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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 - 2025 **International Affairs Fellow–Tenured IR Scholar**,  
Council on Foreign Relations
- 2023 - **Associate Professor**,  
School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University
- 2018 - 2023 **Assistant Professor**,  
School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University

## EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D., Political Science and International Relations**,  
*University of Southern California*  
**Dissertation Title:** Legitimizing Self-determination: Advancing the Sovereignty of Separatist Movements
- 2011 **B.A., Peace Studies, Sociology**, *Chapman University*, (transfer from City College of San Francisco)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles & Chapters

- 2023 “Determined Diplomacy: Land, Law, and the Strategic Outreach of Self-Determination Governments”, *International Politics*  
“Secession and Diplomacy: Playing the State, Proving the Nation,” with Caroline Hall, chapter in *The Routledge Handbook on Self-Determination and Secession*, eds. Aleksandar Pavkovic, Peter Radan, and Ryan Griffiths
- 2022 “Legitimacy for Rebels and State”, (with Cyanne E. Loyle), *International Studies Review* 24(4)  
“Revolt and Rule: Learning about governance from rebel groups”, (with Cyanne E. Loyle, Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham, Reyko Huang, Danielle F. Jung, Michael A. Rubin, and Megan A. Stewart), *International Studies Review* 24(4)  
“The United States and MINURSO: 30 years”, with Edder Zarate, in *Conflict and Peace in Western Sahara: The Role of the UN’s Peacekeeping Mission (MINURSO)*, eds. János Besanyó, Joseph Huddleston, Yahia Zoubir, *Routledge*
- 2021 “Foulweather Friends: Violence and Third Party Support in Self-Determination Conflicts”, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(6)

- “Functional Markets in Yemen’s War Economy”, *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development* 2(2)
- 2020 “Continuous Recognition: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring International Sovereignty of Self-Determination Movements”, *Journal of Peace Research* 57(6)
- 2019 “Think Ahead: Cost Discounting and External Validity in Foreign Policy Survey Experiments”, *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 5(2)

### **Books**

- 2022 *Conflict and Peace in Western Sahara: The Role of the UN’s Peacekeeping Mission (MINURSO)*, Edited with János Besanyó and Yahia Zoubir for the *Routledge Studies in Middle Eastern Politics* book series)
- 2022 *Handbook of Research Methods in International Relations*, Edited with Thomas Jamieson and Patrick James, *Edward Elgar Publishing*

— Book project: *Determined Diplomacy*.

In this book, I investigate the diplomatic efforts and institutions of self-determination governments. I develop a theory of the relationship between self-determination groups’ territorial and legal status and the shape and scope of their diplomatic strategies, and I evaluate the overall accomplishments of diplomacy by aspiring states.

### **Policy Reports**

- 2022 Four policy reports written with David Wood and Hans Gutbrod, in cooperation with University of Jordan Center for Strategic Studies (CSS) and Seton Hall University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies (CPCS), produced for the GIZ, funded by the BMZ and the EU
- 2020 “Promoting peace in Yemen through the economy: a survey of local economic potential”, with David Wood, policy report for the German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation (GIZ), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU)

### **Working Papers**

- “Are We Marketing Rebellion?” (with Reyko Huang)
- “Who you gonna run to? Legitimacy in the shadow of contested governance”

### **Public-facing**

- 2024 “Rules-Based Order and the High Stakes of Western Sahara,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*
- “Somaliland’s Deal with Ethiopia is a Win-Win, No Matter What Happens Next,” *Georgetown Institute for the Study of Diplomacy*, with Melissa Myrtaj and Steven Ochoa
- 2023 Expert interview, “One on One with Steve Adubato: Israel-Hamas conflict”
- “Review: Western Sahara,” *E-International Relations*
- “Social Media’s Key Role in Ukraine’s Resistance to Russia,” *Inkstick Media*, with Jasmine DeLeon and Hamzah Khan

- 2022 “National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (The Mobe)”, encyclopedia entry in *Political Violence in America: Historical Flashpoints and Modern-Day Trends*, ABC-CLIO publishers  
 “Deep Dive: Russia Invades Ukraine,” *guest on The Global Current Podcast*
- 2021 “The best way to help Yemenis survive might not be what aid organizations think,” *Washington Post*, with David Wood and Harshana Ghoorhoo  
 “Conflict Has Changed Yemen’s Economy—What That Means for Peace,” *Political Violence at a Glance*, with David Wood, Jarrett Dang, and Daniela A Maquera Sardon  
 “Why Biden’s Western Sahara policy remains under review,” interview with *Al Jazeera*  
 “Biden can backtrack on Trump’s move in Western Sahara,” *Foreign Policy*, with Harshana Ghoorhoo and Daniela A Maquera Sardon  
 “Deep Dive: The Yemen Civil War,” *guest on The Global Current Podcast*  
 “Exploring the U.S. Capitol Riots: Terrorism, Technology, and Propaganda” *guest on The Global Current Podcast*  
 “Western Sahara: What’s at stake for Joe Biden?,” interview with *Al Jazeera*
- 2020 Panelist, “Western Sahara conflict towards peaceful resolution,” KPFK Radio’s *Scholars’ Circle*
- 2019 Guest speaker, “Territorial Disputes: Western Sahara,” Pacific Council’s *Teleconference Series*  
 “Let the People of Western Sahara Have a Say,” *The Wall Street Journal*  
 “Can John Bolton Thaw Western Sahara’s Long-Frozen Conflict?” *Foreign Policy*  
 “In War Torn Western Sahara, These Old Cars are the King and Queen,” *Jalopnik*
- 2017 “Spain’s Flawed Response to the Catalanian Referendum: How Its Overreaction Legitimized the Call for Independence,” *Foreign Affairs*  
 “How Madrid Should Address the Catalonia Crisis: Negotiation With the Regional Government Is Key,” *Foreign Affairs*  
 “The Roots of the Catalan Independence Crisis: And What Madrid’s Next Steps Should Be,” *Foreign Affairs*  
 Guest, “The Crisis in Catalonia,” *Office Hours Podcast*

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## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

- Current **Director**, Middle-East specialization for MA program  
**Director**, International Security specialization for MA program  
**Founder & Director**, DiploLab: Undergraduate Diplomacy Research Lab

### Courses

- Current **Diplomacy 2120: International Conflict and Security**  
**Diplomacy 3800: Investigating International Relations**  
**Diplomacy 6130: International Security**  
**Diplomacy 6131: Causes of War**  
**Diplomacy 6310: Research Methods for Policy Analysis**  
**Diplomacy 6520: Politics of Terror in the Middle East**  
**Diplomacy Graduate Statistics Workshop**

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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Who you gonna run to? Legitimacy in the Shadow of Contested Governance in Yemen**, *American Political Science Association annual meeting*, Los Angeles, September 2023
- Are We Marketing Rebellion?**, *International Studies Association annual conference*, Montreal, March 2023
- Roundtable on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Conflict Research**, *International Studies Association annual conference*, Montreal, March 2023
- 2022 **Determined Diplomacy: Play the State, Prove the Nation**, *Rebel Governance Workshop*, Syracuse University, May 2022
- Legitimacy in Areas of Contested Statehood**, *International Studies Association annual conference*, Nashville, April 2022
- Market regulation and Trust in Yemen's War Economy**, *International Studies Association annual conference*, Nashville, April 2022
- 2021 **Determined Diplomacy: Lobbying for Self-Determination**, *Southwest Mixed Methods Workshop*, Chicago, IL, November 2021
- Determined Diplomacy: Lobbying for Self-Determination**, *American Political Science Association annual meeting*
- Recognizing the Taliban**, *Seton Hall Diplomacy Special Panel: Ask the Experts: Afghanistan*
- Are We Marketing Rebellion?**, *International Studies Association annual conference*
- 2020 **Functional Markets in Yemen's War Economy**, *American Political Science Association annual meeting*
- Reflections on Self-determination**, *Association for the Study of Nationalities annual meeting*, Canceled due to COVID-19
- Shoestring Diplomacy: Aspiring States and International Lobbying for Self-Determination**, *ISA Annual Conference*, Canceled due to COVID-19
- 2019 **Zooming In: Using Case Studies to Make Sense of Causal Mechanisms**, *Invited Speaker*, Cyprus International University
- Shoestring Diplomacy: Aspiring States and International Lobbying for Self-Determination**, *Peace Science Society Annual Meeting*, *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, *ISA Annual Conference*
- 2018 **Continuous Recognition: A Latent Variable Approach to Measuring International Sovereignty of Self-Determination Movements**, *Peace Science Society Annual Conference*
- Foulweather Friends: Violence and Third-Party Support in Self-Determination Conflicts**, *Rebel Diplomacy Meeting*
- Silent Sponsors: A New Approach to Measuring Recognition of Self-Determination Movements**, *ISA Annual Conference*
- Foulweather Friends: Violence and Third-Party Support in Self-Determination Conflicts**, *ISA Annual Conference*
- Armed Conflict and Political Violence in Comparative Perspective**, *Invited Panelist*, Soka University of America, Pacific Basin Research Center

- 2017 **USC Panel on Catalan Independence Crisis**, *Invited Panelist*  
**Why They Punish: Does Concern for Reputation Mediate Audience Costs?**,  
*American Political Science Association Annual Conference*  
**Advancing the Cause: Theory and Assessment of Third Party Recognition of Separatist Movements**, *International Studies Association West Annual Conference*

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## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- 2024 **International Affairs Fellow–Tenured IR Scholar**, Council on Foreign Relations  
**Teacher of the Year**, Seton Hall University, University Wide Winner
- 2023 **Researcher of the Year**, Seton Hall University, School of Diplomacy Winner  
**Award in Excellence for Teaching 21st Century Skills**, Seton Hall University,  
School of Diplomacy Winner
- 2021 **Academies Grant**, Seton Hall University, Supporting DiploLab undergraduate  
scholarships  
**Carnegie Junior Fellowship Nominee**, Nominee for Seton Hall University  
**Carolyn Jane Scott Charitable Trust grant**, Supporting DiploLab undergraduate  
scholarships  
**Senior Fellowship**, Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Diplomacy,  
Seton Hall University  
**“Undergraduate Research Award” Faculty Grant**, Supporting undergraduate  
involvement in faculty research
- 2020 **University Research Council Grant**, Seton Hall University  
**“Enhanced coexistence and peace capacity in Yemen through economic  
action” Policy Grant**,  
With Prof. David Wood; under the auspices of Seton Hall’s Center for Peace and  
Conflict Studies, partnering with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammen-  
arbeit (GIZ). Funding from German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and  
Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU)  
**“Undergraduate Research Award” Faculty Grant**, Supporting undergraduate  
involvement in faculty research
- 2019 **“Peace Process Support for Yemen” Policy Grant**,  
With Prof. David Wood; under the auspices of Seton Hall’s Center for Peace and  
Conflict Studies, partnering with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammen-  
arbeit (GIZ). Funding from German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and  
Development (BMZ) and the European Union (EU)  
**“Undergraduate Research Award” Faculty Grant**, Supporting undergraduate  
involvement in faculty research
- 2017-2018 **Dissertation Completion Fellowship**, University of Southern California
- 2016 **Best Graduate Student Paper**, *ISA-West Annual Conference*, Pasadena, CA

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## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2020 **Independent Statistical Consultant**  
2010-2012 **Teacher, Tutor, Counselor**, *Two-in-One College Prep Academy*, Tustin, CA

- 2012 **Copy-Editor, Web Designer**, *Mada al-Carmel Arab Center for Applied Social Research*, Haifa, Israel
- 2010 **Drug Policy Fellow**, *Drug Policy Alliance*, Los Angeles, CA

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## SERVICE

**Reviewer**, *Conflict Management Peace Science 2024*, *International Interactions 2024*, *International Studies Quarterly 2023*, *American Journal of Political Science 2023*, *Conflict, Security, and Development 2023*, *International Studies Quarterly 2022*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science 2022*, *International Studies Quarterly 2021*, *International Security 2021*, *Routledge Books 2021*, *Journal of Peace Research 2021*, *Bloomsbury Publishers 2020*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science 2020*, *Journal of Peace Research 2020*, *Third World Quarterly 2020*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science 2020*, *Third World Quarterly 2020*, *Third World Quarterly 2019*, *Journal of Politics 2019*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science 2019*, *International Security 2019*, *Journal of Global Security Studies 2019*, *International Interactions 2019*, *Journal of Peace Research 2019*, *Political Research Quarterly 2018*, *American Journal of Political Science 2018*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science 2017*, *American Journal of Political Science 2015*, [See my Publons reviewer profile](#)

**Seton Hall**, *Faculty Senator*, *Chair of Senate Library Committee*, *Academic Policy Committee Member*, *Adviser for Diplomacy's Global Current Podcast*, *Faculty Secretary*, *University Graduation*, *Petersheim Steering Committee*, *Partnerships*, *EPC*, *Sharkey/De Mello/Abd el-Kader Fellowship steering committee*

- 2010-2012 **Volunteer Small Claims and Civil Harassment Court Mediator**, *Orange County Human Relations Committee*

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## SKILLS

Data management: R, STATA, Excel

Data visualization: R, Tableau, STATA, Excel

Data analysis: R, STATA, STAN, Excel

Remote Computing: Bash, R, Virtual machine management

Language: Proficient in Spanish, Conversational in Arabic

Web Design: WordPress, HTML, CSS

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## EXTERNAL REFERENCES

**Patrick James**, *Dornsife Dean's Professor of International Relations*, *University of Southern California*, [patrickj@usc.edu](mailto:patrickj@usc.edu), (213) 821-4114

**Cyanne Loyle**, *Associate Professor of Political Science*, *Pennsylvania State University*, [cloyle@psu.edu](mailto:cloyle@psu.edu), (814) 863-1040

**Reyko Huang**, *Associate Professor*, *Department of International Affairs*, *Bush School of Government*, *Texas A&M University*, [rhuang@tamu.edu](mailto:rhuang@tamu.edu)

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