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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 2006.

- Primary Faculty Advisors: Roland Paris (chair), David Brown, James Scarritt, Steven Poe.

Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University, 2003.

M.A., Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2002.

Honors B.A., Cum Laude, Political Science and Anthropology, Marquette University, Fall 1994.

- Year-long study abroad at James Cook University, Townsville, Australia, 1993.

DISSERTATION

“Truth and Consequences: The Impact of Truth Commissions in Transitional Societies.”

Growing interest in truth commissions has produced little agreement as to their long-term impact on a state's political and social development. Although most argue they are beneficial, a growing chorus of critics sees truth commissions as either ineffectual or dangerous. With many of these arguments based on normative conviction and anecdotal evidence, this project begins to adjudicate amongst these claims by making preliminary conclusions regarding the consequences of truth-seeking. To do so, I use a multi-method approach to begin to adjudicate amongst these claims regarding the consequences of truth-seeking. It does so by looking at patterns of democratization and human rights protection cross-nationally and through a series of case studies that utilize quasi-experiments to isolate truth commission effects. Overall, there is some evidence to support the contention that truth commissions contribute to better human rights practices in the future. On the democracy dimension, however, there is weak support for the contention that truth commissions are beneficial.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2006-present.

Research Assistant, Conflict Research Consortium (CRC), University of Colorado at Boulder, 2003-6. CRC is designated as a UN Department of Political Affairs Center of Excellence <<http://peacemaker.unlb.org/>>.

Lead Graduate Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2005-6.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2000-5.

International Trafficking and Customer Service. Datex-Ohmeda Inc., Madison, WI, 1995-9.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Human Rights, Democratization and Transitional Justice, Peacebuilding, Conflict Processes and Conflict Resolution, International Organization and Law, and Globalization.

PUBLICATIONS AND ACADEMIC WRITING

"Brazil: Truth Commissions," in *Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture*, 2nd ed. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson/Gale. Forthcoming.

"Transitional Justice, Civil Society and the Development of the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Societies." *International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law*. 9:4 (2007).

"Uncovering the Truth: Examining Truth Commission Success and Impact." *International Studies Perspectives*. 8:1 (February 2007) 16-35.

"AIDS/HIV," in *Social Issues in America: An Encyclopedia*. James Ciment, ed. (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2006).

"Stabilization and the Problem of Insurgency," "Truth Commissions," "International Law," "Role of IGOs," "Trauma Healing," "Conflict Stages," "Latent Conflict Stage," "Hurting Stalemate," "Negotiation Stage," "Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Stage," "Elections," "Election Monitoring," "Diplomacy," "Shuttle Diplomacy," "Propaganda," "Scapegoating," "Costs of Intractable Conflict," "Benefits of Conflict," "Social Movements," "Peace Education," "Civic Education," and "Designing New Dispute Resolution Systems" (co-authored). *Beyond Intractability*. Eds. Guy Burgess and Heidi Burgess. Conflict Research Consortium, University of Colorado, Boulder. <<http://www.beyondintractability.org/eric-brahm.jsp>>.

"Book Review: Courtney Jung, *Then I Was Black: South African Political Identities in Transition*." *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 8:4 (Winter 2002) 121-3.

"Globalization, Modernity, and Their Discontents: A Review Essay and Bibliography for the Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences' (CARTSS) 2002-3 Seminar Series." <<http://faculty.unlv.edu/ericbrahm/globalizationreview.pdf>>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Defining the Truth Commission Universe," Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 8-10, 2007.

"A Genealogy of Truth Commissions," Presented at the International Studies Association – West Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, September 29-30, 2006.

“A Multi-Method Approach to Truth Commissions,” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3, 2006.

“Truth and Central American Peacebuilding,” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, March 22-25, 2006.

“Truth and Rights: Truth Commissions and Human Rights Protection in a Cross-National Context,” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005.

“Getting to the Bottom of the Truth: Evaluating the Contribution of Truth Commissions to Post Conflict Societies,” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005.

“Patterns of Truth: Examining Truth Commission Impact in Cross-National Context,” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 1-5, 2005.

“Movement Evolution: Continuities and Change in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS,” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, March 16-20, 2004.

“The Healing Touch? Assessing the Effectiveness of Truth Commissions,” Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 27-29, 2003.

GRANTS, AWARDS, and HONORS

Research

- 2005-6, 2004-5, 2003-4, and 2002-3 CU Graduate School Travel Grant.
- 2005-6, 2004-5, 2003-4 CU Political Science Department Travel Grant.
- 2005 American Political Science Association Travel Grant.
- 2005 Political Science Department Summer Graduate Research Opportunity Grant.
- 2004 International Studies Association Travel Grant.
- 2003-4 de Tocqueville Initiative Fellow (declined).
- 2002 and 2003 Colorado Credit Union League Foundation Scholarship Recipient.

Teaching

- 2005-6 Silver “Best Should Teach” Award, University of Colorado.
- 2000-2 Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Fellow, Political Science Department, University of Colorado.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to International Relations

International Human Rights

International Behavior

Introduction to International Affairs (Teaching Assistant)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Teaching Assistant)

The American Presidency (Teaching Assistant)

SERVICE

Liberian Truth and Reconciliation Commission Chicago outreach project, 2007.

Reviewer for *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *Journal of Human Rights*, Polity Press, Palgrave Macmillan Press.

Consultant to Clark County School District, 2007

UNLV Asian Politics Search Committee, 2006-7.

UNLV Political Science Department Course and Curriculum Committee, 2006-7.

Pi Sigma Alpha (the national political science honor society) chapter advisor, 2006-7.

Chair, 2006 ISA-West Panel FA3: "The New Peace or the New War? Implications of Economic Coercion, and Engagement Alternatives"

Ronald E. McNair Program graduate student mentor, 2005-6.

Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Science's (CARTSS) Board Member, 2002-6.

Honors Thesis Committee for Morgan Oberhaus, "Defending Environmental and Community Rights with a Human Rights Framework: The Case of Intag," Fall 2004.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND TRAINING

Intermediate Mandarin Chinese

2001-2 University of Colorado at Boulder.

1996-9 University of Wisconsin – Madison.