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Education

PhD in Political Science, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, June 2009

Dissertation Topic: Degrees of ‘Scapegoatability’: Assessing Spatial Variations in anti-Chinese Rioting in Indonesia

Dissertation Committee: Stephen Saideman (chair), Erik Kuhonta, Hudson Meadwell, Matthew Lange (Sociology)

M.A. in International Studies, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, May 2002

Thesis Topic: Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka: Forecasting the Outcome of a Protracted Conflict using Expected Utility Model

Thesis Committee: Jacek Kugler, Dean McHenry

Bachelor of Commerce, University of New Delhi, Delhi, India, July 1999

Employment

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor, August 2011-present.

Courses Taught

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

POLS 400: Senior Assignment –Fall, 2016, Spring 2016

POLS 371: International Political Economy –Spring 2017, Fall 2015

POLS 370: Introduction to International Relations (Online) – Spring 2016, Fall 2015

POLS 370: Introduction to International Relations (Traditional)– Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014

POLS 111: Introduction to Political Science (Online) – Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Summer 2014, Summer 2013

POLS 111: Introduction to Political Science (Traditional) –Spring 2017, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011

POLS 479: New Forms of Violence on the International Stage –Spring 2015, Spring 2013

POLS 352: Politics of Development –Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2013, Summer 2012, Fall 2011

POLS 459: Politics of the Middle East –Spring 2012, Fall 2012

McGill University

Politics of the Middle East – Fall 2008
Politics of Southeast Asia –Spring 2009

Publications

Weeraratne, Suranjan and Sterling Recker, “The isolated Islamists: the case of Allied Democratic Forces in the Ugandan-Congolese borderland.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 2016
DOI: 10.1080/09546553.2016.1139577

Weeraratne, Suranjan, 2016 “State Policy and Entrepreneurial Ethnic Migrants: The Experiences of the Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia,” *Social Science Asia*, Volume 2, No. 1, p 77-92

Weeraratne, Suranjan. “Theorizing the expansion of the Boko Haram insurgency in Nigeria.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 2015.
DOI: 10.1080/09546553.2015.1005742

World Development Report 2011: Conflict, Security and Development, core research member of the team that compiled the report, World Bank, Washington DC, 2011

Weeraratne, Suranjan, 2010 Ethnic Entrepreneurs and Collective Violence: Assessing Spatial Variations in Anti-Chinese Rioting within Jakarta during the May 1998 Riots, UNU-WIDER Working Paper No 210/55.

Rahman, Yusuf, Suranjan Weeraratne and Bruce Lawrence. 2008. *Islam and Society in Contemporary Indonesia*. Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Program, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University.

Weeraratne, Suranjan and Arun Agrawal. 2006. “State Policy and International Ethnic Migrants: Indian and Chinese experiences in Asia.’ in *Globalization and Social Stress*; edited by Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Nova Publishers, 2006.

Shyamsundar, Priya and Suranjan Weeraratne. 2005. “Devolution of Resource Rights, Poverty and Natural Resource Management,” Paper No. 104, Environmental Economics Series, World Bank, Washington DC.

Under Review

“When does scapegoating work: Assessing Spatial Variations in Anti-Chinese Rioting in Indonesia.” Invited to Revise and Resubmit to *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*.

Work in Progress

“Boko Haram and Forced Migration: the Socio-economic and Political Effects on Northeastern Nigeria and Neighboring Countries.”

“Explaining variations in patterns of terrorist kidnappings” with Alec Trout

“Transnational terrorism and localized grievances: evidence from West and North Africa” with Miles Foltynowicz

“Assessing the effectiveness of terrorist funding mechanisms” with Alec Trout.

“Negotiating Secular Democracy: Islamic Parties, Civil Society and Democratization in Egypt and Indonesia” with Ali Munhanif, Saipudin asrori and Agus Nilmada Azmi

“When do Religious provocateurs succeed in inciting violence? Assessing puzzling trajectories of violence within Gujarat in India and the Maluku Islands in Indonesia”

“Electoral Engineering in Ethnically Divided Societies: The Qualified Success of Proportional Representation in Sri Lanka”

Conference Presentations

Kidnapping to kill: Assessing kidnapping tactics of Boko Haram and ISIS,” paper prepared for presentation at the International Studies Association conference, November 19, 2016.

“Explaining variations in patterns of terrorist kidnappings,” paper prepared for presentation at the International Studies Association conference, Atlanta, March 17-19, 2016; co-authored with Alec Trout.

“Transnational Terrorism and Localized Grievances,” paper prepared for presentation at the International Studies Association (ISA-Midwest) conference, St. Louis, November 2-4, 2012.

“Puzzling trajectories of religious riots: understanding neighborhood level variations in Hindu-Muslim riots in Ahmadabad,” paper prepared for presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2-5, 2010

“Degrees of ‘Scapegoatability’: Unraveling neighborhood level variations in violence during the Jakarta Riots of May 1998,” paper prepared for workshop on “Entrepreneurs and Conflict” organized by UNU Wider in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, Mar 18, 2009; also presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New York, February 15-18, 2009 and to the Montreal Research Group on Ethnic Conflict, November 5, 2008

“Hit and miss: a theoretical framework for understanding when elite entrepreneurs succeed in inciting violence at the local level,” Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, April 2008

“Geospatial modeling of variations in ethnic riots,” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 26-29, 2008

“Entrepreneurial ethnic minorities and collective violence,” International Peace Academy (IPA)-United Nations University (UNU) sponsored workshop on Political violence in South and Southeast Asia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 2007; also presented at Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Meeting, Saskatchewan, May 2007 and at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Annual Convention, Columbia University, New York, April 2007

“Indonesia’s ethnic Chinese: caught between hope and betrayal,” presented at Inter-disciplinary Islamic Studies Program, State Islamic University, Jakarta, May 2006

“Electoral Engineering in Divided Societies: the case of Sri Lanka,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 2005

“Tales from a distant home: Chinese ethnic migrant experiences from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand,” Midwest Political Science association, Chicago, 2005

“Unpacking Institutions and Ethnic Conflict: Analyzing Democracy’s Influence on Forms of Communal Dissent,” co-written with Steve Saideman, David Lanoue and Amy Cox, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2005

"Democracy, Duration, and Dissent: Institutions and Ethnic Conflict Through Two Decades," co-written with Steve Saideman, David Lanoue and Amy Cox, Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 2005

Fixed and Endogenous Elections and Ethnic Conflict: Similar or Different Causal Relationships?" co-written with Steve Saideman, David Lanoue and Amy Cox, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, QC, February 17-20, 2004

Awards, Honors and Fellowships

Internal

Graduate School, Travel Grant to present research at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, 2016 (\$ 900)

Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Fund, Spring 2012 (\$ 1,000); Fall 2012 (\$ 1,000); Spring 2013 (\$ 1,000), Spring 2014 (\$ 1,000), Spring 2017 (\$ 750)

Graduate School, Start-up Grant, 2011 (\$ 2,000)

External

Department of Political Science, McGill University, Travel Grant, April 2005; September 2006; April 2008 (Canadian \$ 400 each).

IAIN Indonesia Social Equity Project, McGill University, awarded visiting fellowship at the State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, August 2007 (monthly stipend, Canadian \$ 1,400).

Center for Developing Area Studies, McGill University, Graduate Student Fellowship, October 2006 to October 2007 (Canadian \$ 1,000).

Alma-Mater Travel Grant, McGill University, September 2005; February, 2007 (Canadian \$ 500 each).

Center for Research on Inequality, Human Security and Ethnicity (CRISE), Oxford University, Research Grant on project titled “Explaining variations in collective violence against the ethnic-Chinese community in Indonesia,” 2006 to 2007 (\$ 1,000).

IAIN Indonesia Social Equity Project, McGill University, awarded visiting fellowship at the State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, March to July 2006 (monthly stipend, Canadian \$ 1,100).

Department of Political Science, McGill University, Graduate Fellowship, September 2002 to August 2003.

School of Politics and Economics, Claremont Graduate University, Graduate Fellowship, August 2000 to May 2002.

University Service

University

Program Director, Peace and International Studies Minor, July 2016- present

Faculty Coordinator, Great Decisions Speaker series organized by the Office of Educational Outreach, Fall 2016- present

College

College of Arts and Sciences Congress, Fall 2014-Fall 2016.

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Fall 2014-Fall 2016.

Department

Departmental Search Committee Member, Spring 2013 (tenure-line), Fall 2014 (instructor)

Member, Office Support Associate search committee, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Member, Merit Review Committee, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016

Faculty mentor, Political Science Students' Association –Fall 2012- Spring 2013

Library liaison for Department of Political Science – Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Faculty Advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society -Fall 2015 -present

Professional Service

Referee for African Studies Review, Canadian Journal of Political Science; Journal of Asian Studies; Journal of Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Conflict Management and Peace Science, Routledge Press

Discussant, International Studies Association Meeting, 2009; Canadian Political Science Association meeting, 2007.

Panel Chair, Canadian Political Science Association Meeting, 2007.

Work Experience

World Bank, Washington DC , August 2009 to February, 2011

Consultant, World Development Report (WDR) 2011 on *Conflict, Fragility and Development*

Areas of focus include interconnected forms of violence including civil war, large scale crime, cross-border violence and trans-national terrorism; developmental consequences of fragility and conflict and local/regional/international efforts at conflict mitigation

McGill University, Montreal, Canada, September 2002 to May 2009

Faculty Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Course Lecturer POLI 340 - Developing Areas/Middle East (Fall 2008)

Course Lecturer POLI 369 - Politics of Southeast Asia (Winter 2009)

Research/Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science (Sept 2002 –Aug 2008)

World Bank, Washington DC, July 2003 to September 2003

Short-term Summer Consultant - Department of Environmental Economics

Contributed a chapter to a World Bank publication on “Decentralization of Natural Resources”

Minorities at Risk Project, University of Maryland, October 2003 to July 2004

Participated in data gathering/coding of variables in Phase IV of the Minorities at Risk Project

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, August 2000 to January 2002

Research Assistant, School of Politics and Economics

Memberships

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Asian Studies Association