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Curriculum Vitae

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University of Pittsburgh
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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)

PUBLICATIONS

**Graduate student*

Refereed Journal Articles

Savun, Burcu. 2022. “Refugee Flows, Refugee Rights, and Political Violence.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1):1-14.

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. 2022. “Government Targeting of Refugees in the Midst of Epidemics.” *Perspectives on Politics* 20(2):490-506.

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 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.

Book Chapters, Book Reviews, and Other Publications

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

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone. 2017. "Foreign Aid and Counterterrorism." *Sustainable Security*

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

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

Savun, Burcu. 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.

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

Under Review

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

"Impossibility Dilemmas in Civil War Intervention" (with William Spaniel)

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

Working Papers

"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)

"Varieties of Violence in Refugee-Hosting Communities" (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 Leonardo Gentil Fernandes*)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Paper Presentations

“Competing Verdicts: Multiple Election Monitors and Post-Election Violence”

- European Political Science Association, Prague, June 2022

“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

“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):

International Norms, Legitimacy, and the Diffusion of Standards. European Political Science Association, June 2022. **D**

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

Rutgers University, 2022

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to International Relations
Peacemaking and Peacekeeping
Civil Wars
Capstone in International Relations: Conflict Management and Resolution

Graduate

Civil Wars
Peacemaking and Peacekeeping

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Chair/Co-Chair

Chair, Hyunjung Park (in progress)
Co-Chair, Merve Keskin (in progress)
Co-Chair, Leonardo Gentil Fernandes (in progress)
Co-Chair, Sara Fox (in progress)

Chair, Kelly Morrison (PhD 2021, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville)
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, Reader, University of Essex)

Member

Jungmin Han (in progress)
Cigdem Unal (in progress)
Huseyin Zengin (in progress)
Omer Zarpli (PhD 2021, Assistant Professor, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey)
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)

Tatjana Stankovic (PhD 2016, University of Oslo)

Nils-Christian Bormann (PhD 2014, ETH Zurich)

Art Maxwell (PhD 2010, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh)

MA Qualifying Paper Committees

Chair

Perisa Kokerer (2022)

Leonardo Gentil Fernandes (2019)

Kelly Morrison (2018)

Omer Zarpli (2016)

Matthew Jackson (2016)

Li Chen (2016)

Joshua Kaasik (2015)

Anne-Kathrin 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)

BPhil. Thesis Committees

Rohan Lambore (2015)

Michelle Everson (2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1. DISCIPLINE

Editorial Activity

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

Guest co-editor, *Journal of Peace Research*, 2019
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

NSF, Advisory Panel Member, Security and Preparedness Program
Cambridge University Press
Oxford University Press

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
British Journal of Political Science
British Journal of Politics and International Relations
Civil Wars
Comparative Political Studies
Conflict Management and Peace Science
European Political Science Review
Foreign Policy Analysis
International Interactions
International Migration Review
International Organization
International Studies Quarterly
International Studies Review
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Journal of Peace Research
Journal of Politics
Perspectives on Politics
Quarterly Journal of Political Science
Security Studies
Terrorism and Political Violence
World Development
World Politics

Elected and Appointed Committee Positions at Professional Associations

Chair-elect, Scientific Studies of Political Processes Section. *International Studies Association* (2023)

Treasurer, *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2019-Present

Chair, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2021

Member, President and Officers Nominating Council. *International Studies Association*, 2017-2020

Council Member, *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2014-2017 (elected)

Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2016

Program Organizer, International Security Section. *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

Program Organizer. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2012

Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2011.

Member, Councilor and President Nominating Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2009-2011.

2. UNIVERSITY

University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) Director Search Committee Member, 2021-2022

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Council Secretary, 2021-2022

GSPIA, Personnel Committee Member, 2019-2021

GSPIA, Tenure and Promotion Committee Member, 2018-2019

GSPIA, Senior Lecturer in Intelligence Studies Search Committee Member, 2016-2017

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Council Member, 2016-2019

Provost Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP) Member, 2016-2019

Dietrich School of 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

3.DEPARTMENT

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 Education 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 Organizer

Human Rights and Migration Seminar (HUMS), 2019-2020

Global Politics Seminar (GPS), 2014-2019

Symposium in Political Violence (SPV), 2012-2014

Research in International Politics Speaker Series, 2007-2012