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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2012-Present)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2006-2012)

EDUCATION

Rice University: Ph.D. in Political Science, 2006

Rice University: M.A. in Political Science, 2003

University of Pittsburgh: M.A. in Political Science, 2001

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: Senior Year as Exchange Student, majored in Political Science, 1998-1999

Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey: B.A. in International Relations, 1999, *High Honors*

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Participant in Summer School in International Politics (IBEI, Spain, 2009)
- Participant in Summer Workshop on Teaching about Terrorism, University of Oklahoma, (2007)
- Participant in Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, (2004)
- Participant in the Texas A&M Winter Institute in Mathematical Modeling: Program in Foreign Policy Decision-Making (2003)
- Participant in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program (2000, 2002)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Graduate student at the time of publication*

Savun, Burcu. 2022. “Refugee Flows, Refugee Rights, and Political Violence” *International Studies Quarterly*. 66:(1)

Donno, Daniela, Kelly Morrison and **Burcu Savun.** 2022. “Not all Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict”. *Journal of Politics*. 84(1):134-147.

Braithwaite, Alex, Michael Frith, **Burcu Savun,** and Faten Ghosn. 2021. “Government Targeting of Refugees in the Midst of Epidemics”. *Perspectives on Politics*

Savun, Burcu and Christian Gineste* 2019. “From Protection to Persecution: Threat Environment & Refugee Scapegoating” *Journal of Peace Research*. 56(1): 88-102.

Gineste, Christian* and **Burcu Savun.** 2019. “Introducing POSVAR: A Dataset on Refugee-Related Violence” *Journal of Peace Research*. 56(1): 134-145.

Bormann, Nils-Christian and **Burcu Savun.** 2018. “Reputation, Concessions, and Territorial Civil War: Do Ethnic Dominoes Fall, or Don’t They?” *Journal of Peace Research* 55(5): 671–686.

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone. 2018. “Foreign Aid as a Counterterrorism Tool: More Liberty, Less Terror?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(8): 1607-1635 [**Lead Article**]

Cook, Scott and **Burcu Savun.** 2016. “New Democracies and the Risk of Civil Conflict: The Lasting Legacy of Military Rule” *Journal of Peace Research* 53: 745-757. [**Lead Article**]

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone*. 2012. “Exogenous Shocks, Foreign Aid, and Civil War” *International Organization* 66: 363-393. [**Lead Article**] -*The recipient of the Robert O. Keohane Award year for the best research article published in International Organization by an untenured scholar-*

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone*. 2011. “Foreign Aid, Democratization, and Civil Conflict: How does Democracy Aid Affect Civil Conflict?” *American Journal of Political Science* 55: 233-246.

Mattes, Michaela and **Burcu Savun.** 2010. “Information, Agreement Design and the Durability of Civil War Settlements.” *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 511-524.

Savun, Burcu and Brian J. Phillips* 2009. “Democracy, Foreign Policy, and Terrorism.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53: 878- 904.

Mattes, Michaela and **Burcu Savun.** 2009. “Fostering Peace after Civil War: Commitment Problems and Agreement Design” *International Studies Quarterly* 53: 733-755.

Savun, Burcu. 2008. “Information, Bias, and Mediation Success” 2008. *International Studies Quarterly* 52:25-47.

Leeds, Brett Ashley and **Burcu Savun**. 2007. "Terminating Alliances: Why do States Abrogate Agreements?" *Journal of Politics* 69: 1118-1132.

Published Chapters in Edited Volumes

2009. "Mediator Types and the Effectiveness of Information Provision Strategies in the Resolution of International Conflict" in *New Approaches to Mediation*. Jacob Bercovitch and Scott Gartner (eds.). Routledge, pp. 96-114.

Other Publications

2019. "Refugees, Forced Migration, and Conflict: Introduction to Special Issue" *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 5-11 (with Alex Braithwaite and Idean Salehyan)

2017. "Foreign Aid and Counterterrorism", June 2017 *Sustainable Security* (with Daniel Tirone)

2017. "What Will Taught us about Refugees and Forced Migrants", May 2017 *Political Violence @ Glance* (with Alex Braithwaite, Kerstin Fisk, Idean Salehyan, Thorin Wright)

2016. "How to get tenure?: (If you are a Woman)" *Foreign Policy*, April 2016. (with Erica Chenoweth, Kathleen Cunningham, Page Fortna, Sara Mitchell, and Jessica Weeks)

2008. Book Review: *Crafting Peace: Power-Sharing Institutions and the Negotiated Settlement of Civil Wars*, by Caroline Hartzell and Matthew Hoddie. *Political Science Quarterly* 123(3).

Working Papers

"Civil War Violence and Women's Post-War Political Participation" (with Caroline Hartzell, Lindsay Reed, Jessica Stanton)

"The Goldilocks Principle of Civil War Peacekeeping" (with William Spaniel and Dongju Lee)

"Alliances and Civil Wars" (with Brett Ashley Leeds and Jesse Johnson)

"Competing Verdicts: Multiple Election Monitors and Post-Election Violence" (with Daniela Donno, Kelly Morrison, Perisa Davutoglu*)

"Refugees, Integration Policies, and Violence" (with Lamis Abdelaaty and Christopher Blair)

"Hawks, Doves, and Peacemaking in Civil Wars" (with Omer Zarpli)

"Do Ethnic Dominoes Fall or Don't They?: The Role of Strategy of Resistance in Self Determination Movements" (with Nils-Christian Bormann and Leo Fernandes*)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Conflict Management & Conflict Resolution
Civil Wars
Terrorism
Foreign Aid
Democratization
Forced Migration and Refugees

COURSES TAUGHT

World Politics (U)
Conflict Management and Resolution (U)
Peacemaking and Peacekeeping (U, G)
Civil Wars (U, G)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Paper Presentations

“Alliances and Civil Wars”

- International Studies Association, Nashville, March 2022

“Government Targeting of Refugees in the Midst of Epidemics”

- American Political Science Association, September 2021

“Reputation Effects and Strategy of Resistance in Self- Determination Movements

- American Political Science Association, September 2020
- Peace Science Society, November 2020

“Electoral Incentives and Violence against Refugees”

- European Peace Science Conference, Belfast, June 2019
- American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2019

“The Goldilocks Principle of Civil War Peacekeeping”

- Peace Science Society, Austin, November 2018

“Not all Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict”

- International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2019
- American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018
- European Peace Science Conference, Verona, Italy, June 2018

“Civil War Violence and Women’s Post-War Political Participation”

- American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2018
- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2017

“From Protection to Persecution: The Determinants of State Violence against Refugees”

- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2017
- International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017
- Peace Science Society (International), South Bend, November 2016
- American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016

“Welcoming the Unwelcome: Refugee Flows, Integration, and Political Stability”

- International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 2016
- Peace Science Society (International), Oxford, November 2015
- American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015

“Foreign Aid as a Counterterrorism Tool: More Liberty, Less Terror?”

- International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 2016, March 2014
- Peace Science Society (International), Philadelphia, October 2014
- American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2013

“Multiplying Conflict: Do Power-Sharing and Power-Dividing Institutions Beget New Conflict?”

- Peace Science Society (International), Savannah, October 2012

“Elections and Civil War”

- Peace Science Society (International), Los Angeles, October 2011

“Authoritarian Regimes, Democratization, and Civil Conflict”

- Peace Science Society (International), Los Angeles, October 2011
- American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011

“Exogenous Shocks, Bargaining Problems, and the Onset of Civil War”

- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010

“Exogenous Shocks, Foreign Aid, and Civil Conflict”

- Peace Science Society (International), Chapel Hill, October 2009

“Democracy Aid, Democratization, and Civil War: How does Democracy Aid Affect Civil War?”

- American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009
- Peace Science Society (International), Claremont, October 2008

“Democracy, Foreign Policy, and Terrorism.”

- American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008

“Information, Agreement Design and the Durability of Civil War Settlements.”

- International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2008

“Fostering Peace after Civil War: Commitment Problems and Agreement Design.”

- Peace Science Society (International), Columbia, November 2007

“The Optimal Design of Civil War Settlements: Insights from Bargaining Theory.”

- American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2007

“Information, Bias, and Mediation Success.”

- Peace Science Society (International), Columbus, November 2006
- International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006

“Issue Salience and the Costs of War: Testing Predictions Derived from a Bargaining Framework.”

- Peace Science Society (International), Houston, November 2004

“The Way We Were: Explaining Decisions to Terminate Alliances.”

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2004

“An Analysis of Dispute Duration, 1945-1992.”

- International Studies Association, New Orleans, March 2002
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2001

“Third Party Interventions in Civil Wars.”

- Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, November 2000

Other Conference Participation

Discussant (D)/ Chair (C):

Disaggregating Conflict-induced Migration. International Studies Association, April 2021. **C**

The Political Economy of Internal Conflict. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2019. **C**

Foreign Aid in the Shadow of Violence. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2018. **D**

The Politics of Responses to Forced Migration. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017. **C**

Negotiations, Conflict Resolution, and Post-Conflict Outcomes. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 2017. **D**

Comparative Perspectives on Individual Participation in Conflict. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016. **C**

Foreign Aid and Transnational Terrorism: The Role of International Counter-terrorism Agreements. Online Peace Science Colloquium, April 2016. **D**

Beyond the State: The Micro-dynamics of Aid and Conflict. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015 **D/C**

Countering Violent Extremism in the United States and the European Union. Organized by Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, April 9-10 2015, Pittsburgh. **C**

Disaggregation in Terrorism Studies. Annual Meeting of Peace Science Society, Philadelphia, October 2014. **D**

New Directions in Empirical Research on Terrorism and Political Violence. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2014. **D**

Rights, Repression, Regime-Types and Terrorism. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014. **D**

Economics and Civil War. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011. **D/C**

The Politics of Aid and Disaster. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 2011. **C**

Third Parties in Civil Wars. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010. **D/C**

Mediation and Conflict Management. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 2009. **D/C**

Asymmetric Conflict and Violence. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, February 2009. **D/C**

Economic Sources of Civil Conflict. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008. **D/C**

Domestic Politics and Conflict. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2008. **D/C**

Conflict Mediation. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006. **D/C**

INVITED TALKS and WORKSHOPS

University of Tennessee, 2021

American University, 2018

University of Maryland, 2017

University of Arizona, 2017

University of California, Berkeley, 2016

Uppsala University, Sweden, 2015

Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM), Madrid, Spain, 2014
AidData Research Consortium, William & Mary, 2014
University of Houston, 2013
Penn State University, 2013
Duke University, 2013
Emory University, 2012
Visions in Methodology Conference, Penn State University, 2012.
Conference on Terrorism and Policy, University of Texas at Dallas, 2011.
Visions in Methodology Conference, Ohio State University, 2011.
Program on International Conflict and Cooperation, Texas A&M University, 2010.
Journeys in World Politics, University of Iowa, 2008.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

ISA Catalyst Workshop Grant, Spring 2018 (with Alex Braithwaite and Idean Salehyan)
Hewlett International Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022
Global Studies Center Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2013
Faculty Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discipline

Journals

Co-Editor, *International Interactions*, 2019-Present
Associate Editor, *International Interactions*, 2013-2018

Editorial Board Member, *American Political Science Review*, 2020-Present
Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2012-2014
Editorial Board Member, *International Interactions*, 2012-2014

Reviewer

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
British Journal of Political Science
World Politics
International Organization
International Studies Quarterly
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Peace Research
Conflict Management and Peace Science
International Interactions,
Terrorism and Political Violence
World Development
Cambridge University Press
National Science Foundation Panel Member

Professional Associations

Treasurer, *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2019-Present:
Chair, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2021
Member, Nominating Council. *International Studies Association*, 2017-2020
Council Member, *Peace Science Society*, 2014-2017 (elected)
Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2016
International Security Section Organizer. *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2015
Member, Editor Selection Committee, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2014
Member, Conflict Processes Section Council. *American Political Science Association*, 2012-14
Member, Best Paper Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2013
Conflict Processes Section Organizer. *American Political Science Association*, 2012
Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2011.
Member, Nominating Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2009 – 2011.

University of Pittsburgh

University Center for Social and Urban Research Director Search Committee Member, 2021-2022
GSPIA, Personnel Committee Member, 2019-2021
Dietrich Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Council Member, 2016- 2019
Provost Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP) Member, 2016-2019
Dietrich Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council Member, 2013-2016
University Senate Anti-Discriminatory Policies Committee Member, 2013-2016
University Faculty Assembly Member, 2013-2014
University Senate Council Member, 2013-2014

Department of Political Science

Director of Graduate Studies, 2018-2022

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2012-2015

Chair, Graduate Education Committee, 2018-2022
Chair, Graduate Awards Committee, 2018-2022
Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2018-2021
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022
Member, Computational Social Science Search Committee, 2019-2020
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2017-2018
Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2016-2017
Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2015-2016

Chair, IR Search Committee, 2015-2016
Chair, Undergraduate Education Committee, 2012-2015
Chair, Post-Doc Search Committee, 2015

Member, Post-Doc Selection Committee, 2014
Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2014-2015
Member, Environmental Politics Search Committee, 2013-2014
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Chair Selection Committee, 2011
Member, European Politics Search Committee, 2010-2011
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2009-2010
Member, Graduate Awards Committee, 2008-2009
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2007-2008
Member, Formal Theory Search Committee, 2006-2007

Speaker Series

Co-organizer, Human Rights and Migration seminar (HUMS), 2019-2020
Co-organizer, Global Politics Seminar (GPS), 2014-2019
Co-organizer, Symposium in Political Violence (SPV), 2012-2014
Co-organizer, Research in International Politics Speaker Series, 2007-2012

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees Served:

Chair/Co-Chair

Co-Chair, Merve Keskin: ABD (2022)
Chair, Hyunjung Park: ABD
Co-Chair, Leonardo Fernandes: ABD
Co-Chair, Sara Fox: ABD
Chair, Kelly Morrison: PhD 2021, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, V-Dem, University of Gothenburg
Co-Chair, Dong Ju Lee: PhD 2020, Assistant Professor at Musashi University, Japan
Co-Chair, Scott Cook: PhD 2014, Associate Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M
Chair, Dan Tirone: PhD 2012, Associate Professor of Political Science, LSU
Chair, Brian Phillips: PhD 2012, Senior Lecturer, University of Essex

Member

Jungmin Han: ABD
Cigdem Unal: ABD
Huseyin Zengin: ABD
Omer Zarpli, PhD 2021
Kevin Greene, PhD 2020, Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton University
Huseyin Ilgaz, PhD 2020, Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh
Shawna Metzger, PhD 2013, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University (James Madison College)
Hideaki Ashitate, PhD, 2009, Assistant Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan
Kate Floros, PhD, 2007, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago
External Member, Tyler Evans, PhD 2019 (American University)
External Member, Tatjana Stankovic, PhD 2016 (University of Oslo)
External Member, Nils-Christian Bormann, PhD 2014 (ETH Zurich) Senior Lecturer, Essex
External Member, Member Art Maxwell (GSPIA), PhD 2010, Principal at Art Maxwell Consulting

MA Qualifying Paper Committees Served

Chair

Perisa Kokerer (2022), Leo Fernandes (2019), Kelly Morrison (2018), Omer Zarpli (2016), Matthew Jackson (2016), Li Chen (2016), Joshua Kaasik (2015), Anne Kreft (2015), Michael Neureiter (2015) Dongju Lee (2015), Christian Gineste (2014), Kevin McQuade (2013), Scott Cook (2010), Brian Phillips (2008)

Member

Merve Keskin (2021), Huseyin Zengin (2020), Hyunjung Park (2020), Cigdem Unal (2019), Sara Fox (2018), Huseyin Ilgaz (2016), Isabel Ranner (2016)

Association Memberships

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society (International)