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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Los Angeles

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2024 –

Associate Director, Burkle Center for International Relations

2026 –

Rice University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

2019 – 2024

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., Department of Government

2019

Dissertation: *Why Rebels Reject Peace*

– Winner of Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize for “the best dissertation on a subject relating to the promotion of world peace,” Harvard University

University of California, Santa Cruz

B.A., Politics

2010

Highest Honors, *Cum Laude*

BOOK

Why Rebels Reject Peace: Injustice and the Making of Extremists.

–Forthcoming, *Cambridge University Press.*

PUBLICATIONS

Huff, Connor, Eric Min, and Robert Schub. 2026. “Racial Inequality in War.” *American Political Science Review* 120(2): 662–680.

Henn, Soeren and Connor Huff. 2024. “The Local Memory of Repression, and Who Fights.” *World Politics* 76(2): 219–258.

Huff, Connor. 2024. “Counterinsurgency Tactics, Rebel Grievances, and Who Keeps Fighting.” *American Political Science Review* 118(1): 475–480.

Homola, Jonathan, Connor Huff, Yui Nishimura, and Amoraes Times. 2022. “The Gendered Legacies of the Frontier and Military Enlistment Behavior.” *Journal of Historical Political Economy* 2(4): 635–653.

Huff, Connor and Robert Schub. 2021. “Segregation, Integration, and Death: Evidence From the Korean War.” *International Organization* 75(3): 858–879.

Cohen, Dara Kay, Connor Huff, and Robert Schub. 2021. “At War and at Home: The Consequences of US Women Combat Casualties.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(4): 647–671.

Hall, Andrew B., Connor Huff, and Shiro Kuriwaki. 2019. “Wealth, Slaveownership, and Fighting for the Confederacy: An Empirical Study of the American Civil War.” *American Political Science Review* 113(3): 658–673.

Huff, Connor and Joshua D. Kertzer. 2018. “How the Public Defines Terrorism.” *American Journal of Political Science* 62(1): 55–71.

- Huff, Connor and Robert Schub. 2018. "The Intertemporal Tradeoff in Mobilizing Support for War." *International Studies Quarterly* 62(2): 396–409.
- White, Ariel, Anton Strezhnev, Christopher Lucas, Dominika Kruszewska, and Connor Huff. 2018. "Investigator Characteristics and Respondent Behavior in Online Surveys." *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(1): 56–67.
- Schwab, Michail, Hendrik Strobelt, James Tompkin, Colin Fredericks, Connor Huff, Dana Higgins, Anton Strezhnev, Mayya Komisarchik, Gary King, and Hanspeter Pfister. 2017. "boocio: An Education System with Hierarchical Concept Maps and Dynamic Non-linear Learning Plans." *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics* 23(1): 571–580.
- Huff, Connor and Dominika Kruszewska. 2016. "Banners, Barricades, and Bombs: The Tactical Choices of Social Movements and Public Opinion." *Comparative Political Studies* 49(13): 1774–1808.
- Huff, Connor and Dustin Tingley. 2015. "'Who Are These People?' Evaluating the Demographic Characteristics and Political Preferences of MTurk Survey Respondents." *Research and Politics* 2(3): 1–12.

SELECT PROJECTS

- Measuring Large Language Model Bias in National Security Applications: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment (with Caleb Lucas). *Revise and Resubmit, Political Science Research and Methods*.
- Racial and Ethnic Biases are Pervasive in Artificial Intelligence Assessments of National Security Threats (with Caleb Lucas). *Under Review*.
- Inequality in War (with Eric Min and Robert Schub). Book Project in Progress.
- Perspective-Sharing, Mediation, and Resources: Testing Strategies to Repair Farmer-Herder Relations in Northern Benin (with Brice Denakpo, Marine Gassier, and Soeren Henn). Research in Progress.

OTHER WRITING AND COMMENTARY

- Cuesta, Jose, and Connor Huff. 2026. "Climate and Social Sustainability in Fragility, Conflict, and Violence Contexts." *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper*.
- Huff, Connor, and Robert Schub, "Segregation, Integration, and Battlefield Death in the Korean War," *The Broadstreet Blog*, May 21, 2021.
- Huff, Connor, and Joshua D. Kertzer, "People are more likely to describe a violent event as terrorism if the perpetrator is Muslim and has policy goals," *The London School of Economics' USAPP–American Politics and Policy*, October 20, 2017.
- Huff, Connor, and Joshua D. Kertzer, "If the gunman was Muslim, would we be talking about Las Vegas 'terrorism?'," *The Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*, October 4, 2017.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Undergraduate Courses:

- Artificial Intelligence and Catastrophic Violence*. UCLA. Spring 2026.
- Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding*. UCLA. Spring 2026.
- Understanding War and Peace*. Rice University. Spring 2024.
- Applied Research Methods*. Rice University. Fall 2021, Spring 2024.

Civil War and Terrorism. Rice University. Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2022.

Civil War. Rice University. Fall 2019.

Graduate Courses:

Social Scientific Thinking I. Rice University. Fall 2021, Fall 2023.

Civil War. Rice University. Spring 2021.

Dissertation Committees:

Sadaf Vafa, Political Science, UCLA, Ph.D. in Progress.

Conner Joyce, Political Science, Rice University, Ph.D. 2026. Placement: Assistant Professor, IE Madrid.

Gladys Zubiria Fuentes, Political Science, Rice University, Ph.D. 2025. Placement: Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Micro-Foundations of Peace Project.

Yui Nishimura, Political Science, Rice University, Ph.D. 2024. Placement: Kansai University.

Kristin Bryant, Political Science, Rice University, Ph.D. 2022. Placement: Researcher/Statistician, Office of Fiscal Affairs, State of South Carolina.

Liana Eustacia Reyes, Political Science, Rice University, Ph.D. 2022. Placement: Assistant Professor, Purdue University.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, 2024-2025.

–*Placement*: Global Department for Social Development, World Bank.

Visiting Fellow, Program in American Grand Strategy, Duke University, 2022-2023.

Career Champion, Center for Career Development, Rice University, 2023.

Edward M. Chase Dissertation Prize, Harvard University, 2020.

Samuel P. Huntington Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University, 2018-2019.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Fellowship, Duke University, 2014.

Bok Center, Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Spring 2014.

GRANTS

“Perspective-Sharing, Mediation, and Resources: Testing Strategies to Repair Farmer-Herder Relations in Northern Benin” (with Brice Denakpo, Marine Gassier, and Soeren Henn), ReCIPE Big Research Grants, 2026. (£79,047).

“Perspective-Sharing, Mediation, and Resources: Testing Strategies to Repair Farmer-Herder Relations in Northern Benin” (with Brice Denakpo, Marine Gassier, and Soeren Henn), Innovations for Poverty Action, 2026. (\$100,000).

UCLA Council on Research Faculty Grant, UCLA, 2026. (\$5,000).

Book Manuscript Workshop Grant, Rice University, 2022. (\$3,000).

Creative Ventures Workshop Development Fund (with Jonathan Homola and Michelle Torres), Rice University, 2021. (\$9,670).

Social Science Research Initiative Seed Grant, Rice University, 2021. (\$10,000).

Weatherhead Center Dissertation Writing Grant, Harvard University, Fall 2017. (\$14,010).

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Conference Grant (with Mayya Komisarchik, Christopher Lucas, Gabrielle Malina, Shom Mazumder, and David Romney), Harvard University, 2017. (\$1,800).

Weatherhead Center Conference Grant (with Shiro Kuriwaki and Christopher Lucas), Harvard University, 2016. (\$1,500).

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Conference Grant (with Shiro Kuriwaki and Christopher Lucas), Harvard University, 2016. (\$1,800).

Center for American Political Studies Research Seed Grant (with Christopher Lucas and Ariel White), Harvard University, 2016. (\$1,000).

Center for American Political Studies Research Seed Grant (with Christopher Lucas, Dominika Kruszewska, Anton Strezhnev, and Ariel White), Harvard University, 2016. (\$1,000).

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Research Grant Research Grant (with Christopher Lucas), Harvard University, 2014. (\$2,000).

Weatherhead Center Research Grant (with Christopher Lucas), Harvard University, 2014. (\$4,000).

Weatherhead Center GSA Research Grant, Harvard University, 2014. (\$2,500).

INVITED TALKS

2026: Political Science Seminar, BYU; Frontiers in International Relations Workshop, Duke University; Comparative Social Analysis Seminar, Department of Sociology, UCLA.

2025: Mortara Research Seminar, Georgetown University; Global Politics Seminar, University of Pittsburgh.

2024: Florida State University Speaker Series.

2023: SPC Workshop, Duke University; Brown Bag Lunch, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2022: Workshop on International Politics, University of Chicago; Political Institutions and Political Economy Symposium, University of Southern California.

2021: Social Sciences Working Group, Institute for Defense Analyses.

2020: “IR and America’s Rise” Workshop, University of Chicago.

2019: “Data Science and Conflict” Workshop, Columbia University.

2016: Department Seminar, Trinity College, Dublin.

CONFERENCES AND PANELS ORGANIZED

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Rice University (with Jonathan Homola and Michelle Torres), 2022.

Beyond Extremism: Building Resilience and Engaging Communities (with Kadir Yildirim), Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University, 2019.

Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference (with Mayya Komisarchik, Christopher Lucas, Gabrielle Malina, Shom Mazumder, David Romney, and Dustin Tingley), Harvard University, 2017.

Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference (with Dominika Kruszewska, Shiro Kuriwaki, Christopher Lucas, and Dustin Tingley), Harvard University, 2016.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025.
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2024, 2025.
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2025.
Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024.
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2016, 2021, 2022.
Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting, 2022.
European Peace Science Conference, 2021.
APSA “Justice and Injustice” Mini-Conference, 2021.
Texas Triangle Workshop, 2020, 2024.
Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference, 2017, 2018.
Columbia-Harvard-NYU-Princeton-Yale Politics and History Conference, 2017, 2018.
Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Student Conference, 2016.

SERVICE

Discipline:

Editorial Board Member, *Global Studies Quarterly*, August 2021-Present.

Co-Convener, Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2019-2024.

International Security Section Chair, MPSA 2023.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Computers in Human Behavior*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *National Science Foundation*, *PLOS ONE*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Research and Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *SAGE Open*, *Social Forces*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*

University:

Social Science Research Initiative Faculty Advisory Committee, Rice University, 2023-2024.

Women’s Water Polo Faculty Sponsor, Rice University, 2019-2022.

Men’s Water Polo Faculty Sponsor, Rice University, 2019-2020.

Departmental:

Graduate Admissions Committee, UCLA, 2025-2026.

Comparative Search Committee, Rice University, 2023.

Graduate Studies Committee, Rice University, 2020-2022, 2023-2024.

American Political Behavior/Methods Search Committee, Rice University, 2021.

Hudspeth Speaker Series Committee, Rice University, 2019-2020.

IR Lunch Co-Organizer, Rice University, 2020.

IR Search Committee, Rice University, 2019.

Co-Coordinator, Harvard Experiments Working Group, Harvard University, 2014-2016.

Co-Founder, Harvard Experiments Working Group, Harvard University, 2014.

Co-Coordinator, Graduate Political Economy Workshop, Harvard University, 2013-2014.