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Assistant Professor, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University 2007-2008

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U.S.-Iran Dialogue on Counternarcotics,

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U.S.-China Dialogue on Afghanistan and Pakistan,

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Disrupting Violent Connections, organized by International Alert,
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Modernizing Drug Law Enforcement Initiative,

organized by Chatham House, IDPC, and IISS,

Advisory board member, March 2012 – July 2013

The Economics of International Drug Strategy,

organized by London School of Economist's IDEAS,

Expert group member June 2013 -

World Economic Forum's Illicit Trade Task Force,

Member 2012 - 2013

United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services,

Programme Evaluation of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,

Advisory Panel Member 2012 - 2013

School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth,

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University of Delaware, Adjunct Professor	2009, 2011
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BOOKS

The Extinction Market: Wildlife Trafficking and How to Counter It
(London: Hurst, August 2017, forthcoming)

*Aspiration and Ambivalence: Strategies and Realities of Counterinsurgency and
State-building in Afghanistan*
(Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution Press, 2013)

Shooting Up: Counterinsurgency and the War on Drugs
(Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution Press, December 2010)

Militants, Criminals, and Warlords: The Challenge of Local Governance in an Age of Disorder
(co-authored with Shadi Hamid and Harold Trinkunas)
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Narco Noir: Mexico's Cartels, Cops, and Corruption
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CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

“Afghan National Security Forces: Afghan Corruption and the Development of an Effective
Fighting Force,” U.S. House Armed Services Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight
and Investigations, August 2, 2012

“Narcoterrorism and the Long Reach of U.S. Law Enforcement,” U.S. House of Representatives
House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and
Trade, October 12, 2011

“A Shared Responsibility: Counternarcotics and Citizens’ Security in the Americas,” Senate
Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps,
and Global Narcotics Affairs, March 31, 2011

“International Counternarcotics Policies: Do They Reduce Domestic Consumption or Advance
Other Foreign Policy Goals?” House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,
Domestic Policy Subcommittee, July 21, 2010

“U.S. Counternarcotics Supply-side Policies: The Obama’s Administration New Focus,”
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Domestic Policy
Subcommittee, April 14, 2010

“U.S. Counternarcotics Strategy in Afghanistan,” Senate Caucus on International Narcotics
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“Transnational Drug Enterprises: Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security,” House
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- “Organized Crime, Illicit Economies, Civil Violence, and International Order: More Complex Than You Think,” *Daedalus*, Winter 2017, forthcoming
- “A State-Building Response to Organised Crime, Illicit Economies, Hybrid Threats, and Hybrid Governance,” in Virginia Comolli (ed.), *Organized Crime and Illicit Trade: How to Respond to This Strategic Challenge in Old and New Domains* (London: Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming 2017)
- “The Threats that Illicit Economies Pose,” in Virginia Comolli (ed.), *Organized Crime and Illicit Trade: How to Respond to This Strategic Challenge in Old and New Domains* (London: Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming 2017)
- “The Wall,” The Brookings Institution, June 2017, forthcoming
- “Political and Conflict Transitions and Organized Crime and Illicit Economies: Key Policy Findings and Implications,” Tokyo: United Nations University, forthcoming April 2017
- “Conflict Transitions and Organized Crime and Illicit Economies: The Case of Myanmar,” Tokyo: United Nations University, forthcoming April 2017
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- “Reforming Global Policies against the Drug Trade and Organized Crime – Trends and Opportunities in the United States, Latin America, and Asia,” The Ditchley Foundation, London, December 7, 2012
- “Resource Management and Organized Crime in Indonesia,” Open Society Foundations, New York, December 5, 2012
- “Illegal Logging and Mining in Indonesia: Policy Design in the Context of Corruption,” Revenue Watch, Jakarta, November 6, 2012
- “Interdicting Illicit Flows: Regional Cooperation in Central Asia,” National Defense University, August 15, 2012
- “The War in Afghanistan: Lessons for Future Interventions,” American Security Project, Washington, DC, June 12, 2012
- “The State of the Transition in Afghanistan,” CSIS, Washington, DC, June 11, 2012
- “The Crime-Insurgency Nexus in Afghanistan,” School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, KS, June 6, 2012
- “Countering Violent Organized Crime and Illicit Economies in Central America,” Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, March 30, 2012
- “No Silver Bullet for Suppressing the Drug Trade and Organized Crime,” Chatham House, London, March 27, 2012
- “Managing Illicit Economies – How to Deal with Nuclear Smuggling or Illegal Logging,” Open Society Foundations, London, March 26, 2012
- “Lessons from Colombia for Mexico? Countering Violent Organized Crime through a Multifaceted Approach,” Harvard University, March 23, 2012
- “The Opium Economy in Afghanistan,” Open Society Foundations, New York, March 22, 2012
- “The Crime-Terror Nexus: A Witches’ Brew or a Myth?” Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, MD, March 2, 2012
- “The Afghanistan Transition and Governance in Afghanistan – Its Achilles Heel,” The Brookings Institution, February 15, 2012
- “Dealing with Pirates, Drug Traffickers, and Other Global Outlaws,” University of Denver, CO, February 14, 2012
- “The Evolution of Organized and ‘Ordinary’ Crime in Mexico,” The Transborder Institute, University of San Diego, San Diego, February 10, 2012
- “Security and Public Safety Trends in Latin America,” 2012 Policy Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean, Applied Research Center at Florida International University and United States Southern Command, January 12, 2012
- “The Security Situation in Mexico: Likely Scenarios,” NDU Mexico 2020 Project, Washington, DC, December 15, 2011
- “New Strategies for Confronting Organized Crime in Mexico,” Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC, December 12, 2011
- “The Complex Nexus of Belligerents and Criminals,” NDU Conference on Stabilization Lessons, Washington, DC, December 1, 2011
- “The Global Illegal Trade in Wildlife,” World Bank, November 28, 2011
- “NATO’s Role in Dealing with Failed States and the Nexus of Organized Crime and Terrorism,” NATO’s Annual Review Conference, Berlin, October 29, 2011

- “The Security Situation in Afghanistan and the post-2014 Afghan Transition,” The Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw, October 25, 2011
- “Colombia’s Consolidation and Elections: Moving Beyond the FARC and the Paramilitaries?” The Brookings Institution, October 21, 2011
- “Dealing with Chronic Violence in Latin America and Beyond: Designing an Effective Public Policy Response,” Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC, October 11, 2011
- “The Drug Violence in Mexico,” Dallas, The Dallas Institute for Humanities, October 6, 2011
- “Stopping Nuclear Smuggling by Nonstate Actors,” WMD Proliferation conference, The Tower Center, SMU, Dallas, TX, October 4, 2011
- “Tackling Organized Crime in Mexico: Challenges and Opportunities,” The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, September 22, 2011
- “Designing Outside Assistance to Suppress Organized Crime,” NYU Center for International Cooperation, September 1, 2011
- “Drugs and War Economies in Afghanistan,” CENTCOM, Tampa, FL, August 18, 2011
- “Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Illegal Logging in East Asia,” Brookings Institution conference on Combating Transnational Organized Crime in East Asia: Trafficking in Humans, Money, and Illicit Materials,” Washington, DC, June 30, 2011
- “Using Socio-economic Programs to Combat Organized Crime: Lessons for Mexico,” Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government, June 21, 2011
- “Counterinsurgency, Post-conflict Consolidation, and Counternarcotics Policy: Lessons from Around the World,” Fundación para La Paz conference on Colombia’s Consolidation Plan, Bogota, June 18, 2011
- “Counternarcotics Policy Reform in the United States and the Promise and Limitations of Drug Legalization,” Conference on “Rethinking the “War on Drugs” through the US-Mexico Prism, Yale University, April 16, 2011
- “The Future of War: Criminals and Belligerents in the 21st Century,” Conference on Failed States: A New World Disorder?” Ohio State University, April 8, 2011
- “The War on Drugs in Mexico,” CEDAN, Mexico City, Mexico, March 15, 2011
- “Counternarcotics Efforts in the Andes and the Changing Shape of Drug Trafficking Organizations in Latin America,” Conference on Security, Drugs, and Democracy in Latin America, GWU Conference, February 28, 2011
- “Implication of Poor Governance in Afghanistan for the Effectiveness of COIN,” Conference on Key Issues in Afghanistan, Arlington, VA, February 24, 2011
- “The Nexus of Modern Conflict and Criminality,” World Affairs Council, Houston, TX, February 22, 2011
- “Shooting Up: Drugs and Terrorists from Latin America to Asia,” ACFR, Birmingham, AL, February 15, 2011
- “How to Make U.S. International Assistance for Combating Organized Crime and Illegal Economies Effective,” Seminar on Organized Crime and State Capture, Lima, Peru, February 10, 2011
- “The Complexities of Counterinsurgency, Demobilization, and Illegal Economies: Exporting the ‘Colombian Model’?” Javeriana University, Bogota, January 25, 2011
- “The Af-Pak Review,” Meet the Press @ Brookings, December 16, 2010
- “Illicit Economies and Militancy,” Conference on the Drug Trade and Violent Conflict, SAIS, Washington, DC, December 14, 2010

- “The Drug Trade and Instability in Colombia,” Conference on Colombia’s Consolidation, Washington, DC, December 9, 2010
- “Organized Crime and Illicit Economies in Latin America,” 2011 Policy Agenda for Latin America and the Caribbean, Applied Research Center at Florida International University and United States Southern Command, November 19, 2010
- “Mexico’s Drug War and Cross Border Business Activity,” Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Conference on Cross Border Trade with Mexico, El Paso, November 5, 2010,
- “State-building in Afghanistan and Its Challenges,” Science Po and Tel Aviv University conference on Peace Operations and State-building, Tel Aviv, Israel, October 31- November 2, 2010
- “Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan,” Georgetown University, October 14, 2010
- “Conflict Mitigation in West Africa and the Challenge of West Africa’s New Drug Trade,” Drug Trafficking in West Africa: Policy Implications, Washington, DC, October 14, 2010
- “Comparative Counternarcotics and Anti-Organized Crime Policies in Latin America,” Conference on Crime Wars: Gangs, Cartels, and U.S. National Security, Washington, DC, September 30, 2010
- “Illicit Economies and Organized Crime in East Asia,” The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, September 30, 2010
- “Beyond the Crisis? Thinking Strategically about Mexico’s Economic Future – The Role of Crime and Insecurity,” The Brookings Institution, June 25, 2010
- “Counternarcotics Policies in Latin America,” InterAmerican Dialogue’s Linowitz Forum on Latin America, Washington, DC, June 2010
- “Conceptualizing Crime as Competition in State-Making and Designing an Effective Response,” NDU-ONDCP Conference on Illicit Trafficking Activities in the Western Hemisphere, Washington DC, May 21, 2010
- “The Nexus of Organized Crime and Militancy: From Asia to Latin America,” ACFR Tampa, May 17, 2010
- “Mexico’s Use of the Military in its War on Drugs,” conference on Mexico, Harvard University Law School, April 7, 2010
- “Mexico’s War on Drugs: What Way Forward,” the SMU Tower Center conference on Mexico, Dallas, TX, March 25, 2010
- “Lessons from Brazil’s Favelas for Mexico’s War on Drugs,” ISSS Annual Drug Conference, RAND, Santa Monica, CA March 16, 2010
- “Improving U.S. Counternarcotics Policy in Colombia and Mexico,” InterAmerican Dialogue Conference on U.S. Counternarcotics Policy, Washington, DC, March 10, 2010
- “Conceptualizing Crime as a Competition in State-Making,” OSI-SSRC conference on the State of Knowledge of Organized Crime Issues in Latin America, New York, March 1, 2010
- “Drugs and Insurgency in Colombia and Afghanistan,” National Defense University, Washington, DC, February 25, 2010
- “Illicit Economies as Obstacles to Conflict Limitation and State-Building in Afghanistan,” Conference on Negotiations and Reconciliation with the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Boston, MA, February 19, 2010
- “Shooting Up: Counterinsurgency and the War on Drugs,” American Committee on Foreign Relations, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 16, 2010
- “Security and Drug Trade Challenges in Colombia, Mexico, and Afghanistan,” Seminar XXI, Airlie, VA, January 30, 2010

- “Narcoterrorism and Other Organized Crime Threats to U.S. National Security,” National Institute of Justice, January 27, 2010
- “Shooting Up: Counterinsurgency and the War on Drugs,” Brookings, Washington, DC, January 25, 2010
- “Rural Development Efforts in the Context of Drug Cultivation: Key Lessons,” a conference on alternative livelihoods efforts sponsored by WOLA, U.S. Congress, December 8, 2009
- “Drug Cartels versus the State in Mexico: A Multifaceted Approach to Dealing with Crime in Mexico,” Drug Trafficking, Violence, and Instability in Mexico, Colombia, and the Caribbean,” Pittsburg, PA, October 2009
- “Strategic Options in Afghanistan and their Intersection with Counternarcotics Efforts,” George Mason University, October 2009
- “Crime as a National Security Threat: Comparative Perspectives on Law Enforcement,” CISEN, Mexico, October 2009
- “Illicit Economies, Militancy, and the State in Afghanistan and Pakistan,” Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, Bahamas, June 2009
- “US-Mexican Relations,” American Committee on Foreign Relations, Rochester, NY, June 2009
- “The War in Afghanistan and the Obama Administration: An Update,” The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC June 2009
- “Crime as a Alternative Form of State-making,” Open Society Institution, Washington, DC, May 2009
- “Negotiating with Terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan,” Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, May 2009
- “Lessons from Plan Colombia for Mexico,” CATO, Washington, DC, February 2009
- “Taming Mexican Drug Cartels,” Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC, February 2008
- “Expand the Agenda in Pakistan and Afghanistan,” The Brookings Institution, December 2008
- “The Effectiveness of Plan Colombia: Eight Years since Its Beginning,” The Brookings Institution, December 2008
- “Implications of Mumbai Attacks for Afghanistan,” The Brookings Institution, December 2008
- “Lessons from Colombia for Afghanistan,” Congressional background briefing, October 2008
- “The Drug-Insecurity Conundrum in Afghanistan,” Monterey, CA September 2008
- “Alternative Development Programs: A Global Overview,” Bogota, Colombia, August 2008
- “Illicit Economies in Afghanistan,” Post-Conflict Stabilization Operations Conference, National Defense University, Washington, DC, August 2008
- “Afghanistan’s Security, Governance, and Drugs,” RAND conference, “Are We Winning in Afghanistan,” Airlie, VA July 2008
- “The Rule of Law and the Rule of Illegality in Central Asia: Implications for India and China,” Strategic Context and Rule of Law in Sino-Indian Relations Conference, Bangalore, India, May 2008
- “Counternarcotics Efforts in Pakistan and Afghanistan: Lessons for Latin America,” Counternarcotics Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2008
- “Crime and Terrorism,” Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 2008
- “Illicit Economies and Political Instability in Afghanistan,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2008
- “Illicit Economies, Criminals, and Belligerents in Ungoverned Spaces: Policy Implications,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, March 2008
- “The Growth of the Taliban Insurgency,” Georgetown University, Washington, DC, March 2008

- “Sequencing Counterinsurgency and Counternarcotics,” Congressional Background Briefing, Washington, DC, February 2008
- “Fighting Corruption and Illicit Economies in Post-conflict situations,” Coordinating Chaos: Taking a Multi-Dimensional Approach to Stability Operations Conference, Toronto, Canada, February 2008
- “Drugs and Insurgency: Colombia and Afghanistan,” Seminar XXI, Airlie, VA, February 2008
- “Drugs and Insurgency in Afghanistan,” Woodrow Wilson Center, December 2007
- “Peacekeepers Among Poppy,” Conference on Peace Operations and Organized Crime, Geneva, November 2007
- “Culture of Illegality Across Borders: The Survival Imperative,” International Conference on Civilizations and Cultural Diversity,” Fez, Morocco, November 2007
- “Rules and Regulations in ‘Ungoverned Spaces’: Illicit Economies, Criminals, Belligerents,” Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, CA, August 2007
- “Is the Taliban Heading the Way of the FARC?” The Anti-Drug Intelligence Community Team and the CIA Crime and Narcotics Center conference on “Afghanistan: Dynamics of the Link between the Taliban and the Drug Trade,” Herndon, VA, May 2007
- “Eradication and Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan,” Counter-Narcotics and Peace Building: Toward Policy Coherence Conference, New York, May 2007
- “Afghanistan, Plan Colombia, and Eradication: Problems and Solutions,” Congressional Background Briefing, Washington, DC, April 2007
- “Drugs and Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan,” The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, April 2007
- “Drugs and Insurgency in Afghanistan and Beyond,” Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, April 2007
- “From Sanctuary to Protostates: The Crime-Insurgency Nexus,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2007
- “Narcoterrorism in the Asian and Latin American Theaters,” Seminar XXI, Airlie Center, VA, January 2007
- “The Power Terrorists and Insurgents Derive from Illicit Economies – The Case of Afghanistan,” APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006
- “Globalization and Narcoterrorism,” APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2006
- “Drug Wars in Colombia and Afghanistan,” Guest lecture in “Drugs, Politics, and Culture” course, Department of Anthropology, MIT, April 2006
- “The Promise & Efficacy of Compensation Strategies in the Field of Counternarcotics,” Carroll Wilson Foundation, Cambridge, MA, March 2006
- “Narcoterrorism and Its Fallacies,” Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, MA, February 2006
- “Narcoterrorism and Its Fallacies,” Seminar XXI, Airlie Center, VA, January 2006
- “Drugs and Security in Afghanistan,” The 2005 Kabul International Symposium on Drug Policy, Kabul, Afghanistan, September 2005
- “Kicking the Opium Habit? Afghanistan’s Drug Economy and Politics Since the 1980s,” Middle East and Central Asia Annual Conference, September 2005
- “The Ugly Reality of Drugs and Violence in Afghanistan,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, ME, April 2005
- “Drugs and Conflict: Lessons from Asia and Latin America,” International Studies Association

- Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, March 2005
- “Poppy and Politics: Drugs and Conflict in Afghanistan,” Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2004
- “The Coca Connection: Lessons from Peru and Colombia,” APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL August 2004
- “Drugs, Thugs, and Narcs,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, NH, April 2004
- “High Politics: Conflict and Drugs in Colombia and Peru,” ISSC/ISAC Conference, Army War College, Carlisle, PA, October 2003
- “Current U.S. Foreign Policy Issues,” public forum sponsored by U.S. Embassy, Antananarivo, Madagascar, July 2003
- “The Coca Connection: The Impact of Illicit Substances on Militarized Conflict,” Women in International Security (WIIS) Summer Symposium, Washington, DC, June 2003 – award winning paper

COURSES TAUGHT

- Drug Trafficking and Security Policies in Mexico
University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
- Conducting Fieldwork in Non-permissive Environments
School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth
- Illicit Economies and Security
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- Research Seminar in International Security
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- Insurgency, Organized Crime, and Other Non-traditional Security Threats
University of Delaware
- International Drug Trade, Organized Crime, and Piracy
University of Delaware

AWARDS

- Outstanding Book Award for Aspiration and Ambivalence* from Association of American University Press, 2013
- Open Society Fellowship*, March 2012 – December 2013
- American Political Science Association 2007 Harold D. Laswell Award for the Best Dissertation in the Field of Public Policy*, September 2007
- Foreign Policy Studies Predoctoral Fellowship*, The Brookings Institution, 2006-2007
- Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Predoctoral Fellowship*, John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2005-2006
- Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship*, United States Institute of Peace, 2005-2006 (declined in order to accept the Belfer fellowship)
- Carroll Wilson Award*, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2005
- Energy, Technology, and International Affairs Summer Research Dissertation Grant*, 2003, 2004, and 2005
- Presidential Graduate Fellowship*, MIT, 2000-2004
- Harvard Faculty Scholarship*, 1997-1999
- John Harvard Scholarship*, 1999

Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Scholarship, Harvard University, 1999
Olin Institute Senior Honors Thesis Grant, Harvard University, 1999
Center for European Studies Summer Research Grant, Harvard University, 1998

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

New York Times, Washington Post, BBC, CNN, ABC, Los Angeles Times, Financial Times, International Herald Tribune, The Diane Rehm Show and other NPR programs, Voice of America, C-SPAN, Politico, Slate, Al Jazeera, Times of India, Dawn, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and others in the United States and abroad