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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Virginia, Postdoctoral Researcher, Democratic Statecraft Lab, 2020-2021.  
PI: David Leblang.

University of Florida, Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Anthropology, 2018-2020.  
Co-PI: Jeffrey C. Johnson.

### 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

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*

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Surviving the War in Syria: Survival Strategies in a Time of Conflict*, with Cambridge University Press, Expected Release October 2020.

#### Articles

2020. "How pro-government militia ethnic relationships influence violence against civilians," with Yehuda Magid, Accepted with *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*.

2020. "How location networks contribute to explanations of the causes, patterns, and consequences of migration," Accepted with *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.

2020. "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), 12-27.
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 Changepoint Model of Forced Displacement." *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 28(4): 437-467.

### **NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

2020. "Protecting Refugees in the Middle East from Coronavirus: A Fight against Two Reinforcing Contagions," *POMEPS Studies* 39.
2020. "How Seasonal Migration May Reduce Security Threats from Climate-Induced Migration," Invited Perspective Series, Strategic Multilayer Assessment.
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-cMBIHqOpIWIwmOIEqDCeeS5GfVpTrTidp346zl6LZnTghM>)
- "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*, 9-26-2016. (<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**

"The consequences of internal displacement on conflict dynamics: Evidence from Syria," with Adam Lichtenheld, Revise and Resubmit.

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

"Water, violence, and internal displacement: Evidence from Somalia, 2007-2018," with Paulina Concha Larrauri and Upmanu Lall, under review.

"How fire patterns reveal uneven stabilization at the end of conflict: Examining Syria's unusual fire year in 2019," with Keren Mezuman, Robert D. Field, Alison Heslin, and Michael J. Puma, under review.

"Quantifying Migration Infrastructures: An Analysis of Refugee Flow Networks, 1991-2016," with Jeffrey C. Johnson, under review.

"How post-traumatic growth affects emotions," with Jonathan Hall and Dennis T. Kahn, soon to be submitted.

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

"Climate Change and Terrorism," with Stephen Nemeth, invited to submit to special issue at *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

## INVITED TALKS

Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, August 2020 (recorded video).

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

Sabanci 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,” 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.

“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, University of Virginia, Department of Politics  
Migration Politics (Planned for Spring 2021)

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: \$1000  
Summer 2018: \$1000

John Gillespie Research Award  
Summer 2015: \$500  
Summer 2018: \$500

College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship (AY 2017-2018): \$25,000

Ostrom Workshop Research Award  
Summer 2014: \$5000  
Summer 2016: \$8000

POMEPS Research Award (Summer 2016): \$3000

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship  
AY 2013-2014: \$15,000  
Summer 2014: \$5,000

### **ADDITIONAL METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING**

Economic Epidemiology, virtual mini-course, September 2020

Web-Scraping and Data Cleaning in Python, virtual due to COVID-19, August 2020

Network Modelling for Epidemics, virtual due to COVID-19, August 2020

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Ann Arbor, MI, 2013  
Coursework: Time Series Analysis, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Survival Models

### **FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE & SKILLS**

Languages: French (reading, conversational), Arabic (reading), Swahili & Chichewa (basic)

Software: Stata, R, UCINET, ArcGIS, GeoDa, Python

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

### **REVIEWER SERVICE**

Manuscript Reviews: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *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*, *Journal of Hydrology: Regional Studies*, *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*, *Journal of Politics*

Grant Reviews: National Science Foundation

### **CONFERENCE SERVICE**

Chair of Full Panel: APSA 2019, "Violence, Integration, and Return."

Co-organizer, 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