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## Education

Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, 2017.

Dissertation: “Civilian Participation in Politics and Violent Revolution: Ideology, Networks, and Action in Peru and India”

Committee Members: Charles King (Chair), Daniel Nexon, Emmanuel Teitelbaum (GWU)

Major Field: Comparative Politics | Minor Field: International Relations

Research Interests: political mobilization and civil conflict in developing societies; peacebuilding; global governance; human rights; ethnography and qualitative methods.

Primary Regions: Latin America and South Asia

*Passed with Distinction: Comparative Government Comprehensive Exam*

M.A. International Studies, University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, 2009.

Field: Comparative Politics; Concentration: Human Rights

M.A. Thesis: “Transformation of Rebel Movements into Political Parties in Transitions from Civil Conflict: A Study of Rebels’ Decision-making amid Violence in El Salvador and Zimbabwe.”

Thesis Advisor: Timothy D. Sisk

B.A. Political Science, Duke University, 2004.

## Academic Employment

Visiting Assistant Professor, International Relations, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA (Aug. 2022-present)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Lehigh University (Aug. 2021-Dec. 2022)

Lecturer, Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo (School of Public Policy) and  
Department of Political Science, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, Jan. 2019-Mar. 2021.

Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow, Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo, Universidad de  
Los Andes, Jan. 2017-Jan. 2019.

Pre/Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef  
Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Dec. 2014-Dec. 2016.

## Research

### *Articles in Journals*

Deborah Avant, Devin Finn, and Tricia Olsen. “Can CSR Strategy Mediate Conflict over Extraction? Evidence from Two Mines in Peru.” *World Development*. Article accepted for publication, May 2023.

Devin Finn, “International Authority, Deliberative Legitimacy, and the Responsibilities of States.” *Global Governance* 16(4). Autumn 2010.

### ***Book Chapters***

Devin Finn, “La búsqueda está contigo’: el posconflicto colombiano y la participación de los familiares de las víctimas en la búsqueda institucional de personas desaparecidas.” In *Después del Acuerdo: ¿Cómo va la paz en Colombia?*, eds. Angelika Rettberg and Laura Betancur-Restrepo (2023, Universidad de los Andes Press).

Devin Finn, “The Political Agency of Victims through Transnational Processes of Forensic Anthropology and Memory Construction in Latin America.” In *Agency in Transnational Memory Politics*, eds., Aline Sierp and Jenny Wüstenberg (2020, Berghahn Books).

### ***Articles and Working Papers***

Trajectories of Civilian Encounters with Insurgency in Peru and India: Wartime Politics of Collapse, Resilience, and Fluidity (article prepared for submission to peer-reviewed journal)

Intersections of rebel ideology and peasant participation: Class struggle, nationalism, and armed rebellion in Telangana, India (1946-1951) (article prepared for submission to peer-reviewed journal)

Civilian protection and aid delivery during civil war: the politics of early warning of mass atrocities in Sri Lanka, 2000-2009 (chapter author and co-editor of volume compiled with Andrew Bennett)

### ***Additional Ongoing Research Projects***

*Memory and harvest: campesino politics before and during violent revolution in Peru* (book manuscript)

Understanding citizens’ distinct experiences of wartime violence and the state: Postwar “forensic politics” in Perú and Colombia

### **Selected Published Policy and Political Analysis**

Devin Finn, [“More people in the U.S. protested in June than in any month since the January Women’s Marches.”](#) The Monkey Cage blog, *The Washington Post*, 25 July 2017.

Devin Finn, [“Power Politics Meets Personal Persuasion: The Role of the Next UN Secretary General,”](#) with Anjali Kaushlesh Dayal, *Political Violence at a Glance*, 20 September 2016.

Devin Finn, [“Legacy of Violence and Peru’s Politics: Activism Against Authoritarianism,”](#) *Political Violence at a Glance*, 12 July 2016.

Devin Finn, [“Broadening the Conversation: From Research Transparency to a Politics of Knowledge Building,”](#) *Political Violence at a Glance*, 16 February 2016.

Devin Finn, [“Combating Corruption and Violence: A Struggle for Accountability on Two Fronts,”](#) *Political Violence at a Glance*, 20 October 2015.

Devin Finn, [“Nonviolent Mobilization Against State Impunity Through Forensic Anthropology.”](#) Political Violence at a Glance, 17 March 2015.

## **Awards and Fellowships**

Excellence in Teaching Award, Universidad de los Andes School of Government, awarded December 2017.

University of Denver PROF Faculty Research Grant (with Deborah Avant), Apr. 2016, \$18,000.

Pre/Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Dec. 2014-Dec. 2016.

Short-term Research Scholarship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Sept.-Oct. 2014.

Dissertation Research Award, Georgetown University Department of Government, Summers 2013 and 2014.

Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Georgetown University, Nov. 2012.

Selected as GU participant in The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) of the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Maxwell School of Syracuse University, June 2012.

Georgetown University Center for Latin American Studies Research Grant, Summer 2012.

“Distinction” on Comparative Government Comprehensive Examination, Fall 2011.

Critical Language Scholarship (Bengali), U.S. State Department. Summer 2011, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Georgetown University Department of Government Graduate Fellowship, May 2009. \$22,000 per year.

## **Professional Affiliations**

Member, International Studies Association (ISA); Member, Human Rights Section  
Member, Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Member, Peru Section

## **Teaching and Thesis Advising**

### *Lehigh University courses*

Comparative Politics 003 (Fall 2021; Spring 2022; Fall 2022)

The United Nations 040 (Fall 2022; Fall 2023)

Current Issues in World Affairs 002 (Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2023; Spring 2024)

International Organization 245 (Spring 2023; Spring 2024)

Latin American Political Systems 335 (Spring 2022)

International Relations of Latin America 177 (Spring and Fall 2023)

Politics, Violence, and Human Rights in Latin America (Fall 2021)

*Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá* (most courses below taught in Spanish)

Professor: Analysis of Global Problems (Undergraduate), Fall 2019.

Professor: Introduction to Global Public Affairs (Undergraduate), Fall 2018; Spring 2019.

Professor: Advanced Research Seminar (Undergraduate), Political Science, Spring 2019; Fall 2019.

Professor: The Politics of Peacebuilding (Masters in Public Policy; MA, Peacebuilding), Fall 2017.

Thesis Director: "A Critique of the Victim-Victimizer Dichotomy in Postwar Transitional Justice,"  
María Paula Espejo Duarte (MA, Peacebuilding)

Thesis Director: "Popular Football (Soccer) and the Defense of Human Rights in the South of  
Bogotá," Laura Alejandra Naranjo (MA, Public Policy)

Thesis Director: "Toward an insurgent feminism: new debates among ex-FARC women," Luisa  
Fernanda González (BA, Political Science)

## **Selected Employment**

Results for Development (R4D), consultant, extractive industry in Colombia, Aug. 2019-Aug. 2020.

Political Instability Task Force, Jun. 2013-Jul. 2014, casebook research on mass atrocity prevention.

United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, Sept. 2009-Jul. 2011, Research Assistant.

Department of Political Affairs, United Nations, Americas Division, Sept.-Dec. 2008.

United States Department of State, United States Embassy, Lima, Peru, June-August 2008.

The Inter-American Dialogue, Reporter and Asst. Editor, June 2004-April 2006.

## **Service and Leadership**

Reviewer, *Democratization; Forensic Anthropology; Comparative Political Studies*

Officer, Graduate Political Science Association, Georgetown University, Fall 2010-Spring 2012.

Coordinator, Georgetown Univ. Govt. Dept. DC Area Graduate Student Conference, 2010-2011.

Symposium Coordinator, Center on Rights Development (CORD), U. Denver, May 2008-June 2009.

Volunteer, Lutheran Family Services Refugee Resettlement Program, Denver, Sept. 2007-Sept. 2008.

## **Related Skills**

Fluent in Spanish

Extensive research and work-related travel in Peru, Colombia, Nepal, and India.