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Education

- 2014-present **Ph.D. Candidate** in Political Science, Duke University
Expected graduation: June 2020
Committee: David A. Siegel (chair), Peter Feaver, Laia Balcells
Katherine Heller, Jacob Shapiro
- 2008-2010 **M.A.** Political Science, McGill University
Degree conferred: January, 2011
- 2004-2007 **B.A.** University of Pennsylvania
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in International Relations
Graduated Cum Laude
- 2003-2004 Dickinson College

Publications

2019. “Pink Slips from the Underground: Changes in Terror Leadership.” *International Studies Quarterly*. 63 (2):231-243. With David A. Siegel.

Under Review or Revision

- “Over Pressure: Grassroots-Driven Transformation of (Militant) Organizations” *Under Review*
- “Taking Dyads Seriously: A Latent Network Approach for Global Politics” With Shahryar Minhas, Cassy Dorff, Max Gallop, Juan Tellez, Howard Liu, and Michael Ward. *Under Review*
- “Shoots Like a Duck, Bombs Like a Duck: Using Machine Learning To Quantify Actor Similarity in Low-Information Contexts” *Under Revision*
- “You Are Who You Recruit: Introducing Bottom-Up Organizational Transformation” *Under Revision*
- “Simulated Degradation: A Falsification Test For Regression Models With Network Variables” *Under Revision*
- “Networks Of Divergence? Negotiating Blocs In International Politics” With Tana Johnson and Maurits van der Veen. *In preparation*
- “State Interventions and the Growth or Suppression of Anti-State Actions” With David Siegel, Kaitlyn Webster, Liz Carlson, So Jin Lee, Marco Morucci, and Will H. Moore. *In preparation*

Presentations and Workshop Participation

Invited Workshops

2019. (Scheduled). “Measuring and Conceptualizing Rebel Governance,” Pre-conference Workshop. Peace Science Society Annual Meeting. Manhattan, KS

2018. Participant. Summer Institute on Organizations and Their Effectiveness. Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA.

Selected Presentations

“Bottom-up Transformation: Recruitment Driven Pressures For Internal Change”

2019. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.

2019. Behavioral Models of Politics. State College, PA

“Over Pressure: Grassroots-Driven Transformation of (Militant) Organizations”

2019. (Scheduled). New Faces Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Durham, NC

2019. Online Peace Science Colloquium.

2018. Visions in Methodology. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2018. New Faces in Political Methodology, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

2018. Annual Meeting. Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, Montreal, Canada

“Simulated Degradation: A Falsification Test For Regression Models With Network Variables”

2019. International Studies Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario

2017. Political Methodology Annual Meeting Poster Session, Madison, WI

2017. Political Networks Conference Poster Session, Columbus, OH.

“Text-Based Approaches to Analyzing Group Behavior in Conflict Settings”

2019. (Scheduled). Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS). Georgetown University. Washington, D.C.

“Transnational Connections for a Transnational Ideology: Networks and Influence on Jihadi Telegram”

2018. Conference on Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS). Northeastern University, Boston, MA

“State Interventions and the Growth or Suppression of Anti-State Actions.” Siegel et al. (Recipient of NSF Grant for \$190,000).

2017. Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Tempe, AZ

Grants, Awards, and Research Support

Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School (Competitive), 2017, 2018, 2019. (\$5,500)

Carnegie Junior Scholar, Carnegie International Policy Scholars Consortium, 2016 – 2018

2017. Honorable Mention, Best Poster Award. Political Networks Conference

2017. Political Networks Fellowship Award. (\$700)

2017. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic). (Declined)

2016. Research grant, Ilona Evans Fund, Duke University Department of Political Science. (\$6,000)

2015. Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Languages

French (Advanced)
Arabic (Intermediate)

Professional Experience

2009 – 2014. SITE Intelligence Group, Senior Analyst
2007 – 2008. SITE Intelligence Group, Analyst

References

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Peter D. Feaver, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Director of the American Grand Strategy Program, Duke University, 287 Gross Hall, Box 90204, Durham, NC 27708, 919-660-4331, pfeaver@duke.edu

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