“Colombia's Rebels and Land Reform” with Michael Albertus. *The New York Times*, October 9, 2012.

“A New Approach to the Drug War” (A novel model offers hope for communities battling narcos and militants). *National Interest*, July 26, 2012.

“Needles into Ploughshares (Want to fight Latin America's drug problem? Try land reform)” with Michael Albertus. *Foreign Policy* (Democracy Lab), April 12, 2012.

## Ongoing Research Projects

*Civil Action and the Dynamics of Violence in Conflicts*, edited volume (with Deborah Avant, Marie Berry, Erica Chenoweth, Rachel Epstein, Cullen Hendrix, Timothy Sisk)

The Human Trafficking Index (with Jonathan Moyer)

This project constructs a measure of the severity of and responses to the problem of human trafficking worldwide.

The Human Trafficking and Armed Conflict Dataset (with Kate Castenson)

This project constructs a measure of the severity of and responses to the problem of human trafficking worldwide in contexts of armed conflict.

Fighting the Zika Virus: How Disease Affects Social Behavior and Attitudes Toward the Government in Colombia (with Joseph Young)

We examine how the appearance of a disease like the Zika Virus affects social behavior and attitudes toward the government in the context of the Colombian armed conflict by analyzing novel survey data.

Exploring Country Narratives of State Fragility and Failure

This paper qualitatively explores well-predicted cases, hard-to-predict cases, and negative cases of state fragility from quantitative models to better understand and map the drivers of state failure.

Challenges and Innovations in Peacebuilding in Colombia

This study analyzes pro-peace innovations and the existence of harmful norms to make recommendations for enhancing future international cooperation to promote peace in Colombia.

Protesting for Protection: The Effects of Social Movements Against Civil War Violence (with Mauricio García-Durán, S.J.)

To explain whether peaceful social protests against repression by armed actors in civil wars can work to protect civilians from violence we conduct statistical analyses of protests and violence across Colombian municipalities from 1990-2010.

## Policy Publications

“Data4Peace Hackathon Report.” 2017. Viviana Arias, César Caballero, Mike Findley, Oliver Kaplan, Ana Marrugo, Billy Matthias, Alejandro Ponce de León, María Paula Rojas, Angelika Rettberg, Michael Weintraub, Joe Young. Universidad de Los Andes, Escuela de Gobierno, Documentos de Trabajo No. 47, July 2017.

Findley, Michael, Oliver Kaplan, Alejandro Ponce de Leon, and Joseph Young. 2016. “USAID Regional Governance Activity (RGA) in Colombia, 2015-2019: Baseline Report.” July 25, 2016.

Kaplan, Oliver and Natalie Southwick. 2015. "Walls as a Nonviolent Strategy in Armed Conflict," with, *Sie Center Policy Brief* (Sie Center Carnegie "Bridging the Gap" series, Korbel School, University of Denver), October 2015.  
[http://www.du.edu/korbel/sie/publications/policy\\_papers.html](http://www.du.edu/korbel/sie/publications/policy_papers.html)

*Bi-national Border Transportation Infrastructure Needs Assessment Study*. SourcePoint/ SANDAG, January 2004. Especially, "Financing Options for Border Transportation Infrastructure: Comparing the Transportation Planning Processes in Mexico and the U.S." Prepared for the U.S. – Mexico Joint Working Committee.

"A Path to Prosperity: Preparing Our Workforce." SourcePoint/ The San Diego Workforce Partnership, December 2002. [www.workforce.org](http://www.workforce.org).

"San Diego's Defense and Transportation Manufacturing Industry Cluster: A Strategic Workforce Development Plan." SourcePoint/ The San Diego Workforce Partnership, July 2002.

"San Diego's Business Services Industry Cluster: A Strategic Workforce Development Plan." SourcePoint/ The San Diego Workforce Partnership, July 2002.

## Presentations

"Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves and Facilitate Reintegration," US Department of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stability Operations (CSO), Washington, DC, October 16, 2017.

"Cross-national Data Collection and Analysis of DDR Programs," Folke Bernadotte Academy DDR Research Working Group meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, October 20, 2017.

"Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves," Folke Bernadotte Academy research seminar, Stockholm, Sweden, October 18, 2017.

"CVE/PVE and Violence Reduction: Nonviolent Resistance Perspectives?" Panelist, Alliance for Peacebuilding annual conference, Washington, DC, October 12, 2017.

"Political Science and Human Rights—What are the Connections?" American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Human Rights Coalition/ APSA, October 4, 2017 (webinar).

"Resisting War: How Communities Protect Themselves," book event panelist, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, October 2, 2017.

"Organizando para la Reconciliación: Lecciones desde lo Local para el Pos-conflicto," Invited Keynote Speaker, Seminario Internacional: Procesos de Reconciliación y Construcción de Paz Territorial, Universidad Santo Tomás, Bogotá, Colombia, September 27, 2017.

“Introducing the Human Trafficking Index Dataset,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, September 1, 2017.

“Challenges and Innovations in Peacebuilding in Colombia,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, August 30, 2017.

“The Legacy of the Peace Corps and Colombia’s New Chance at Peace.” Keynote speaker, National Peace Corps Association annual meeting/ Friends of Colombia, Denver, CO, August 4, 2017.

“The Reintegration Imperative: Advancing effective criminal justice and community-led responses.” Panelist, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, June 13, 2017.

Data4Peace Hackathon, Universidad de Los Andes, May 11-13, Bogotá, Colombia.

“Promoting Peace and Inclusion in Colombia and Peru.” *US Embassy*, Lima, Peru, May 2, 2017.

“Fighting the Zika Virus: How Disease Affects Social Behavior and Attitudes Toward the Government in Colombia,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference*, Lima, Peru, April 29, 2017.

“Exploring Country Narratives of State Fragility and Failure,” *US Institute of Peace*, Methods and Design seminar, Washington, DC, April 19, 2017.

“Challenges and Innovations in Peacebuilding in Colombia,” Innovations in Peacebuilding project meeting, Center for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR), Johannesburg, South Africa, March 29, 2017.

“Exploring Country Narratives of State Fragility and Failure,” *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Baltimore, MD, February 24, 2017.

“Fighting the Zika Virus: How Disease Affects Social Behavior and Attitudes Toward the Government in Colombia,” *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Baltimore, MD, February 22, 2017.

“Converging on Civilian Protection,” *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA, March 17, 2016.

“Human Trafficking in Armed Conflict,” Gender & Human Rights Module, School of Law and Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University, Belfast, UK, October 13, 2016 (invited video conference speaker).



“Reintegration vs. Recidivism: Factors Driving or Ending Cycles of Violence,” RESOLVE Network Fall Forum, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, September 29, 2016 (invited panel speaker).

“Walls as a Nonviolent Strategy in Armed Conflict,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, September 4, 2016.

“Civilian Agency in Disrupted Societies,” Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Tufts University, Boston, MA, June 24, 2016 (invited speaker).

“Dialoguing with Armed Actors: A How-To Guide,” Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Tufts University, Boston, MA, June 23, 2016 (invited speaker).

“Shootings and Shamans: Indigenous Group Authority Structures and Civil War Violence in Colombia.” REPAL workshop, MIT, Boston, MA June 11, 2016.

“The Roots of Restraint: Influencing Armed Actors in Colombia and Beyond,” American Red Cross of Colorado & Wyoming, Denver, CO, May 25, 2016.

“Taking it to the Streets: Engaged Research in Political Science,” Research and Relevance Carnegie Corporation meeting, Sié Center, University of Denver, May 23, 2016.

“Walls as a Nonviolent Strategy in Armed Conflict,” with Natalie Southwick, and “Shootings and Shamans,” *Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies (RMCLAS)*, Santa Fe, NM, April 1, 2016.

“Converging on Civilian Protection,” *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA, March 17, 2016.

“Social Contracts in Colombia,” Forging a Social Contract: States and Societies Building Peace in Fragile and Conflict-affected Countries workshop, UN Development Programme, Josef Korbel School, Vail, CO, November 6, 2015.

“Civilians vs. Armed Groups: What are the Odds?” Pioneer Symposium, University of Denver, Denver, CO, September 26, 2015.

“Explaining State Territorial Consolidation in Post-conflict: The Macarena Region of Colombia,” presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, San Francisco, CA, September 3, 2015.

“Analyzing Global Trends in Human Trafficking,” One Earth Future foundation research seminar, Boulder, CO, August 20, 2015.

“Civilian Agency in Disrupted Societies,” Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Tufts University, Boston, MA, June 12, 2015 (invited speaker).

“Taking it to the Streets: Engaged Research in Political Science,” *Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference*, San Juan, PR, May 27, 2015.

“Taking it to the Streets: Engaged Research in Political Science,” *International Studies Association Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA, February 20, 2015.

“Taking it to the Streets: Engaged Research in Political Science,” *U.S. Institute of Peace*, Washington, DC, December 16, 2014.

“External Aid to Nonviolent Actors: Methodological Concerns,” External Support for Nonviolent Campaigns Workshop, Josef Korbel School, University of Denver, November 19, 2014.

“Who Goes Bad? The Social Reintegration and Recidivism of Ex-combatants,” United Nations University, New York, NY, October 21, 2014.

“Protesting for Protection: The Effects of Social Movements Against Civil War Violence,” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, August 31, 2014.

“Taking it to the Streets: Engaged Research in Political Science,” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, August 30, 2014.

“Protesting for Protection: The Effects of Social Movements Against Civil War Violence,” presented at the International Studies Association/FLACSO 2014 conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 24, 2014.

“Shootings and Shamans: Indigenous Group Authority Structures and Civil War Violence in Colombia.” Understanding Civil Conflict workshop, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Barcelona, Spain, June 18-19, 2014 (invited speaker).

“Protesting for Protection: The Effects of Social Movements Against Civil War Violence,” presented at the International Studies Association 2014 conference, Toronto, Canada, March 27, 2014.

“Nudging Armed Groups: How Civilians Transmit Norms of Protection,” presented at the International Studies Association 2014 conference, Toronto, Canada, March 27, 2014.

“Explaining Recidivism of Ex-combatants in Colombia.” Sié Center Research Seminar Series, University of Denver, November 12, 2014.

“Explaining Recidivism of Ex-combatants in Colombia.” *US Embassy*, Bogotá, Colombia, September 30, 2013.

“Explaining Recidivism of Ex-combatants in Colombia.” *ALACIP Conference*, Bogotá, Colombia, September 25, 2013.

“Nudging Armed Groups: How Civilians Transmit Norms of Protection.” Conflict Research Society annual conference, University of Essex, September 18, 2013.

“Explaining Recidivism of Ex-combatants in Colombia.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Chicago, IL, August 29, 2013.

“Mi Estudio Sobre La ATCC: Protegiendo a la Población Civil,” ATCC Asamblea Campesina and 25<sup>th</sup> (26<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary Celebration, Corregimiento de La India, Landázuri, Santander, Colombia, June 17, 2013.

“Village Elders and Conflict Resolution in Colombia: The Institution of the ATCC,” Program on Conflict Resolution, The Korbel School, University of Denver, May 20, 2013.

“Policy Implications for the FARC Peace Negotiations in Colombia,” US Department of State, Bureau of Conflict and Stability Operations (CSO), Washington, DC, May 13, 2013.

“Explaining State Territorial Consolidation in Post-conflict: The Macarena Region of Colombia,” presented at the International Studies Association 2013 conference, San Francisco, CA, April 6, 2013.

“Foiling the Fighters: The Protective Strategies of “Peace Zone” Communities in The Philippines,” presented at the International Studies Association 2013 conference, San Francisco, CA, April 5, 2013.

“Civilian Autonomy in Civil War,” Josef Korbel School, University of Denver, March 25, 2013 (invited speaker).

“Strategies for Civilian Protection in Armed Conflict.” International Center for Nonviolent Conflict Webinar, February 9, 2013.

“Surviving the Syrian Civil War.” Resolving the Syria Crisis: An International Conference, University of Denver, January 10, 2013.

Roundtable co-chair, "Latin America: Drugs, Crime, and State Fracture," Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA), Department of Social Sciences, US Military Academy, West Point, NY, November 7-10, 2012.

"Surviving Violence" workshop, invited speaker, The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, September 28-29, 2012.

"Community Counts: The Social Reintegration of Ex-combatants in Colombia," Sié Center Research Seminar Series, University of Denver, September 10, 2012.

"Community Counts: The Social Reintegration of Ex-combatants in Colombia," *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, New Orleans, LA, September 1, 2012. (event cancelled)

"Explaining State Territorial Consolidation in Post-conflict: The Macarena Region of Colombia," Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Research Conference, Stanford University, June 6, 2012.

"El rol de la comunidad: La reintegración social de excombatientes en Colombia," Invited speaker, Primer Taller Estado-Academia sobre DDR (First State-Academia Workshop on DDR), The Colombian High Advisory for Reintegration, Fundación Ideas para la Paz (FIP), and the Programa de Investigación sobre Conflicto Armado y Construcción de Paz (ConPaz) of the Political Science department of the Universidad de los Andes, at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, May 30, 2012.

"Tiros y Teguas: Estructuras Locales de Autoridad Civil y La Violencia en el Conflicto Colombiano" (Shootings and Shamans: Local Civilian Authority Structures and Civil War Violence in Colombia), Invited speaker, Nuevas perspectivas sobre la violencia en Colombia conference (seminario), Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, May 28, 2012.

"Shootings and Shamans: Indigenous Group Authority Structures and Civil War Violence in Colombia." Stanford University, "Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America" conference, Stanford Center for Latin American Studies and the Program on Human Rights, May 8, 2012.

"Un adiós a la coca? Estudios sobre la desincentivización de la producción de drogas" (A Farewell to Coca?), SIMCI Project Meeting of Academic Researchers, Invited speaker, United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Bogotá, Colombia, February 22-23, 2012.

"Small Fry or Bad Guys? Communities and the Catch and Release of Suspected Insurgents." Naval Postgraduate School, Department of Defense Analysis (invited presentation). Monterey, CA, February 14, 2012.

“Consultoría en asuntos humanitarios y postconflicto” (Consulting in Humanitarian and Post-conflict issues), Invited speaker, *Mentes Independientes: Seminario Internacional Perspectivas Empresariales de la Ciencia Política en Colombia*, Bogotá, Colombia, October 21, 2011.

“Shootings and Shamans: Indigenous Group Authority Structures and Civil War Violence in Colombia.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Seattle, WA, September 3, 2011.

“Land Reform as a Counterinsurgency Policy: Evidence from Colombia.” Minerva Terrorism, Governance, and Development Annual Meeting, UC San Diego, June 25, 2011 (invited presentation).

"Community Organizations and Conflict."

- Colombian National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation (CNRR), Area of Demobilization, September 20, 2010.
- Colombian High Commission for Reintegration (ACR), September 20, 2010.
- USAID Mission, Bogotá, Colombia, September 17, 2010.
- Universidad Sergio Arboleda, Bogotá, Colombia, September 9, 2010.

“The Effect of Civilian Organizations on Violence in Civil Wars: Quantitative Evidence from Colombia.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Washington, DC, September 2, 2010.

“Civilian Autonomy in Civil War,” University of Maryland, College Park, Department of Political Science, November 13, 2009 (invited presentation).

“El Efecto de las Organizaciones de Civiles sobre la Violencia.”

- Instituto Fedesarrollo, Bogotá, Colombia, April 24, 2009.
- CEDE (Centro de Estudios sobre el Desarrollo Económico) Seminar, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, August 14, 2008.

“Evaluating Civilian Autonomy in Civil War: Theory and Evidence from Colombia.” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Boston, MA, August 28, 2008.

"Entre la espada y la pared: La toma de decisiones de civiles en las guerras civiles." CERAC, Bogotá, Colombia, February 2007.

“International Organizations and the Custom of Outsourcing Customs,” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006.

## Professional Experience

### International Committee of the Red Cross

*Program advisor for community protection programs, 2016-*

### USAID, Colombia “USAID Regional Governance Activity (RGA) in Colombia”

*Technical program evaluation advisor, 2015-2019 (with Mike Findley and Joe Young)*  
Assist USAID mission in evaluating impact of its Regional Governance Activity programs for social and economic development in support of the Colombian Government’s territorial consolidation plan.

### USAID, Colombia

*External program evaluation advisor, 2010-2012*

Assist USAID mission in evaluating its programs for social and economic development in Colombia and its support of the Colombian Government’s territorial consolidation plan.

### San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), SourcePoint, Inc. Consulting

*Associate Economist, Intern, September 2001-November 2002*

Co-Author “Path to Prosperity” study; policy analysis of a “Living Wage” standard for the San Diego region; conducted labor market research including industry cluster analysis, statistical analysis, and economic forecasting; US-Mexico Binational Transportation Infrastructure Assessment study; project management; organized and participated in advisory committee meetings to build research consensus.

### The White House, Office of Cabinet Affairs, Washington, D.C.

*Intern, Fall 1999*

Assisted Cabinet Secretary and office staff with: preparation of weekly Cabinet reports for the President and other White House senior staff, Cabinet/other meetings, correspondence with Cabinet Agencies. Topic-specific involvement: World Trade Organization and NGOs, Olympics/ anti-doping.

## Teaching/ Service

### PhD Dissertation Committees:

Paul Tanghe (2017)  
Arturo Lopez-Levy (2016)  
Amme Kovolos

### MA Thesis Committees:

Jonathan Pinckney (2014)

### M.A. Student Research Project (SRP) Advisor:

Tara Dillon (2015)  
Lida Lee

DU Impact 2025 “Research, Scholarship and Creative Work” implementation committee member (“Designing and Developing Knowledge”), 2016-2017

Sié Post-doc Search Committee member, 2014, 2016, 2017

PROF research grant evaluation committee member, Social Science methods area, 2016

Security and Technology Faculty Search Committee member, 2015

Faculty Advisor:

Korbel Asylum Project  
Korbel Amnesty International Group  
Korbel International Students Group

Instructor, “Int'l Women's Rights. Beyond the #Hashtag: Women, Gender and International Human Rights,” University of Denver University College Enrichment Program, Fall 2014.

Editorial board member, *Journal of Human Trafficking*

Reviewer for:

*American Political Science Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, International Security, Colombia Internacional, European Journal of Political Research, International Studies Quarterly, Security Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence, Journal of Politics, Journal of Peacebuilding & Development, Journal of Global Security Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Routledge (book), Oxford University Press (book), University of Notre Dame Press (book), Colombia Médica, U.S. Institute of Peace*

Undergraduate course on Civilian Protection in Armed Conflict

M.A. level courses on Human Rights and Foreign Policy, Civilian Protection in Armed Conflict, Civil War and Peacebuilding, and Human Rights Research Methods;  
M.A./Ph.D. course on Social Science Research Methods.

President’s Committee on Labor Policies and Practices, Stanford Univ., 2004.

## **Affiliations**

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member (2016-2021)

Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security & Diplomacy, University of Denver

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) research consortium

Visiting Researcher, Universidad de Los Andes, Facultad de Ciencias Políticas, Bogotá, Colombia, Summer 2013

## **Field Research Experience**

Colombia (2007-2017)  
The Philippines (2012)

**Language Proficiency:** Spanish (fluent).