

# Curriculum Vitae Colton P. Heffington

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## Professional Appointments

Academic Year Lecturer (September 2017-present), Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University.

## Education

PhD, University of Missouri, May 2017, Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics. Dissertation: *Foreign Policy During Intrastate and Extrastate Conflict: Patterns of Support, Retaliation, and Opportunism*.

M.A., Political Science, University of Missouri, May 2013. Thesis: *Hawks and Doves Reconsidered: Parties, Leaders, and Foreign Policy in Democracy*.

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Political Science, Oklahoma State University, May 2011.

## Research

### Publications

- Heffington, Colton. "External Threat and Human Rights: How International Conflict Leads to Domestic Repression." *Journal of Human Rights* (forthcoming)
- Heffington, Colton, Brandon Park, and Laron Williams. "The Most Important Problem Dataset (MIPD): A New Dataset on American Issue Importance." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 36(3): 312-335 (May 2019)
- Heffington, Colton. "Marked Targets: Economic Sanctions and Domestic Terrorism." *Journal of Global Security Studies* 2(2): 123-136 (April 2017).
  - Blog entry at *Political Violence at a Glance*: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/05/09/colton-heffington/>
- Heffington, Colton. "Do Hawks and Doves Deliver? The Words and Deeds of Foreign Policy in Democracies." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 14(1): 64-85 (January 2018).

### Works in Progress

- "Rivalry and Refugees: How International Armed Conflict and Discrimination Lead to Forced Migration"
- "Human Rights and Foreign Policy Analysis", chapter in the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*, with Amanda Murdie (under contract)

- “Who Cares about International Relations? An Analysis of Issue Salience in the US, 1939-2012” with Laron K. Williams

## Classroom Experience

- Santa Clara University:
  - Introduction to International Relations: Fall 2017-Spring 2020 (Voted best lower division course by majors for the 18-19 year)
  - International Law: Fall 2017, 2018, Spring 2020, Summer 2019-2020 (online)
  - International Human Rights: Spring 2018, 2019, Fall 2020
  - Introduction to Political Science Research: Winter 2020
  - Civil War and Terrorism: Winter 2018, 2019
- University of Missouri:
  - International Organizations: Fall 2016
  - Introduction to International Relations: Fall 2015, Spring 2016
  - Introduction to Political Science Research (Teaching Assistant with Independent Lab Sections) taught by Drs. James Endersby and Laron Williams: Fall 2013-Spring 2014

## Conference Presentations

- “Conflict, Rivals, and Human Rights: How International Fighting Exacerbates Domestic Repression” at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, 2019
- “Fighting With Rebels: How States use Rebels during Interstate War” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 2018
- “Embargoing Rebels: How Arms Embargoes Affect Rebels During Civil Conflict” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, GA, 2017
- “Conflicting Motives: Exploring the Strategy of State Support for Militant Groups” at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, 2016
- “Who Cares about International Relations? An Analysis of Issue Salience in the US, 1939-2012,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2015
- “Marked Targets: Economic Sanctions and Domestic Terrorism,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, 2015.
- “Who Cares about International Relations? An Analysis of Issue Salience in the US, 2001-2012,” paper presented at the Annual Midwest Meeting of the International Studies Association, St. Louis, MO, 2014.
- “The Inadvertent Costs of Repression: Human Rights and Conflict Bargaining,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (selected for the Junior Scholar Symposium), Toronto, ON, 2014.
- “Sanctions, Repression, and Electoral Punishment: The Role of Elections in Target States,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, ON, 2014.
- “Hawks and Doves Reconsidered: Parties, Leaders, and Foreign Policy in Democracy,” paper presented at the Annual Midwest Meeting of the International Studies Association, St. Louis, MO, 2013.

## Other Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant for *Foreign Policy Analysis*: June 2014-August 2015

## Awards and Support

David M. Wood Award for Excellence in Political Science Research, University of Missouri, 2015

Jeffrey D. Byrne Award Award, University of Missouri, 2014

Robin Remington Award, University of Missouri, 2012

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Missouri, 2011-2013

Regents Distinguished Scholarship, Oklahoma State University, 2007-2011

## References

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