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Appointments

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL POLICY AND STRATEGY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Associate Professor of Political Science, July 2022-

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2015-2022

AFFILIATIONS

International Advisory Board, Electoral Integrity Project

Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)

Member, UCSD Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL)

Education

PH.D., POLITICAL SCIENCE, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, JUNE 2015

B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE (HON.), B.A. FRENCH (HON.), UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS, MAY 2006

Research

BOOK

“Monitors and Meddlers: How Foreign Actors Influence Local Trust in Elections” 2022. Cambridge University Press. (with Sarah S. Bush)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

16. “When Hearts Meet Minds: Complementary Effects of Perspective-Getting and Information on Refugee Inclusion.” Forthcoming. *Political Science Research and Methods*. (with Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, and Scott Williamson)
15. “Illiberal Regimes and International Organizations.” Forthcoming. *Review of International Organizations*. (with Christina Cottiero, Emilie Hafner-Burton, Stephen Haggard, and Christina Schneider)
14. “Zombies Ahead: Explaining the Rise of Low-Quality Election Monitoring.” Forthcoming. *Review of International Organizations*. (with Sarah Bush and Christina Cottiero)

13. “Ideology at the Water’s Edge: Explaining Variation in Foreign Aid Support.” 2024. *World Development*, Vol. 176.
12. “Refugees to the Rescue? Motivating Pro-Refugee Public Engagement During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” 2022. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 9(3), 281-295. (with Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, and Scott Williamson)
11. “Increasing Immigrant Inclusion: Family History, Empathy, and Immigration in the United States.” 2021. *American Political Science Review*, 115(2), 686–693. (with Scott Williamson, Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, and Seth Werfel)
10. “Foreign Meddling and Mass Attitudes toward International Economic Engagement.” 2020. *International Organization*, 74(3), 584–609. (with Sarah S. Bush)
9. “Transnational Ties and Support for Foreign Aid.” 2020. *International Studies Quarterly*, 64(1), 120–132.
8. “Selling International Law Enforcement: Elite Justifications and Public Values.” 2020. *Research & Politics*, 7(3), 1–7. (with Melissa Lee)
7. “Islam, Gender Segregation, and Political Engagement: Evidence from an experiment in Tunisia.” 2020. *Political Science Research and Methods*, 1–17 (with Sarah S. Bush)
6. “Do Electronic Devices in Face-to-Face Interviews Change Survey Behavior? Evidence from a Developing Country” 2019. *Research & Politics*, 6(2), 1–7. (with Sarah S. Bush)
5. “Who’s There? Election Observer Identity and the Local Credibility of Elections.” 2018. *International Organization*, 72(3), 659–692. (with Sarah S. Bush)
4. “Preferences for Domestic Action Over International Transfers in Global Climate Policy.” 2018. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 5(2), 73–87. (with Mark Buntaine)
3. “The Promise and Limits of Election Observers in Building Election Credibility.” 2017. *The Journal of Politics*, 79(3), 921–935. (with Sarah S. Bush)
2. “The Effects of Authoritarian Iconography: An Experimental Test.” 2016. *Comparative Political Studies*, 49(13), 1704–1738. (with Sarah S. Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Yael Zeira)
1. “Enfranchising Displaced Voters: Lessons from Bosnia-Herzegovina.” 2007. *Election Law Journal*, 6(4): 354–371. (with Erik S. Herron)

WHITE PAPERS

“Communicating with Voters to Build Trust in the System.” 2023. MIT Election Lab Mapping Election Administration and Election Science. (with Olivier Bergeron-Boutin, Katherine Clayton, Thad Kousser, and Brenden Nyhan)

SUBMITTED

“Racial Paternalism and Support for Foreign Aid in the U.S. and Norway: Evidence from the Mauritius Experiment” (with Andy Baker)

“No Man Left Behind? Hostage Deservingness and the Politics of Hostage Recovery” (with Danielle Gilbert)

WORKING PAPERS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Going the Distance: How Outgroup Characteristics Shape the Effectiveness of Perspective Taking Interventions” (with Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, and Scott Williamson)

“Monitoring in the Shadow of Zombies: How High-Quality Election Observers Respond to Low-Quality Observer Groups” (with Sarah Bush and Christina Cottiero)

“The Politics of Anti-Meddling Policy” (with Sarah Bush)

“Election Monitor Access and Citizens’ Trust in U.S. Elections” (with Sarah Bush)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

”Healthy democracy requires trust – these 3 things could start to restore voters’ declining faith in US elections” December 1, 2022. *The Conversation*. (with Sarah Bush)

“Americans see Afghan and Ukrainian refugees very differently. Why?” 2022. The Monkey Cage on WashingtonPost.com, April 29. (with Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, and Scott Williamson)

“When Americans recall their roots, they open up to immigration.” March 16, 2021. *The Conversation*. (with Claire Adida, Adeline Lo, Melina Platas, and Scott Williamson)

“Why Trump’s alleged comments about soldiers brought so much outrage.” 2020. The Monkey Cage on WashingtonPost.com, September 12. (with Danielle Gilbert)

“How do Americans react when warned that other countries are meddling in U.S. elections?” 2020. The Monkey Cage on WashingtonPost.com, August 21. (with Sarah Bush)

“Lessons from Results-Blind Review.” 2018. *The Political Economist* (APSA Political Economy Newsletter) 14(1): 10-13. (with Sarah S. Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Yael Zeira)

“Should the U.S. give cash or food to the Philippines?” 2013. The Monkey Cage on WashingtonPost.com, November 18.

Grants

MIT Election Lab, 2024 (\$51,415)

UCSD Senate Research Grant, 2024 (\$15,000)

Public Agenda, 2024 (\$46,067) with Sarah Bush

Smith Richardson Foundation, 2020 (\$175,000) with Christina Cottiero, Stephan Haggard, and Christina Schneider

UCSD Hellman Fellow, 2018 (\$46,500)

MIT Election Lab New Initiatives Grant, 2018 (\$10,530) with Sarah S. Bush

Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2015 (\$91,000) with Melissa Lee

Comparative Political Studies Transparency Special Issue Research Grant, 2015 (\$11,000) with Sarah Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Yael Zeira

National Science Foundation, RAPID Award, 2014 (\$74,816) with Sarah S. Bush

The Mamdouha S. Bobst Center, Princeton University, 2014 (\$10,000) with Sarah S. Bush

Project on Middle East Political Science TRE Grant, 2014 (\$3,000) with Aaron Erlich

The Europe Center at Stanford University, Research Grant, 2013 (\$5,000)

Graduate Research Opportunity Award, Stanford University, 2013 (\$3,550)

Center for African Studies at Stanford University, Research Grant, 2011 (\$1,500)

The Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies at Stanford University, Research Grant, 2011 (\$4,000)

Invited Presentations and Workshops

2023-2024

Mapping Election Administration & Election Science, MIT, Sept 2023 & Feb 2024; EGAP Democracy, Conflict, & Polarization Priority Theme Meeting, ITAM, Oct 2023; Answering Lawmaker's Elections Questions, National Conference of State Legislatures, Austin Tx., December 2023; Subsystems and Complex Governance in World Politics, Watson Institute, Brown University, February 2024; Political Economy Workshop, University of Michigan, March 2024; Workshop on International Politics, University of Chicago, March 2024

2022-2023

ESOC Annual Meeting, UC Berkeley, Oct 2022; EGAP Democracy, Conflict, & Polarization Priority Theme Meeting, Cornell University, Oct 2022; Burkle Center Book Talk, UCLA, April 2023; International Relations Speaker Series, UC Davis, April 2023

2021-2022

Interfering from Afar: Foreign Interference in Elections Around the Globe Seminar, Electoral Integrity Project, September 2021; International Relations Seminar, University of British Columbia, January 2022; Overcoming Prejudice Against Immigrant Minorities: What Works and What Doesn't?, University of Pennsylvania, April 2022

2020-2021

Domestic Polarization and U.S. Foreign Policy Workshop, Heidelberg University Center for American Studies, Heidelberg, Germany, November 2020; Weidenbaum Center Frontiers Workshop on Political Violence, Washington University in St. Louis, February 2021; International Relations Workshop, New York University, April 2021; Comparative Politics and International Relations Workshop, University of Georgia, April 2021; Resistance and Opposition to Liberal International Institutions Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2021

2019-2020

MIRTH IR Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, September 2019; Comparative Politics and International Relations Workshop, University of Georgia, April 2021; International Politics Seminar, Columbia University, October 2019

2018-2019

United States Institute of Peace, Washington D.C., August 2018; Peter D. Watson Center for Conflict and Cooperation Seminar, University of Rochester, September 2018; International Relations Colloquium, University of Wisconsin, December 2018; International Relations Colloquium, University of Minnesota, December 2018; New Perspectives Speaker Series, Center for International Studies, University of Southern California, January 2019; Public Opinion and Foreign Aid Workshop, University of Geneva, February 2019; EGAP 25, George Washington University, February 2019

2017-2018

Conference on Statehood and the International System, Princeton University, February 2018; Empirical Study of Gender Research Network, Vanderbilt University, May 2018

2016-2017

International Relations Workshop, UCLA, February 2017; International Methods Colloquium Virtual Presentation, March 2017; Workshop on Experiments in Foreign Aid Research, Washington D.C., April 2017; International Politics Young Scholars Conference, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, University of Pennsylvania, May 2017

2015-2016

Electoral Integrity Project Pre-APSA Workshop on “What Works? Strengthening Electoral Integrity”, American Political Science Association, August 2015; International Conference on Women’s Political Participation in the Developing World, NYU Abu Dhabi, March 2016; UC Conference on International Cooperation, UCLA, March 2016; Conference on Voting, Elections, and Electoral Systems, University of Washington, April 2016; AALIMS Conference on Political Economy of Islam and Muslim Society, Stanford University, April 2016; Conference on International Law, International Norms, and Public Opinion, Princeton University, April 2016; International Relations Workshop, UC, Santa Barbara, May 2016; Ethics and Experimental Political Science Workshop, University of West Virginia, May 2016

2014-2015

Innovations in International Relations Pre-APSA Workshop, George Washington University, August 2014; International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, Feb. 2015; Experimental Political Science Conference, New York University, March 2015; Toward Common Indicators for Democratic Elections, The Carter Center and Emory University, April 2015; Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Workshop, Stanford University, May 2015; Richard Wesley Conference on Environmental Politics and Governance, University of Washington, May 2015

2013-2014

Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, Jan. 2014; International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, Feb. 2014; Comparative Approaches to the Study of Immigration, Ethnicity, and Religion Workshop, Stanford University, May 2014; Graduate Student Workshop on the European Union, University of Colorado, May 2014; Philanthropy and Civil Society Workshop, Stanford University, May 2014

2012-2013

Conference on Field Experiments in International Relations, Park City, UT. Sept. 2012; Workshop on The EU and Democracy Promotion, University of California - Berkeley, Feb. 2013

Fellowships

Electoral Integrity Project, Senior Fellow, 2022

UCSD Hellman Fellow, 2018

Policy Engagement Fellow, Bridging the Gap Project, 2017

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, 2016

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2012-2015

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association: Paper 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

International Studies Association: Paper 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

International Political Economy Society: Paper 2013, 2015 (Virtual), 2017

Midwest Political Science Association: Paper 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015

Peace Science: Paper 2016, 2019

Visions in Methodology: Paper 2016

Field Experience

Surveys carried out in Australia, China, France, Georgia, Norway, Sweden, the UAE, the United Kingdom, the United States, Tunisia.

Teaching

COURSES

Political Economy of Foreign Aid

Public Opinion and Foreign Policy
International Politics and Security

PH.D. COMMITTEES

Shannon Carcelli (Assistant Professor, University of Maryland)
Joonhyuk Chung (current, co-chair)
Alexandra Lange (Private sector)
Heidi McNamara (Private sector)
Brandon Merrell (Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas)
Kennedy Middleton (current)
Kristy Pathakis (Assistant Professor, Texas A&M)
Nick Smith (current)
Rachel Yu (current)

Departmental Service

International Relations Search Committee, 2023
Admissions Committee, 2023
21C India Center Director Search Committee, 2022
Project on International Affairs speaker series organizer, 2016-2022
Cultural Inclusion Committee, 2017-2021
Public Policy Search Committee, 2017

Professional Service

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Communication*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Science Research & Methods*, *Research & Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, and *Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*.

Public Policy Service

Policy volunteer, Biden for President campaign, 2020

References

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