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## **Education**

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### 2005-Present **University of Pittsburgh**

Currently pursuing Ph.D. in Political Science (anticipated 2012)

Exam Fields:

First Field: International Relations

Subfields: International Political Economy, Conflict

Second Field: Political Methodology (Exam passed with Distinction)

Non-exam Fields:

Comparative Politics

### 2007 **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Institute*

Courses: Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimators, Advanced Game Theory

### 2004-2005 **State University of New York at Buffalo**

**M.A. in Applied Economics**

**Subjects Studied:** Micro and Macro Economics, International Economics, International Finance, Applied Econometrics

### 2001 **Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, London, England**

**14-Week Shakespeare in Performance Program**

### 1998-2001 **New York University**

**B.F.A. in Theatre**

## **Peer Reviewed Publications**

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“Foreign Aid, Economic Growth, and Civil War: How Does Economic Aid Affect Conflict?” *International Organization*. Forthcoming (with Burcu Savun)

“Foreign Aid, Democratization and Civil Conflict: How Does Aid Affect Civil Conflict?” 2011. *American Journal of Political Science* 55 (2): 233-246. (with Burcu Savun).

“Foreign Aid Effectiveness and the Strategic Goals of Donor Governments” 2010. *Journal of Politics* 72 (3): 837-851. (with David Bearce)

## **Working Papers**

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“Is Trade Good for the Poor? A Second Look” (with Nita Rudra; under review)

“Missions of Mercy or the Kindness That Kills?”

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## Dissertation

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*Title:* Politics and the Efficacy of Humanitarian Aid in Civil Conflict

*Committee Members:*

David Bearce (Co-chair)

Burcu Savun (Co-chair)

Nita Rudra

Daniela Donno

*Abstract:* Is the ability of humanitarian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to effectively improve the health and welfare of aid recipients affected by the source of the organization's funding? This project examines the effectiveness of humanitarian NGOs as a function of their funding sources, with a particular focus on civil conflict. I argue that NGOs whose revenue depends on private individual contributions suffer from accountability and coordination issues. Therefore, organizations that work with and accept funds from governments are more likely to be efficacious in improving health than those that eschew government funding. To test my argument, I built an original dataset of NGO programs and activities. The analysis speaks to scholars interested in governance, security studies, and foreign assistance, focusing on a stream of revenue and class of actor which have not been extensively analyzed in this manner. The findings, which can be used to improve organizational performance, are also highly salient to aid practitioners. Most importantly, the results are critical to the individuals these organizations assist, whose lives and welfare depend on effective and efficient aid.

## Conference Participation

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“Donor Accountability and NGO performance”. Presented at:

- *Annual Science Association Annual Meeting* Seattle, WA September 2011 (upcoming)
- *Peace Science Society International*, Los Angeles, CA October 2011 (upcoming)
- *International Political Economy Society*, Madison, WI November 2011 (upcoming)

“Foreign Aid, Economic Growth, and Civil War: How Does Economic Aid Affect Conflict?” (with Burcu Savun), *Peace Science Society International*, Chapel Hill, NC November 2009

“Is Trade Good for the Poor? A Second Look” (with Nita Rudra). Presented at:

- *International Political Economy Society*, College Station, TX November 2009
- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, ON September 2009

“Democracy Aid, Democratization and Civil Conflict” (with Burcu Savun). Presented at:

- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, ON September 2009
- *Peace Science Society International*, Claremont, CA October 2008.

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## **Conference Participation (continued)**

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“Foreign Aid, Recipient Growth, and the Strategic Goals of Donor Governments” (with David Bearce). Presented at:

- *International Political Economy Society*, Stanford, CA November 2007
- *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL September 2007

## **Teaching, Research Experience and Professional Development**

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Completed University of Pittsburgh’s Practicum on University Teaching, Summer 2009

Instructor, Political Science 1541: “Politics of Global Economic Relations”, upper level undergraduate course in international political economy. Spring 2009, Summer 2011

Instructor, Political Science 0500: “World Politics”, introductory course in international relations. Fall 2008, Summer 2009.

Research Assistant for Professor Nita Rudra. Summer 2008.

Teaching Assistant, Political Science 1581: “Seminar in International Relations” for Professor Charles Gochman. Spring 2008.

## **Awards and Fellowships**

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2011-2012	Richard W. Cottam Memorial Prize
2010-2011	Institute for Humane Studies Thomas C. and Irene W. Graham Fellow
2009-2010	U. of Pittsburgh Andrew Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
2008-2009	U. of Pittsburgh Political Science Department Umberger Scholarship
2008-2010	U. of Pittsburgh School of Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowship
2007, 2011	American Political Science Association Travel Grant
2007 – 2008	U. of Pittsburgh School of Arts & Sciences Teaching Fellowship
2006 – 2007	U. of Pittsburgh School of Arts & Sciences Teaching Assistantship
2005 – 2006	U. of Pittsburgh School of Arts & Sciences Fellowship

## **Professional Service**

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Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and *Political Research Quarterly*

Departmental Service at the University of Pittsburgh

Graduate student member, International Relations Faculty Search Committee Fall 2006  
Political Science Department Representative to Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Organization (2008-09)

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## **Professional Affiliations**

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Member, American Political Science Association  
Member, Midwest Political Science Association  
Member, Peace Science Society International

## **References**

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