

KELLY MORRISON

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh

M.A. in Political Science

May 2018

Ph.D in Political Science

Expected 2021

Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

Certificate in Latin American Studies

Lee University

B.A. in Political Science and Spanish, *summa cum laude*

May 2016

Minors: Mathematics, Religion

WORKING PAPERS

“Not all Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict” (with Daniela Donno and Burcu Savun)

“Repression in the Wake of War: How Conflict Termination Shapes Government Strategy”

“Minority Groups, Ethnic Voting, and Reserved Seats in Latin America” (with Scott Morgenstern)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Not All Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict,” **American Political Science Association**, Boston, MA, August 30 - September 2, 2018 (with Daniela Donno and Burcu Savun)

“Domestic Coalitions and the Termination of Civil Conflict,” **University of Pittsburgh Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference**, Pittsburgh, PA, March 17-18, 2017

“A Comparison of Foreign Language Instruction in the United States and Colombia,” **Bilingüismo y Enfoque Comunicativo en la Enseñanza de las Lenguas Extranjeras en Colombia**, Ibagué, Colombia, July 5, 2016

“Cuando el Subalterno Habla: La Representación Política de los Pueblos Indígenas en Latinoamérica,” **Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Conference on Latin American and Iberian Studies**, Cleveland, TN, April 16, 2016

“An Intractable Conflict? Understanding Colombia’s Civil War,” **Latin American Studies Symposium: Extreme Events in Latin America**, Birmingham, AL, April 23-24, 2015

“The Power Politics of Local Government: How Intergovernmental Free Riding Influences County Budgeting,” **Southwestern Social Science Association National Conference**, Denver, CO, April 8-10, 2015, with Bailey Brents

“The Negative Externalities of Sanctions: Comparing Political Rights and Civil Liberties in Target Countries,” **Lee University Sims Colloquium**, Cleveland, TN, April 9, 2014

“Declining Democracy Scores: Exploring the Impacts of Sanctions,” **Notre Dame Student Peace Conference**, South Bend, Indiana, March 28-29, 2014

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Grants

- 2016: *Umberger Graduate Fellowship*, University of Pittsburgh, \$22,000
- 2016: *Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fellowship*, University of Pittsburgh, \$3,000
- 2012-2016: *Centennial Scholarship*, Lee University, \$16,000/year
- 2012-2016: *National Merit Scholarship*, BP, \$5,000/year

Honors and Awards

- 2016: *FJ Lee Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement* (nominee), Lee University
- 2016: *Department Award for Excellence in History, Political Science, and Humanities*, Lee University
- 2016: *Best Senior Thesis in Political Science*, Lee University
- 2015: *Best Undergraduate Paper in Political Science*, Southwestern Social Science Association (with Bailey Brents)
- 2014: *Best Presentation in Political Science*, Lee University Sims Colloquium

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

- Asst. Professor Laura Paler, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2018
- Asst. Professor Michaël Aklín, University of Pittsburgh, Spring 2018
- Professor Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, University of Pittsburgh, Spring
- Assoc. Professor Burcu Savun, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2017
- Professor Barry Ames, University of Pittsburgh, Fall 2017
- Professor Stephen Swindle, Lee University, 2013-2016
- Asst. Professor Ana Alves, Lee University, Fall 2014

Teaching Assistant

- Research Methods and Statistics (PLSC 221/222), Prof. Stephen Swindle, Lee University, 2014-2016
- Model United Nations (PLSC 235), Asst. Prof. Ana Alves, Lee University, Spring 2015 & 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Model United Nations 2015-2016

Staff Member, Washington D.C./New York, NY

- Wrote background guides for undergraduate conference simulations
- Led formal committee sessions for 60-100 college students at three national conferences
- Graded and edited students' policy proposals

Clarion Student Newspaper, Lee University 2015-2016

Political Columnist

- Wrote bi-monthly analytical articles on developing political events

The Council on Hemispheric Affairs Summer 2014

Research Associate, Washington D.C.

- Published original policy articles on security and economic issues in Latin America
- Reviewed articles preceding print and online publication for content and style
- Drafted press releases on events relating to Latin American politics in the D.C. area

SKILLS

Computer

LaTeX, STATA, SPSS

Foreign Language

Spanish (reading, writing, and conversation), Portuguese (basic reading)