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University of North Texas  
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### **Academic Employment and Affiliations**

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*Professor*, Dept. of Political Science, University of North Texas (2018 -

*Associate Professor*, Political Science, University of Texas at Dallas (2015- 2017)

*Assistant/Associate Professor*, Dept. of Political Science, University of North Texas (2006 - 2015).

*Co-Director*, Social Conflict Analysis Database ([www.scaddata.org](http://www.scaddata.org))

*Associate*, Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, Lyndon B Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin (September 2009- ).

*Associate*, John Goodwin Tower Center for Political Studies, Southern Methodist University (October 2007- ).

*Associate*, Center for the Study of Civil War/International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (June 2005- ).

*Associate*, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego. (Sept 2000 - )

### **Education**

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PhD, Political Science, University of California, San Diego (2006).

Dissertation: *Rebels Without Borders: State Boundaries, Transnational Opposition, and Civil Conflict*.

B.A., University of California, San Diego (2000).

Majors: Political Science (highest honors) & Third World Studies (highest honors).

### **Publications and Conference Papers**

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#### **•Books & Monographs**

2010. *Transnational Insurgencies and the Escalation of Regional Conflict: Lessons for Iraq and*

*Afghanistan*. Carlisle, PA: U.S. Army War College.

2009. *Rebels Without Borders: Transnational Insurgencies in World Politics*. Cornell University Press.

•Winner of the 2010 Distinguished Book Award, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration (ENMISA) section of the International Studies Association.

2001. *The International Migration of the Highly Skilled: Demand, Supply, and Development Consequences in Sending and Receiving Countries*. (co-edited with Wayne A. Cornelius and Thomas J. Espenshade) La Jolla, CA: Center for Comparative Immigration Studies.

### •Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

28) *Forthcoming*. "Who is a Terrorist? Ethnicity, Group Affiliation, and Understandings of Political Violence." (with Vito D'Orazio). *International Interactions*.

27) 2017. "Political Mobilization and Government Targeting: When do Dissidents Challenge the State?" (with Brandon Stewart). *Comparative Political Studies*. 50(7): 963-991

26).2017. "A House Divided: Threat Perception, Military Factionalism, and Repression in Africa." (with Cullen Hendrix). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 61(8): 1653-1681

25) 2017. "New Directions in the Study of Ethnopolitics." *Ethnopolitics*. 16(1):60-65.

24) 2015. "No News is Good News? Mark and Recapture for Event Data when Reporting Probabilities are Less than One." (with Cullen Hendrix). *International Interactions*. 41(2): 392-406.

23) 2015. "Elections and Social Conflict in Africa: 1990-2009." (with Christopher Linebarger). *Studies in Comparative and International Development*. 50(1): 23-29.

22) 2014. "Climate Shocks and Political Violence." (with Cullen Hendrix). *Global Environmental Change*. 28: 239-250.

21) 2014. "External Rebel Sponsorship and Civilian Abuse: A Principal-Agent Analysis of Wartime Atrocities." (with Reed Wood and David Siroky). *International Organization*. 98(3): 633-661.

20) 2013. "Non-State Actors in Civil Wars: a New Dataset." (With David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 30(5): 516-531.

19) 2013. "Transborder Ethnic Kin and Civil War." (with Lars-Erik Cederman, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, and Julian Wucherpfennig). *International Organization*, 67(2): 389-410.

18) 2013. "Violence and Ethnic Segregation: A Computational Model Applied to Baghdad." (with Nils Weidmann). *International Studies Quarterly*, 57(1): 52-64.

17) 2013. "No Good Deed Goes Unpunished: Refugees, Humanitarian Aid, and Terrorism." (with Seung-Whan Choi). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(1): 53-75.

- 16) 2012. "Social Conflict in Africa: A New Database." (with Cullen Hendrix, Jesse Hamner, Christina Case, Chris Linebarger, Emily Stull, and Jennifer Williams). *International Interactions*, 38(4): 503-511.
- 15) 2012. "Climate Change, Rainfall, and Social Conflict in Africa." (with Cullen Hendrix). *Journal of Peace Research*. 49(1): 35-40.
- 14) 2011. "Explaining External Support for Insurgent Groups." (with David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *International Organization*. 65(4): 709-744.
- 13) 2010. "The Delegation of War to Rebel Organizations." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 54(3):493-515.
- 12) 2009. "It Takes Two: A Dyadic Analysis of Civil War Duration and Outcome." (with David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53(4): 570-597.
  - Recipient of the International Association for Conflict Management, 2011 Outstanding Article Award.
- 11) 2008. "The Externalities of Civil Strife: Refugees as a Source of International Conflict." *American Journal of Political Science*. 52(4): 787-801.
- 10) 2008. "Fighting at Home, Fighting Abroad: How Civil Wars Lead to International Disputes." (with Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and Kenneth A. Schultz). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 52(4): 479-506.
- 9) 2008. "From Climate Change to Conflict?: No Consensus Yet." *Journal of Peace Research*. 45(3): 315-326.
- 8) 2008. "International Relations, Domestic Politics, and Asylum Admissions in the United States." (with Marc R. Rosenblum). *Political Research Quarterly*. 61(1):104-121.
- 7) 2008. "No Shelter Here: Rebel Sanctuaries and International Conflict." *Journal of Politics*. 70(1): 54-66.
- 6) 2007. "Transnational Rebels: Neighboring States as Sanctuary for Rebel Groups." *World Politics*. 59(2): 217-242.
- 5) 2007. "Ruthless Rulers: Coalition Size and the Severity of Civil Conflict." (with Lindsay Heger). *International Studies Quarterly*. 51(2): 385-403.
- 4) 2007. "Refugees and the Study of Civil War." *Civil Wars*. 9(2):127-141. Shortened version reprinted as: "Flüchtlinge und das Studium von Bürgerkrieg." *Wissenschaft und Frieden*, 2008. 2(May):35-39.
- 3) 2007. "Does Border Enforcement Deter Unauthorized Immigration?: the Case of Mexican

Migration to the United States.” (with Wayne A. Cornelius). *Regulation and Governance*. 1(2): 139-153.

2) 2006. “Refugees and the Spread of Civil War.” (with Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). *International Organization*. 60(2):335-366.

1) 2004. “Norms and Interests in U.S. Asylum Enforcement.” (with Marc R. Rosenblum). *Journal of Peace Research*. 41(6): 677-697.

**•Book Chapters and Non-Peer Reviewed Articles**

11) 2016. “Non-State Actors in Civil War.” (with David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). In, *Peace and Conflict 2016*. David Backer, Ravi Bhavnani, and Paul Huth, eds. Boulder, Co: Paradigm.

10) 2016. “Trends in Civil War Data: Geography, Organizations, and Events.” In, *What do We know About Civil Wars*. T. David Mason and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, eds. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

9) 2015. “Best Practices in the Collection of Conflict Data.” *Journal of Peace Research*. 52(1): 105-109.

8) 2014. “Climate Change and Conflict: Making Sense of Disparate Findings.” *Political Geography*. 43: 1-5

7) 2014. “The Political Geography of Climate Vulnerability, Conflict, and Aid in Africa.” (with Joshua Busby and Clionadh Raleigh). In, *Peace and Conflict 2014*. David Backer, Johnathan Wilkenfeld, and Paul Huth, eds. Boulder, Co: Paradigm.

6) 2014. “Forced Migration as a Cause and Consequence of Civil War.” In, *Handbook of Civil Wars*. Edward Newman and Karl DeRouen, eds. New York: Routledge.

5) 2012. “Civil Wars.” (with Clayton Thyne). In, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Paul F. Diehl, and James D. Morrow, eds. *Guide to the Scientific Study of International Processes*. West Sussex, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

4) 2010. “Science and the International Politics of Climate Change.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relation*. 11(2): 27-41.

3) 2008. “US Asylum and Refugee Policy towards Muslim Nations Since 9/11.” In, Terri Givens, Gary P. Freeman, and David L. Leal, eds. *Immigration Policy and Security: U.S., European, and Commonwealth Perspectives*. London, UK: Routledge

2) 2007. “Civil War and Interstate Disputes.” (with Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). In, Kaare Strøm and Magnus Öberg, eds. *Resources, Governance and Civil Conflict*. London, UK: Routledge.

1) 2007. “Zimbabwe.” (with Cullen Hendrix). In, Uk Heo and Karl DeRouen, eds. *Civil Wars of*

*the World: Major Conflicts Since World War II.* Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

•Policy Reports, Blog Posts, and Popular Press

18) 2017. “Trump Reminded me Why I’m an Academic.” *Duck of Minerva*. February 28, 2017.

17) 2016. “What the Iranian Revolution can Teach us About the US Presidential Election.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. November 25, 2016.

16) 2016. “After Paris, What’s the Status of Environmental Refugees?” (with James Hollifield). *New Security Beat*. January 7, 2016.

15) 2015. “Joe Public v. Sue Scholar: Support for the Use of Force.” (with Michael Horowitz). *Political Violence at a Glance*. July 27, 2015.

14) 2015. “Data Challenges in Conflict Research.” (with Henrik Urdal). *Political Violence at a Glance*. February 6, 2015.

13) 2014. “The Syrian Refugee Crisis and Conflict Spillover.” (with Kristian Gleditsch). *Political Violence at a Glance*. February 11, 2014.

12) 2014. “Of Polls and Public Engagement in International Relations.” *Duck of Minerva*. March 8, 2014.

11) 2014. “Understanding the Targets of Social Conflict.” (with Brandon Stewart). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy Brief no. 23.

10) 2013. “Can Forecasting Conflict Help to Make Better Foreign Policy Decisions?” *The Monkey Cage*. July 28, 2013.

9) 2013. “Explaining Government Repression in Africa.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 19.

8) 2013. “Elections and Social Conflict in Africa.” (with Christopher Linebarger). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 6.

7) 2012. “Refugees, Transnational Rebels, and the Syrian Civil War.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. October 4, 2012.

6) 2012. “Climate Shocks and Political Violence: Beyond Scarcity, Beyond Africa.” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 3.

5) 2011. “Arming Syria’s Rebels.” *Duck of Minerva*. November 16, 2011.

4) 2011. “The Brewing Storm? Climate Change, Rainfall, and Social Conflict in Africa” (with Cullen Hendrix). *Climate Change and African Political Stability Program*. Policy brief no. 2.

3) 2008. "Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Migration and Conflict." (with Clionadh Raleigh and Lisa Jordan). *Social Dimensions of Climate Change*. Washington, DC: World Bank working paper.

2) 2007. "The New Myth About Climate Change." *Foreign Policy*. Web Exclusive. August 17.

1) 2007. "Climate Change and Conflict: the Migration Link." (with Nils Petter Gleditsch and Ragnhild Nordås). *International Peace Academy: Coping with Crisis Working Paper Series*. New York: International Peace Academy. Reprinted in part under as 'Climate Change May Not Cause War', in Lauri S. Freeman, ed., *Introducing Issues with Opposing Viewpoints: War*. Farmington Hills: MI: Greenhaven (24-1), 2009.

**•Conference Presentations (most recent).**

2016. "Who is a Terrorist? Ethnicity, Group Affiliation, and Understandings of Political Violence." (with Vito D'Orazio). Presented at the Conference on Political Violence. University of Texas at Dallas, May 19. Also Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. South Bend, IN. October 22.

2015. "Political Mobilization and Government Targeting: When Do Dissidents Target the State?" (with Brandon Stewart). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. Oxford, MS. November 14.

2015. "Political Mobilization and Government Targeting: When Do Dissidents Target the State?" (with Brandon Stewart). Presented the Conference on "Conflict Strategies and Tactics." University of Essex. June 19-20.

2014. "Ethnicity, Nonviolent Action, and Lethal Repression in Africa." (with Cullen Hendrix). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC: August 28.

2014. "No News Is Good News?: Mark and Recapture for Event Data When Reporting Probabilities are Less than One" (with Cullen Hendrix). Presented at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association. Toronto: March 26-29.

2013. "Conflict Data and the News Media." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. Knoxville, TN. October 26.

2012. "A House Divided: Threat Perception, Regime Factionalism and Repression in Africa." (with Cullen Hendrix). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. Savannah, GA. October 27.

2012. "Climate Shocks and Political Violence" (with Cullen Hendrix). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA. April 1.

2012. "Elections and Social Conflict in Africa" (with Christopher Linebarger). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA. April 1.

2011. "Delegation and Civilian Abuse: A Principal-Agent Analysis of Wartime Atrocities." (with David Siroky and Reed Wood). Presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society. Los Angeles, October 15.

2011. "Explaining the Strength of the Rainfall-Conflict Nexus in Africa" (with Cullen Hendrix). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada. March 16.

2010. "After the Rain: Rainfall Variability, Hydro-Meteorological Disasters, and Civil Unrest in Africa." (with Cullen Hendrix). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. Feb. 16. Also presented at the conference on Climate Change and Security, Trondheim, Norway June 21-24.

2009. "Violence and Ethnic Segregation: A Computational Model Applied to Baghdad." (with Nils Weidmann). Presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society. Chapel Hill, NC. Nov 20.

2009. "The Enemy of My Enemy Deserves my Support: Transnational Support for Insurgent Groups." (with David Cunningham and Kristian Skrede Gleditsch). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. Toronto. Sept 3-6.

2009. "The Delegation of War to Rebel Organizations." Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. New York, NY. Feb 15-18.

#### •Book Reviews

Simon Dalby. 2011. *Security and Environmental Change*. Cambridge, UK: Polity; reviewed together with, Richard A. Matthew, Jon Barnett, Bryan McDonald, and Karen L. O'Brien, eds. *Global Environmental Change and Human Security*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. *Perspectives on Politics*. 9(1): 125-127.

Kelly Greenhill. 2011. *Weapons of Mass Migration*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. *International Studies Review*. 12(4): 640-642.

Yossi Shain. 2008. *Kinship and Diasporas in International Affairs*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press. *Political Science Quarterly*. 124(2): 383-384.

Erin K. Jenne. 2007. *Ethnic Bargaining: the Paradox of Minority Empowerment*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. *Comparative Political Studies* 41(6): 886-889.

*Journal of Peace Research*, book notes: Michael Mann, *The Dark Side of Democracy*; Sarah Kenyon Lischer, *Dangerous Sanctuaries*; Raimo Väyrynen, ed. *The Waning of Major War*. Boaz Atzili, *Good Fences, Bad Neighbors*.

**•Undergraduate Thesis**

2000. “The Domestic Uses of International Law: Refugee Policy in the United States and Canada.” Department of Political Science, UC San Diego. *Recipient of Sanford Lakoff Award for Most Outstanding Honors Thesis in Political Science.*

**Other Academic Employment and Service**

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**•Visiting Scholar**

Center for International Conflict Resolution, Columbia University (February-May 2012).  
 Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich (January-July 2008).  
 University of Essex, British Academy Fellow (summer 2007).  
 Centre for the Study of Civil War/International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (summer 2005).

**•Other Employment & Service**

Editor, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, (2016- )  
*Archer Fellowship Selection Committee*, UT Dallas (2016).  
*Program Committee*, UT Dallas, Political Science (2015-2016).  
*Advisory Board*, Teaching & Research in International Politics (TRIP) (2014- )  
*Council Member*, American Political Science Association – Conflict Processes (2014-2015)  
*Program Organizer*, American Political Science Association – Conflict Processes (2014)  
*Research and Workshop Grants Committee*, International Studies Association (2014-2016)  
*Council Member*, Peace Science Society (2013-2016)  
*Program Organizer*, American Political Science Association – International Security. (2013)  
*Director*, Peace Research Laboratory, University of North Texas.  
*Coordinator*, Human Security, Democracy, and Development Research Cluster, University of North Texas (2011-2014).  
*Local Organizer*, Peace Science Society (International), 2010 Annual Meeting; Ft. Worth, TX.  
*Graduate studies committee*, UNT, Political Science Dept (2006-2008; 2010-2013).  
*Member at large*, Ethnicity, Nationalism, Migration Section of the International Studies Assoc. (2008-2010).  
*Martin colloquium committee*, UNT, Political Science Dept (2007-2010).  
*Executive committee*, UNT, Political Science Department (2008-2009; 2012-2014).  
*Political economy faculty search committee chair*, UNT, Political Science Dept (2007).  
*Guest editor*, *Civil Wars*. Special issue on Refugees and Civil War (Vol. 9 Issue 2)  
*Visiting instructor*, Dept. of Political Science, UC San Diego (Spring quarter 2006).  
*Participant*, Geographic Representations of War (GROW) research network.  
*Conference organizer*, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, Annual Undergraduate Research Conference (2001, 2002, 2003).  
*Conference organizer*, Forced Migration, Global Security, and Humanitarian Assistance, UC San Diego (12/03/2002).  
*Research assistant*, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego (9/2000-6/2003)  
*Manuscript/ grant reviewer*: American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Cambridge University Press; Chicago University Press; Civil Wars; Conflict Management and Peace Science; Ecological Economics; Environment and Development Economics; Environmental Letters; Ethics and Global Politics; Ethics and International Affairs; Ethnopolitics; European Journal of



International Relations; European Union Politics; Global Environmental Change; Global Environmental Politics; International Interactions; International Migration Review; International Organization; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of International Relations and Development; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; Lexington Books; National Science Foundation; Palgrave MacMillan; Penn State University Press; Political Geography; Political Research Quarterly; Security Studies; Terrorism and Political Violence; University of Pennsylvania Press; World Politics.

## **Honors, Awards, and Grants**

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### **•Grants**

International Studies Association, Venture Workshop Grant (\$9,166) (April 2013). *Best Practices in the Collection of Conflict Data*.

U of North Texas, Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000) (Summer 2010).

Charn Uswachoke International Development Fund, UNT. (\$4,000) (2010).

U.S. Department of Defense, *Climate Change and African Political Stability*.  
Sub-contract with LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin. (\$780,520) (2009-2013).

Swiss Network for International Studies, *Refugee Flows and Transnational Ethnic Linkages* (CHF180,000; approx. \$172,000USD).

U of North Texas, Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000) (Summer 2009).

U.S. Army War College (\$10,357) (September 2008-September 2009).

Simmons Foundation Grant; Stephen C. Poe Memorial Scholarship. (\$30,000) (2007).

British Academy Fellowship, University of Essex (\$10,000) (Summer 2007).

University of North Texas, Faculty Research Grant (\$5,000) (Fall 2007).

Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, Dissertation Fellowship (AY 2005-2006).

California Cultures Research Fellowship, UC San Diego (Summer 2005).

Earl Warren Fellowship, UC San Diego (2001-2004).

### **•Honors and Awards**

J. David Singer Data Innovation Award, 2017. "Social Conflict Analysis Dataset." Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association.

International Association of Conflict Management, 2011 Outstanding Article Award.

ENMISA 2010 Distinguished Book Award, International Studies Association organized section on Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration.

Carl Beck Paper Award; best graduate student paper presented at the 2005 International Studies Association meeting (2006).

Martin O. Heisler Paper Award, runner up; International Studies Association section on Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration (2006).

Dina Zinnes Paper Award; best graduate student paper, International Studies Association section on the Scientific Study of International Processes (2004).

Sanford Lakoff Award; Best Senior Honors Thesis in Political Science (2000).

*Phi Beta Kappa* (2000).

Golden Key National Honor Society (1998).

Stout Scholarship (1998-1999).

## **Teaching**

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*University of Texas at Dallas.* Civil Conflict in Africa (PSCI 4315). Proseminar in Comparative Politics and International Relations (PSCI 6315). Introduction to Comparative Politics (PSCI 3350); Civil Conflict (PSCI 6361)

*University of North Texas:* Introduction to International Relations (PSCI 3810); Conflict and Peace-building in Africa (PSCI 4700); Civil Wars (graduate) (PSCI 5650); Introduction to Peace Studies (PSCI 3500); Ethnic Politics (graduate) (PSCI 5650); Politics of Immigration (PSCI 4700); Protest and Social Movements (PSCI 4700); Scope and Methods (PSCI 5350)

*Swiss Federal Institute of Technology:* Political Order and Conflict (graduate seminar; co-taught with Lars-Erik Cederman).

*UC, San Diego:* Insurgency and Terrorism (PS 142J) (co-taught with Cullen Hendrix).

## **Graduate Student Advising**

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### *PhD Students*

Anna Batta (Chair, completed degree in 2013)  
Emily Stull (Chair, completed degree in 2013)  
Jeremy Backstrom (Chair, completed degree in 2016)  
Brandon Stewart (Chair, Completed Degree in 2017)  
Kelsey Naughton (Chair, left program)  
Michael Widmeier (Chair, in progress)  
Jason Quinn (Committee member, completed degree in 2010)  
Madhav Joshi (Committee member, completed degree in 2010)  
Eric Keels (Committee member, completed degree in 2016)  
Christopher MacCauley (Committee member, completed degree in 2017)  
Christopher Linebarger (Committee member, completed degree in 2013)  
Seraina Ruegger (ETH Zürich, committee member, completed degree in 2013)  
Fabien Cottier (University of Geneva, committee member, in progress)

### *MA Students*

Eliza Kelly (Committee member, completed degree in 2013)  
Attaphorn Samphansakul (Committee member, completed degree in 2008)  
Ashley Townsend (Committee member, Completed Degree in 2008)

## **Professional Memberships**

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American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association  
Peace Science Society