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Academic Positions

Dartmouth College

Dartmouth Fellow in US Foreign Policy and International Security
Dickey Center for International Understanding

Hanover, NH
2018-2019

Education

University of Notre Dame

Ph.D. in Political Science, August 2018

Dissertation: "Strategies of Domination: Uncertainty, Local Institutions, and the Politics of Foreign Rule"

Committee: Michael Desch (Chair), Sebastian Rosato, Tanisha Fazal

Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

Notre Dame, IN

M.A. in Political Science, May 2014

Texas A&M University

George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service

M.I.A. in International Affairs, May 2012

College Station, TX

Clemson University

B.A. in Philosophy and B.A. in Political Science, *magna cum laude*, May 2010

Clemson, SC

Book Chapters

Denison, Benjamin. 2016. "The Appeal of Ethnic Resentment." In John Sides and Henry Farrell, eds., *The Science of Trump: Explaining the Rise of an Unlikely Candidate*. The Monkey Cage.

Articles

Non-Peer Reviewed:

Denison, Benjamin. 2017. "The Perils of a Bright-Line Between Anarchy and Hierarchy in Conceptualizing International Orders." A Response to Butcher and Griffiths in "Comparing International Systems in World History: Anarchy, Hierarchy, and Culture." *International Studies Quarterly Online Symposium*. Available at: [doi:10.7910/DVN/VDZG7L](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/VDZG7L)

Coppedge, Michael, Benjamin Denison, Lucia Tiscornia, and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2016. "Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Colonial and Neighbor Networks." V-Dem Working Paper Series 2016:2(2), The Varieties of Democracy Institute, University of Gothenburg.

Working Papers

"Conceptualizing Foreign Rule: A Relational Structure Approach to Hierarchy by Domination"

"Strategies of Domination: The Politics of Foreign Rule 1898-2015"

"Side Effects May Occur: Long-Term Implications of U.S. Reliance on Regime Change."
Co-Authored with Emma Ashford.

"Varieties of Democratic Diffusion in Colonial and Military Alliance Networks."
Co-Authored with Michael Coppedge

"Democratizing the Dispute: Democratization, Issue Saliency, and Territorial Dispute Resolution."
Co-authored with Krista Wiegand

"Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Colonial Networks."
Co-authored with Michael Coppedge, Lucia Tiscornia and Staffan Lindberg

Awards and Grants

Kellogg Institute for International Studies Dissertation Year Fellowship University of Notre Dame	2017-2018
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Paul G. Tobin Dissertation Fellowship (Declined) Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame	2017-2018
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Notre Dame International Security Center Predoctoral Fellowship University of Notre Dame	2016-2017
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Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame	2016
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Research Fellow Varieties of Democracy Project University of Notre Dame	2015-2017
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Notebaert Professional Development Grant Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame	2015
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Nanovic Institute Graduate Professional Development Grant University of Notre Dame	2015
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Kellogg Institute for International Studies Research Affiliate University of Notre Dame	2014-2018
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John P. Sears Fellowship University of Notre Dame	2014
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American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant American Political Science Association	2014
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Kellogg Institute for International Studies Conference Travel Grant University of Notre Dame	2014
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Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant University of Notre Dame	2013, 2015-2018
Summer Language Abroad Grant Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures, University of Notre Dame	2013
Summer Language Institute Grant Department of Slavic Languages, University of Pittsburgh	2013
U.S. Department of State Extra Mile Award U.S. Embassy Rome	2011
King Foundation Bush Fellowship Texas A&M University	2010

Opinion and Commentary

"Much Ado About Montenegro." with Matthew Fay.
War on the Rocks, [April 27, 2017](#)

"A Flawed Focus on American Leadership."
War on the Rocks, [September 16, 2016](#)

"How to understand Trump's appeal to resentful whites."
Monkey Cage/Washington Post, [February 3rd, 2016](#).

"No, Russia Doesn't Require Buffer States for Its Own Security."
The National Interest, [December 3rd, 2015](#).

"Syria isn't Bosnia. And no, the problem isn't 'ancient hatreds.'" with Jasmin Mujanović.
Monkey Cage/Washington Post, [November 17th, 2015](#).

"Empire of Confusion."
War on the Rocks, [September 3rd, 2015](#).

"This is not the Middle Eastern order you are looking for." with Andrew Lebovich.
Monkey Cage/Washington Post, [June 9th, 2015](#).

"The Myth of Ancient Friendship: The Instrumentalization of Russia-Serbia Relations."
Balkanist, [May 9th, 2015](#).

"Bordering on Conflict: Real Talk on Borders, War, and States."
War on the Rocks, [February 19th, 2015](#).

"Putting Politics on the Pitch: UEFA's Failed Response to Albania-Serbia."
Balkanist, [October 27, 2014](#). Republished at [openDemocracy](#).

"Bosnia is no model for Ukrainian peace" with Emil Ahmagić. Heather McRobie, and Jasmin Mujanović.
Balkans in Europe Policy Blog, [October 20th, 2014](#).

"For Civilian Protection, Mission Matters, Too"
Early Warning Project Blog, [June 18th, 2014](#).

Conference Presentations

- "Side Effects May Occur: Long-Term Implications of U.S. Reliance on Regime Change."
Co-Authored with Emma Ashford.
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Boston) 2018
- "Strategies of Domination: Uncertainty, Local Institutions, & the Politics of Foreign Rule."
Harvard International Security Conference, Harvard University 2017
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (San Francisco) 2018
- "Varieties of Democratic Diffusion in Military Alliance Networks."
Co-authored with Michael Coppedge.
Varieties of Democracy: Nature, Causes, & Consequences International Conference 2016
Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (Baltimore) 2017
- "Strategies of Domination: The Politics of Foreign Rule 1900-2015."
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia) 2016
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (Baltimore) 2017
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco) 2017
- "Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Neighbors, Trade, and Alliance Networks"
Co-authored with Michael Coppedge, Lucia Tiscornia, and Staffan Lindberg.
V-Dem Internal Research Conference & Anticorrp Policy Dialogue Conference 2016
University of Gothenburg
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia) 2016
- "Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Colonial, Neighbor, and Trade Networks."
Co-authored with Michael Coppedge, Lucia Tiscornia, and Staffan Lindberg.
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco) 2015
- "Losing History In Conceptual Chaos: Foreign Rule and Relational Structures."
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Poster - San Francisco) 2015
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (Atlanta) 2016
- "Democratizing the Dispute: An Assessment of Democratization, Issue Salience, and Territorial Dispute Resolution."
Co-Authored with Krista Wiegand.
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia) 2016
CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference (Ljubljana) 2016
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (Atlanta) 2016
- "Bosnian Disconnect: EU Conditionality Policy and The Failure of Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina."
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (New Orleans) 2015
- "Imposing Conflict: The Role of Institutions and Former Regime Elites in Foreign Imposed Regime Change and Civil War."
ISAC-ISSS Annual Conference on Security Studies (Austin) 2014
- "Democratizing the Dispute: An Assessment of Democratization, Issue Salience, and Territorial Dispute Resolution."
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (Toronto) 2014

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington D.C.)	2014
"Diverting the Crisis: Leadership Selection, Democracy, and Diversionsary Crisis Formation." Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (Toronto)	2014
"Non-Barking Dogs: The Evolution of the Negative Peace." Co-authored with Gary Goertz, Paul Diehl, and Paul Hensel. Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (Knoxville)	2013
"The Arctic Challenge: A Case for a Proactive US Arctic Policy." Co-authored with Michelle Mitchell, Miguel Gonzalez, Kristin Simpson, Alexa Lee, Courtney Anders, Nicholas Cantrell & Corene Kelly. American Geophysical Union Science Policy Conference (Poster - Washington D.C.)	2012
"EU Security and Enlargement Policy Impact on Bosnian Elites." Annual Graduate Strategic Studies Conference, Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary	2012

Other Talks and Presentations

"Getting and Using V-Dem Data" Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame	2018
"Using Data" at Varieties of Democracy Launch Workshop Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame	2016
"Democratizing the Dispute: An Assessment of Democratization, Issue Salience, and Territorial Dispute Resolution." Kroc Institute Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, University of Notre Dame	2015
"Diverting the Crisis: Elections, Democracy, and Diversionsary Crisis Formation" Kellogg Institute for International Studies Democracy Working Group University of Notre Dame	2014

Teaching and Research Experience

Research Assistant: Varieties of Democracy Project for Michael Coppedge University of Notre Dame	2015-2016
Teaching Assistant: On War for Sebastian Rosato University of Notre Dame	Spring 2015
Teaching Assistant: U.S. Foreign Policy for Michael Desch University of Notre Dame	Fall 2014
Teaching Assistant: Introduction to International Relations for Susan Rosato Included 2 discussion sections University of Notre Dame	Spring 2014
Teaching Assistant: Europe at War: 1900-1945 for Sebastian Rosato and John Deak Included 2 discussion sections University of Notre Dame	Spring 2014

Research Assistant for Christopher Layne
Texas A&M University

2011-2012

Workshops Attended

Bridging the Gap's New Era Workshop
Bridging the Gap Project

2018

The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)
Syracuse University

2015

Event History & Survival Analysis Workshop
Dr. Paul Allison, Philadelphia, PA

2014

Russian and East European Summer Language Institute
Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, University of Pittsburgh

2013

Professional Service

Member, Innovative Approaches to Grand Strategy Faculty Search Committee
University of Notre Dame

2016

Program Coordinator, Notre Dame International Security Program
University of Notre Dame

2014-2015

President, Political Science Graduate Student Organization
University of Notre Dame

2013-2014

Member, Security Studies Faculty Search Committee
Texas A&M University

2011

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Peace Science Society International (PSSI)

Languages

Italian - Intermediate