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Curriculum Vitae

University of Michigan
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Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, 2022-Present

Interim Director, International Policy Center, University of Michigan, AY 2023-2024

Associate Professor (by courtesy), Political Science, University of Michigan, 2022-Present

Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University, 2017-2022

Fellow, John Sloan Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, 2020-2021

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Politics Department, University of Virginia, 2016-2017

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow, Brookings Institute, 2015-2016

Education

Ph.D., Government, Georgetown University, 2016.

Dissertation: "The Determinants of Rebel Public Goods Provision."

Recognition and Awards: Defended with Distinction (Georgetown); 2018 Winner for Walter Isard Best Dissertation in Peace Science (Peace Science Society)

M.A. in passing, Government, Georgetown University, 2012

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Politics and Journalism, New York University, 2010

Peer-Reviewed Publications

BOOKS

Megan A. Stewart. *Governing for Revolution: Social Transformation in Civil War.* 2021. Cambridge University Press.

Recognition: Honorable Mention for International Security Studies Section Best Book Award (2023); Short-listed for Conflict Research Society Book of the Year (2022)

Reviewed in: *Perspectives on Politics* (Laia Balcells); *H-Diplo Roundtable* (Melissa Lee, Katherine Sawyer, Paul Staniland), *Civil Wars* (Daniel Rincón Machón)

PAPERS

- Megan A. Stewart.** "Foundations of the Vanguard: The Origins of Leftist Rebel Groups." *European Journal of International Relations*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661221140099>
- Conrad, Justin, Liana Reyes-Reardon and **Megan A. Stewart.** "Revisiting Opportunism in Civil Conflict: Natural Resource Extraction and Health Care Provision." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027211025597>.
- Megan A. Stewart** and Karin E. Kitchens. 2021. "Social Transformation and Violence: Evidence from U.S. Reconstruction." *Comparative Political Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414021997164>
- Zachariah Mampilly and **Megan A. Stewart.** 2021. "A Typology of Rebel Political Institutional Arrangements." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(1): 15-45.
- Dani Nedal, **Megan A. Stewart,** and Michael Weintraub. 2020. "Urban Concentration and Civil War." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64(6): 1146-1171.
- Megan A. Stewart.** 2020. "Rebel Governance: Military Boon or Military Bust? (Isard Award Article)." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 37(1): 16-38.
- Megan A. Stewart.** "Civil War as State-Making: Strategic Governance in Civil War." 2018. *International Organization*. 72(1): 205-226.
- Honorable Mention: Best Paper Award (2016), APSA Conflict Processes Section
- D.J. Flynn and **Megan A. Stewart.** "Secessionist Social Services Reduce the Public Costs of Civilian Killings: Experimental Evidence from the United States and United Kingdom." 2018. *Research & Politics*. 5(4): 1-10.
- Megan A. Stewart** and Yu-Ming Liou. "Do Good Borders Make Good Rebels? Foreign Territorial Control and Civilian Casualties." 2017. *Journal of Politics*. (79)1: 284-301.
- Desh Girod, **Megan A. Stewart** and Meir R. Walters "Mass Protests and the Resource Curse: The Politics of Demobilization in Rentier Autocracies." 2018. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 5(5): 503-522.

In Review or Revision

- Megan A. Stewart** and Karin E. Kitchens. "Explaining Variation in Political Officeholding by Marginalized Groups: Evidence from Contraband Camps."
- Megan A. Stewart.** "Revolution Reconsidered: An Alternative Approach to Understanding Revolutions."

Works in Progress

- Megan A. Stewart.** TBD: *Explaining the Success of Radical Projects to Transform the Social Order*. Book manuscript with data collection underway.
- Megan A. Stewart.** "The Legacies of Failed Revolutionary Programs: The Republican Calendar and Labor Activism"

Other Scholarly Works

- Review of "Confronting Saddam Hussein" by Melvyn Leffler. *H-Diplo Roundtable*. Forthcoming.

“Identity, Networks, and Learning in the Study of Rebel Governance.” Conclusion for special issue in *Small Wars and Insurgencies*. January 2023.

Review of “On Dangerous Ground: A Theory of Bargaining, Border Settlement, and Rivalry” by Toby Rider and Andrew Oswiak. *Political Science Quarterly*. January 2022.

Review of “Crippling Leviathan” by Melissa Lee. *International Studies Review*. November 2021.

Review of “Strategic Targeting of Terrorist Organizations” by Jenna Jordan. *Texas National Security Review*. November 2021.

Megan A. Stewart. “The Islamic State as a Revolutionary Rebel Group: IS’ Governance and Violence in a Global Historical Context.” Book Chapter for *Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies* Edited by Melani Cammett and Pauline Moore.

Review of “Return of the Barbarians: Confronting Non-State Actors from Ancient Rome to the Present” by Jakub Grygiel. *H-Diplo, H-Net Reviews*. January 2019.

“Comparing International Systems in World History: Anarchy, Hierarchy, and Culture.” *International Studies Quarterly* Symposium. November 2017.

Policy and Media Publications

“What’s at stake if Turkey invades Syria, again .” *Middle East Institute*. 7 December 2022.

“Warnings of ‘Civil War’ Risk Harming Efforts Against Political Violence.” *War on the Rocks*. 18 January 2022.

“America’s reputation and local actors in a trust vacuum.” *Middle East Institute*. 20 October 2021.

“What’s next in Afghanistan? The prospects for future political violence.” *Middle East Institute*. 19 August 2021.

“US history shows that progress towards racial equity has been met with violent backlash from whites trying to keep power.” *London School of Economics U.S. Public Policy Blog*. 13 April 2021.

“In Search of Recruits, Neo-Nazis Turn to Islamists’ Social Service Provision.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. 30 January 2018.

“Beyond the State: Ordering as a Scalable Process.” *International Studies Quarterly* Online Symposium on: *Comparing International Systems in World History: Anarchy, Hierarchy, and Culture*. (2017).

“The Islamic State: Caliphate Interrupted, but not Defeated.” *Sustainable Security*. Oxford Research Group. 25 August 2017.

“The Legacy of Reconstruction and Occupation After the US Civil War.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. 15 August 2017.

“THE GOVERNANCE NEXUS: Surveying the Research on Violent Extremism, Governance Failures, and the Quest for Political Legitimacy.” *United States Institute of Peace*. Resolve Network. (2017)

“Trump’s plan for Syria safe zones could put civilians at even more risk.” *Washington Post’s The Monkey Cage* blog. 23 February 2017.

“The Global-Theater Security Cooperation Management Information System: Assessment and Implications for Strategic Users.” *RAND Report RR-1680-DSCA*.

“Why the Islamic State is so Bad at Being a State.” *Political Violence at a Glance*. 22 December 2015.

“What’s So New About the Islamic State’s Governance?” *Project on Middle East Political Science, POMEPS Studies* 9, October, 2014. Also featured in an October 7, 2014 post on the *Monkey Cage*.

“Case Study on Rwandan Genocide,” Political Instability Task Force Casebook on Genocide.

“Case Study on Haitian Political Violence (1991-1994),” Political Instability Task Force Casebook on Genocide.

Grants, Scholarships, and Other Awards

SIS Outstanding Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activities, American University (2021)

Ostrom Fund Centennial Center Research Grant [with Karin Kitchens], American Political Science Association (2020)

Walter Isard Dissertation Award, Peace Science Society (2018)

Dean’s Summer Research Award, American University (2017)

Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award, APSA Conflict Processes Section (2016)

Graduate School Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University (2015)

Behavioral Research Grant [with DJ Flynn], Qualtrics (

Edwin J. Beinecke, Jr. Scholarship in International Affairs, Harry Truman Foundation (2015-2016)

Summer Research Award, Georgetown University (2014)

Summer Methods Training Grant, Georgetown University (2012)

Phi Beta Kappa (2010 Inductee)

John Peter Zenger Excellence in Writing Award, New York University (2010)

June Schlesinger Katz International Research Scholar Award, New York University (2010)

Presidential Honors Scholar, New York University (2007-2010)

Invited Presentations

Dartmouth College, January 2023

Presentation: “The Legacies of Failed Revolutionary Programs: The Republican Calendar and Labor Activism”

CIDE, December 2021

Presentation: “Revolution Reconsidered: An Alternative Approach to Social Revolutions”

Dartmouth College, April 2021

Presentation: “Revolution Reconsidered: An Alternative Approach to Social Revolutions”

Vanderbilt University, April 2021

Presentation: “Explaining Variation in Challenges to the Social Order: The Political Legacies of Contraband Camps.”

George Washington University, February 2021

Presentation: "Revolution Reconsidered: An Alternative Approach to Social Revolutions"

University of Virginia, October 2020

Presentation: "Foundations of the Vanguard: The Origins of Leftist National Liberation Rebel Groups"

Cornell University, November 2019

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

University of Maryland, September 2019

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Syracuse University, September 2019

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

UC Santa Barbara, May 2019

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Upsalla University, May 2018.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Online Peace Science Consortium, October 2017.

Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions"

SUNY Binghamton, September 2017.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Political Violence Workshop, American University, September 2017.

Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions"

DC-Area International Relations Workshop, Georgetown University, May 2017.

Presentation: "The Historical Legacies of U.S. Post-Civil War Reconstruction: Racial Violence and Governing Institutions"

Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Working Group, University of Virginia, April 2017.

Presentation: "Women in War: The Post-Conflict Consequences of Women's Participation in Civil War"

Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia, April 2017.

Presentation: "Pro-Social Behavior, Violence and Gender: Evidence from Four Experiments"

GUITARS, Georgetown University, November 2016.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Emerging Scholars in Grand Strategy Conference, Notre Dame, June 2016.

Presentation: "Governing for Revolution"

Workshop on Conceptualizing Women Combatants, American University, May 2016.

Paper Presentation: "Civil War, Women and Post-Conflict Development"

Yale University Order, Conflict and Violence Workshop, February 2016.

Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building"

Geneva Call and Protect Education in Insecurity and Armed Conflict, "Education and Armed Non-State Actors: Towards a Comprehensive Agenda" Workshop, June 2015

American University Political Violence Research Workshop, March 2015
Paper Presentation: "Civil War as State Building: The Causes of Rebel Public Goods Provision"

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, October 2014
"Introduction to R."

CRITICS, Georgetown University, April 2014
Paper Presentation with Desha Girod: "Repression and Backlash: Evidence from a Global Data Set."

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, October 2013
"Introduction to R."

Georgetown University Quantitative Methods Workshop, December 2012
"Non-Parametric Models, The Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test."

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022
International Studies Association: 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023
Peace Science Society-International: 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022
European Political Science Association: 2019, 2023
ISSS-IS Annual Conference: 2017, 2019
Conflict Research Society: 2018
New York University Alexander Hamilton Center Graduate Student Conference: 2015
Midwest Political Science Association: 2013, 2014

Teaching

University of Michigan

"Politics of Public Policy," Masters-level (F22, F23)
"Values and Ethics: Social Inequality, the State, and Political Violence," Undergraduate-level (F22, F23)

American University

"Advanced International Relations," Doctoral-level (S20)
"International Affairs Statistics and Methods," Masters-level (S18-S20; F21-22)
"Strategies of Rebellion: From Mao to ISIS," Undergraduate-level (F17, S18, S19, F19)
"Statebuilding and Intervention in Civil War," Undergraduate-level (S19)

Georgetown University

"Introduction to International Relations," Undergraduate-level (Summer 2013, 2014).

Service

Professional

Section Chair: Foreign Policy Processes Section, APSA

Reviewer: American Political Science Review, World Politics, American Journal of Political Science, International Security, International Organization, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Security Studies, International Theory, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Studies Review, International Interactions, World Development

Departmental

University of Michigan: Masters Program Committee

American University: Faculty Action Committee, Beyond Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee, Ph.D. Committee, Complex Governance Speaker Series Chair, Olson Scholar Mentor

Georgetown: Women's Caucus At-Large Member, Chair of Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Vice Chair of Georgetown Quantitative Methods Working Group, Vice President of the Graduate Political Science Association, Treasurer of the Graduate Political Science Association

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace Science Society, Women in Conflict Studies

Research and Technology Skills

Languages: Media-level Arabic, proficient in Spanish and French.

Research Skills: Archival data, lab and survey experiments, statistical analysis, field research experience in Egypt and Lebanon.

Technology Skills: R, Stata and L^AT_EX