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PROFILE

I am a recent Ph.D. graduate with a strong research background, policy experience, and teaching portfolio. My research investigates international development, human rights, conflict resolution, and political violence. I am interested in developing a career that combines teaching and research with public engagement in policy.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Government

The University of Texas at Austin

May 2023

Austin, TX

- Subfields: International Relations and Political Methodology
- Dissertation: *Coercive and Catalytic Foreign Aid Strategies for Promoting Human Rights*

Donors that respond to human rights violations using foreign aid choose between two strategic options: coercion, which uses aid and the threat of withdrawal as material leverage to influence recipient leaders' behaviors, and catalysis, which uses aid for developing political systems in the recipient country to limit state violence from within. The decision is influenced by three factors: the donor's interests, the costs of each strategy, and the recipient's willingness to pursue outside options for development finance. Donors typically prioritize catalytic strategies, but substitute coercive strategies when political liberalization is difficult or undesirable. When recipients use the outside options created by geopolitical competition to signal they can bypass donors' coercive punishments, donors rely more on catalytic strategies, even when democratization would be destabilizing.

M.S. in International Political Economy

The University of Texas at Dallas

May 2015

Dallas, TX

- Focus in International Business and Public Policy
- Area Focus in Latin American Politics and Development

B.S. International Political Economy

The University of Texas at Dallas

May 2013

Dallas, TX

- *Summa Cum Laude* (top 5% of graduates, approx. equivalent to UK First Class Honours)
- Focus in Latin American Economic Development

PUBLICATIONS

Corwin, Hillary (2023) "Coercive and catalytic strategies for human rights promotion: State violence and foreign aid." *World Development* 167: 106277.

Preprint and Replication Data

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Corwin, Hillary "Human rights, foreign aid, and the return of great power competition: The effect of Belt and Road Initiative agreements on OECD donors' human rights promotion strategies."

Preprint and Replication Data

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Society for Political Methodology Texas Methods Conference
Austin, TX

5 Nov 2022

- *Poster Presentation*: “The Evolution of Human Rights Promotion with the Rise of Non-Traditional Development Cooperation”

International Studies Association Conference 1-2 Apr 2022
Nashville, TN

- *Section Organizer, Chair, and Co-Discussant*: “Foreign Aid Withdrawals: Credibility, Efficacy, and Reception” Panel
- *Presentation*: “Coercive and Catalytic Aid Strategies for Human Rights Promotion”
- *Presentation*: “Friends in Low Places: Transnational Affinity for Targets of State Violence and the Composition of Foreign Assistance”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 15 Jan 2022
San Antonio, TX

- *Presentation*: “Coercive and Catalytic Aid Strategies for Human Rights Promotion”

Joint Human Rights Conference (ISA/APSA/ECPR) 14 June 2021
London, UK - Virtual Conference

- *Presentation*: “Coercive and Catalytic Aid Strategies for Human Rights Promotion”

Foreign aid withdrawals and suspensions 21 May 2021
Virtual Workshop

- *Presentation*: “Coercive and Catalytic Aid Strategies for Human Rights Promotion”

Midwest Political Science Association (conference cancelled) 17–18 Apr 2020
Chicago, IL

- *Section Chair and Discussant*: Economic Development, Technology, Security
- *Presentation*: “Can Commitments to Withhold Aid Improve Human Rights?: Donor Commitments and Recipient Restraint”
- *Discussant*: Human Rights in Domestic and International Institutions Panel
- *Presentation*: “Economic Influence in the International System”

Texas Triangle International Relations Conference 26 Jan 2019
Fredericksburg, TX

- *Presentation*: “Can Commitments to Withhold Aid Improve Human Rights?: Donor Commitments and Recipient Restraint”

Sanger Learning Center 7 Nov 2018
The University of Texas at Austin - Austin, TX

- *Pedagogy Presentation*: “Discussion-Based Pedagogy and Contentious Subjects: Promoting complex intrapersonal, interpersonal, and cognitive development through difficult dialogues”

REVIEWER

The British Journal of Politics and International Relations

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

University of Texas at Austin

The United States in Global Politics

Fall 2021

Head Teaching Assistant (for online courses with over 1000 students)

University of Texas at Austin

The 2020 Election

Fall 2020

American Government

Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant

University of Texas at Austin

U.S. National Security	Spring 2023
Campaigns and Elections	Fall 2022
The Politics of the Catholic Church (Rome, study abroad)	Summer 2022
Human Rights and World Politics	Summer 2021
American Government	Spring 2019
U.S. Foreign Policy	Fall 2016, 2017, 2018; Spring 2018
International Political Economy	Spring 2017

Supplemental Instructor

The University of Texas at Austin

U.S. Foreign Policy	Fall 2018
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TEACHING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Summer Inclusive Course Design Institute Certificate, UT-Austin	Aug 2022
Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate, UT-Austin	May 2022
Advanced Teaching Preparation Certificate, UT-Austin	May 2021
Supervised Teaching Course, UT-Austin	Dec 2020
Sanger Learning Center Supplemental Instructor Training, UT-Austin	Dec 2018

POLICY AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Fellow Aug 2018 – May 2020
Innovations for Peace and Development - Austin, TX

- Led the Agricultural Development team in cleaning and anonymizing randomized control trial and impact evaluation replication files for publication for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN FAO), the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).
- Analyzed the distributional impacts, effect sizes, and adoption patterns of agricultural development programs conducted under UN FAO grants.
- Calculated intracluster correlations and effect sizes from African agricultural studies to inform power analyses for future field experiments and impact evaluations.
- Developed methods to diagnose measurement error in and improve the measurement validity of agricultural adoption surveys, which will factor into the design of a household panel survey of 50 countries over 30 years.

Virtual Student Foreign Service Research Assistant Aug 2013 – July 2015
United States Agency for International Development - Washington D.C.

- Proposed and analyzed policies for various general economic development projects and social inclusion projects for vulnerable populations while working under the USAID Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean's Strategy and Program Office.
- Advised food and agricultural programs in Haiti, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras.
- Evaluated public-private partnerships for efficacy in reaching development goals.
- Advised on the gender, geographic, and economic dimensions of human trafficking in Honduras for the counter-trafficking in persons strategy.
- Contributed to Latin American section of a presidential memorandum on global LGBTI+ strategies and programming coauthored by a joint State Department/USAID panel.
- Devised vulnerable population security and gender-based violence counseling programs for the Colombian peace process

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Spring 2022	Dissertation Fellowship , Dept of Government, UT-Austin	\$10,000
Spring 2021	Dissertation Fellowship , Dept of Government, UT-Austin	\$10,000
2020	Best Teaching Assistant Award , Dept of Government, UT-Austin	\$500
2019-2020	Graduate Research Fellow , Innovations for Peace and Development	\$7,500
Summer 2019	EITM Summer Institute , Hobby School, University of Houston	\$2,000
2018-2019	Graduate Research Fellow , Innovations for Peace and Development	\$7,500
Summer 2016	Summer Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship , UT-Austin	\$2,000
2016-2020	McDonald Fellowship , UT-Austin	\$20,000
2011-2013	Full Tuition Scholarship , UT-Dallas	\$25,000

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (PAST AND PRESENT)

- American Political Science Association
- International Political Economy Society
- Midwest Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Peace Science Society
- The Society for Political Methodology
- Latin American Studies Association

SKILLS

Languages	English (native), Spanish (intermediate proficiency).
Methodology	Econometrics, causal inference, network analysis, policy evaluation, mathematical statistics, machine learning, formal theory, experimental design.
Data Analytics	Stata, Python, R, Markdown, SQL, Excel, ArcGIS, Tableau, PowerBI, Qualtrics, Google BigQuery.

REFERENCES

Nathan M. Jensen Professor of Government The University of Texas at Austin natemjensen@austin.utexas.edu	Terrence L. Chapman Professor of Government The University of Texas at Austin t.chapman@austin.utexas.edu
Michael G. Findley Professor of Government The University of Texas at Austin mikefindley@utexas.edu	