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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

University of Florida, Postdoctoral Researcher on the project: "Towards a Multi-Scale Theory on Coupled Human Mobility and Environmental Change," August 2018-present.  
Supervisor: Jeffrey C. Johnson.

PIs: Rachata Muneeppeerakul, Lead PI (UF, Agricultural and Biological Engineering);  
Rafael Munoz-Carpena (UF, ABE); Jeffrey C. Johnson (UF, Anthropology);  
David Griffith (East Carolina, Coastal Studies); Upmanu Lall (Columbia, Water Center); Michael J. Puma (Columbia, Center for Climate Systems Research)

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, April 2018

Fields: International Relations & Comparative Politics

Dissertation Title: "Bullets, Bombs, and Conversations"

Committee: Karen Rasler (chair), Lauren M. MacLean, William R. Thompson, Jennifer N. Brass (IU SPEA)

Koc University, MiReKoc (Migration Research Centre), Istanbul, Turkey, 2016

Visiting Researcher

B.A. in Political Science & Economics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2011

Senior Thesis awarded Highest Honors: *The Causes of Refugee Militarization*

### **ADDITIONAL METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING**

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Ann Arbor, MI, 2013

Coursework: Time Series Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Survival Models

### **BOOK**

*Surviving the War in Syria: Survival Strategies in a Time of Conflict*, under contract with Cambridge University Press.

### **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Conditionally Accepted. "How narratives and evidence influence rumor belief in conflict zones: Evidence from Syria," *Perspectives on Politics*.

2020. "Spatial Analysis of Bureaucrats' Attempts to Resist Political Capture in a Developing Democracy: The Distribution of Solar Panels in Ghana," with Jennifer N. Brass, Lauren M. MacLean, and Elizabeth Baldwin, *Political Geography*.

2019. "Motivation and opportunity for conflict-induced migration: An analysis of Syrian migration timing," *Journal of Peace Research*, 56(1).

2018. "Using ERGMs to Disaggregate Displacement Cascades," *Journal of Social Structure*, 19(1).

2018. "Introducing the African Relational Pro-Government Militias Dataset (RPGMD)," with Yehuda Magid, *International Interactions*, 44(4), 801-832.

2016. "The Centrality of Checkpoints for Civilians during Conflict." *Civil Wars*, 18(3): 281-310.

2015. "Focus on the Forest, Not the Trees: A Change-point Model of Forced Displacement." *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 28(4): 437-467.

## **NON PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

2017. Book review of *A Right to Flee: Refugees, States, and the Construction of International Cooperation*, by Phil Orchard, *Perspectives on Politics*. 15(4): 1200-1201.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

"How Ghanaian civil servants sought to resist political pressure." with Jennifer N. Brass, Lauren M. MacLean, and Elizabeth Baldwin, *The Conversation*, November 11, 2019.

(<https://theconversation.com/how-ghanaian-civil-servants-sought-to-resist-political-pressure-125029?fbclid=IwAR1kRH54zY0-cMBIHqYQopIWIwmOIEqDCeeS5GfVpTrTidp346zl6LZnTghM>)

"How Fires Threaten Syria's security." with Robert D. Field and Michael J. Puma, *New Security Beat*, October 15, 2019. (<https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2019/10/fires-threaten-syrias-security/>)

"Let's be transparent about refugee and IDP statistics", *OECD Development Matters*, December 19, 2018. (<https://oecd-development-matters.org/2018/12/19/lets-be-transparent-about-refugee-and-idp-statistics/>)

"Push-pull migration models have long dominated migration research. Here's why that's only half the story", *Political Violence @ a Glance*, October 17, 2018.

(<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2018/10/17/push-pull-migration-models-have-long-dominated-migration-research-heres-why-thats-only-half-the-story/>)

"Another Escalation in Migrant-EU Contention", *Duck of Minerva*, October 10, 2016.

(<http://duckofminerva.com/2016/10/another-escalation-in-migrant-eu-contention.html#more-29361>)

"How Violence and Uncertainty Can Deter Displacement", *Political Violence @ a Glance*, September 26, 2016.

(<https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/09/26/how-violence-and-uncertainty-can-deter-displacement/>)

"What new evidence from Somalia tells us about when civilians decided to flee war zones", *The Monkey Cage*, February 23, 2016.

(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/02/23/what-new-evidence-from-somalia-tells-us-about-when-civilians-decided-to-flee-war-zones/>)

"The Unintended Consequences of Closing and Restricting Jordan-Syria Border Crossings", *Syria Comment*, August 14, 2014.

(<http://www.joshualandis.com/blog/unintended-consequences-closing-restricting-jordan-syria-border-crossings-justin-schon/>)

"10 Things to Know About Refugees in Jordan", *Syria Comment*, August 10, 2014.

(<http://www.joshualandis.com/blog/10-things-know-refugees-jordan/>)

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW OR SOON TO BE SUBMITTED**

"How location networks contribute to explanations of the causes, patterns, and consequences of migration," under contract with *Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics*.

"How pro-government militia ethnic relationships influence violence against civilians," with Yehuda Magid, under review.

"Refugee flows, rivalry, and how the Arab Spring changed the international system: A multi-layer network analysis," with Jeffery C. Johnson, under review.

"The consequences of internal displacement on conflict dynamics: Evidence from Syria," with Adam Lichtenheld, under review.

"How physical barriers *increase* refugee flows," with David Leblang, under review.

"Parochialism born of growth, altruism born of stress, and how trauma prevents prejudice from becoming discrimination," with Jonathan Hall, under review.

"Barriers to Health Care Access and Provider Selection in Haiti," with Molly B. Klarman, Stacey Maples, and Eric J. Nelson, soon to be submitted.

## **INVITED TALKS**

European University Institute, Migration Policy Centre, Florence, February 2020.

Sabancı University, Istanbul, June 2018.

New College of Florida, Sarasota, January 2018.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“How physical barriers *increase* refugee flows,” with David Leblang, Presented at:

Southern Workshop on Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS), October 2019.

American Political Science Association Annual Convention, August 2019.

“The consequences of internal displacement on conflict dynamics: Evidence from Syria,” with Adam Lichtenheld, Presented at:

“Negotiating Displacement: New Perspectives in War, Migration, and Refugee Studies,”  
Amsterdam, December 2019.

American Political Science Association Annual Convention, August 2019.

International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2019.

“How pro-government militia ethnic relationships influence violence against civilians,” with Yehuda Magid, Peace Science Society Conference, November 2018.

“Motivation and opportunity for conflict-induced migration: An analysis of Syrian migration timing,” invited presentation for Violence, Trauma, and Refugees Workshop in Hamburg, Germany, May 2018.

“Learning during conflict-induced migration: A spatial analysis of geo-coded migration routes for Syrian refugees,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 2018.

“Power to the people, or the MPs? Explaining the manipulation of internal geographic unit boundaries in Ghana”, with Lauren M. MacLean and Jennifer N. Brass, Data-Driven Development in Africa Workshop, State College, PA, May 2017.

“The Strength of Strong Ties: How Rumor Affects the Coordination of Conflict-Induced Migration,” Conflict and the Migration Cycle Workshop, Hamburg, Germany, April 2016.

“The Conflict Information Network,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2016.

“Introducing the African Pro-Government Militia Database”, with Yehuda Magid, International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2016.

“Killing Two Birds with One Stone: State Repression and Refugees,” Peace Science Society Conference, November 2015.

“Barriers to Information Diffusion During Conflict: Why Civilians Don’t Share Information with Weak Ties and Can’t Distinguish Signals from Noise,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, February 2015.

“Does Violence Actually Increase Displacement? Uncovering Civilian Security Calculations,” Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop (Invited Paper), February 2015.

“Surviving Conflict: How Foreign Intervention Affects Displacement Patterns,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2014.

## **TEACHING**

Instructor of Record, Indiana University, Bloomington, Department of Political Science  
The Politics of International Development (Spring 2017)  
Associate Instructor, Indiana University, Bloomington, Department of Political Science  
Research Design (Spring 2016)  
Introduction to American Politics (Fall 2014 & Spring 2015)  
Introduction to Law (Spring 2013)  
American Political Controversies (Fall 2012)

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Benjamin Most Research Award (Summer 2015; Summer 2018)  
John Gillespie Research Award (Summer 2015; Summer 2018)  
College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (AY 2017-2018)  
Ostrom Workshop Research Award (Summer 2014; Summer 2016)  
POMEPS Research Award (Summer 2016)  
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship (AY 2013-2014; Summer 2014)

## **FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE & SKILLS**

Languages: French (reading, conversational), Arabic (reading), Swahili & Chichewa (basic)  
Software: Stata, R, UCINET, ArcGIS, GeoDa

Fieldwork Experience: Turkey (2015 & 2016), Kenya (2015), Jordan (2014), Malawi (2011)

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE AND COMMUNITY**

Manuscript Reviews: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*,  
*International Security*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*,  
*International Interactions*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Peace and Conflict Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *PLOS ONE*, *International Journal of Communication*, *Comparative Political Studies*

## **CONFERENCE SERVICE**

Chair of Full Panel: APSA 2019, "Violence, Integration, and Return: Decisions of Syrian IDPs, Refugees, and Hosts."  
Co-organizer, with Jessica Steinberg and Cathryn Johnson, Data Driven Development in Africa Workshop 2018.  
Panel Chair: APSA 2017, "The Determinants of Conflict Escalation."  
Panel Discussant: APSA 2017, "Understanding the Dynamics of the Syrian Civil War."

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Great Decisions Lecture Series, Columbus, Indiana  
Syrian refugee crisis (2015)  
Global migration (2016)

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request