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Academic Employment

New York University 2024 – present
Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Politics

Education

Yale University 2024
Ph.D., Political Science
Dissertation: *Armed Political Parties and Their Violence*
Dissertation Honors: University and Departmental Distinction (awarded to three of the fourteen doctoral degree recipients in political science at Yale in 2024)
Committee: Steven Wilkinson (chair), P. M. Aronow, Elizabeth Nugent, Elisabeth Wood
Fields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods
Non-Cumulative Academic Year (2018-19): Advanced Bangla language training at the American Institute of Indian Studies in Kolkata, India

University of Chicago 2015
M.A., International Relations

Saint John's University (Minnesota) 2013
B.A., Political Science

Peer-Reviewed Research

2024. "Illicit Gains and State Capture: Political Party Extortion in India and Pakistan" (with Niloufer Siddiqui and Zoha Waseem), *World Development*, 183: 1–14.

2023. "On the reliability of published findings using the regression discontinuity design in political science," (with P. M. Aronow and Fredrik Sävje), *Research & Politics*, 10 (2): 1–12.
– Institute for Replication (I4R) Discussion Paper Series ([link](#))

2023. "Descriptive Representation and Conflict Reduction: Evidence from India's Maoist Rebellion" (with Aidan Milliff), *Journal of Peace Research*, 60 (5): 807–822.
– Runner Up, 2023 Nils Petter Gleditsch Award (Best article of 2023 in *JPR*)
– Featured in the Diversity, Violence, and Recognition Blog ([link](#))

2019. "New Data on Indian Security Force Fatalities and Demographics" (with Paul Staniland), *India Review* 18(3): 288–323.
– Featured in *The Print* (India) ([link](#))

Book Project

Armed Political Parties and Their Violence. (Book conference scheduled for August 2025).

Working Papers

“Explaining Armed Political Party Violence: Theory and Evidence from West Bengal, India.” *Revise and resubmit.*

“Who Should Fight? Experimental Evidence on Policy Corrections to the Unequal Costs of U.S. Wars” (with Daniel Goldstein). *Revise and resubmit.*

“Political Parties and The State in Civil Wars” (with Aidan Milliff and Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra). *Submitted.*

“Political Exit: The Unintended Effects of Electoral Rules in India” (with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Sudhir Singh). *Submitted.*

“When and How Does Women’s Representation in Government Reduce Political Party Violence?”

“Mass Education and Intergroup Conflict in India” (with Gareth Nellis and Nicholas Kuipers).

“How Does Insurgent Violence Affect Legislative Oversight of Bureaucracies? Evidence from India” (with Aidan Milliff).

“Incumbency and Voter Turnout During Civil Wars: Theory and Evidence from India.”

Research-in-Progress

“Can Massive State-Led Infrastructure Projects Reduce Insurgent Violence? Evidence From A Rural Roads Program in the Indian State of Chhattisgarh” (with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Sudhir Singh).

“The Costs of Political Party Extortion” (with Niloufer Siddiqui).

“Qualitative Case Selection for Regression Discontinuity Analyses.”

Teaching Experience

Served as a Teaching Fellow for the following courses at Yale University:

“Comparative Politics: States, Regimes, and Conflict” Fall 2022 & 2023

- Undergraduate introductory course on comparative politics
- Instructors: Ana de la O and Sarah Khan

“Politics of the Contemporary Middle East” Spring 2021

- Undergraduate course on politics of the Middle East
- Instructor: Elizabeth Nugent

“Design and Analysis of Randomized Field Experiments” Spring 2020 & 2024

- Graduate-level course on experiments and causal inference
- Instructor: Alex Coppock

“Measuring Impact and Opinion Change” Fall 2019 & 2020

- Advanced undergraduate course on experiments and causal inference
- Instructor: Joshua Kalla

Academic and Professional Affiliations

Graduate Student Member, American Political Science Association	2021–present
Graduate Student Member, The Society for Political Methodology	2021–present
Graduate Student Affiliate, Yale South Asian Studies Council	2016–2024
Non-Resident Researcher, Ashoka University (New Delhi, India)	2018–2019
Graduate Student Affiliate, Yale Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence	2016–18

Workshop and Conference Presentations

2024:

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; University of Pennsylvania Workshop on India's Political Economy; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2023:

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Extra-Legal Governance in Global Perspective (Brown University)

2022:

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS) Annual Meeting

2021:

Elections and Violence: New Research on Actors, Targets, and Strategies; Toronto Data Workshop (University of Toronto); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2020:

Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference

2018:

Harvard-MIT-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference

Awards & Fellowships

United States Institute of Peace (USIP), Peace and Security Scholar	2022-23
Yale MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship	2022
Yale Center for the Study of American Politics Research Grant	2020
Yale South Asian Studies Council Grant for Language Training	2019-20
American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Language Program Scholarship	2018-19
Yale Leitner Program in Political Economy Research Grant	2019
Yale South Asian Studies Council Summer Travel Grant	2018
Yale South Asian Studies Council Summer Grant for Language Training	2017

Service

New York University Postdoc Council (Member)	Fall 2024-present
Yale Reading Group on State Formation and Political Violence (Organizer)	Spring 2022
Yale Conference on State Capacity (Graduate Student Coordinator)	October 2022
Yale Workshop on Quantitative Research Methods (Graduate Student Coordinator)	2017–2021

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Asian Survey*, *Political Analysis*, *Comparative Political Studies*

Language Skills

Bangla (Bengali), Advanced High Proficiency (certification available upon request)

Technical Skills

R, L^AT_EX, Stata, Qualtrics