

Curriculum Vitae

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Educational and Professional History

I. Education

- 1996-2001 Ph.D., Political Science, Emory University.
Dissertation: "Military Mobilization and International Crises"
- 1996-2000 M.A., Political Science, Emory University
- 1992-1996 B.A., Political Science and International Studies, Northwestern University

II. Positions

- 2007- Associate Professor, University of Iowa, Department of Political Science
- 2001-2007 Assistant Professor, University of Iowa, Department of Political Science
- 2000-2001 Instructor, Emory University, Department of Political Science
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Scholarship

Publications

Brian Lai. 2007. "'Draining the Swamp': An Empirical Examination of the Production of International Terrorism, 1968-1998" *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 24(4): 297-310.

Brian Lai and Clayton Thyne 2007. "The effect of civil war on education, 1980-1997." *Journal of Peace Research*. 44(3): 277-292.

Brian Lai and Daniel Morey. Forthcoming. 2006. "The Impact of Regime Type on the Influence of US Foreign Aid" *Foreign Policy Analysis* 2(4): 385-404.

Brian Lai and Dan Slater. 2006. "Institutions of the Offensive: Domestic Sources of Dispute Initiation in Authoritarian Regimes, 1950-1992." *American Journal of Political Science*. 50(1): 113-126.

Brian Lai. 2006. "An Empirical Examination of Religion and Conflict in the Middle East, 1950-1992." *Foreign Policy Analysis*. 2(1): 21-36.

Brian Lai and Ruth Melkonian-Hoover. 2005. "Democratic Progress and Regress: The Effect of Parties on the Transitions of States to and Away from Democracy." *Political Research Quarterly* 58(4): 551-564.

Brian Lai and Dan Reiter. 2005. "Rally 'Round the Union Jack? Public Opinion and the Use of Force in the United Kingdom, 1948-2001". *International Studies Quarterly* 49(2): 255-272.

Brian Lai. 2004 "The Effects of Different Types of Military Mobilization on the Outcome of International Crises." *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 48(11): 211-229.

Brian Lai. 2003. "Examining the Goals of US Foreign Assistance in the Post-Cold War period, 1991-1996." *Journal of Peace Research* 40:1: 103-128

Brian Lai and Dan Reiter. 2000 "Democracy, Political Similarity, and International Alliances, 1816-1992." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 44:2:203-227.

Manuscripts Under Review

Brian Lai. "Rally Around the Tri-Color: Examining the Effect of War and Uses of Force on the Popularity of French Presidents." Revise and Resubmit at *International Interactions*

Brian Lai. "Examining When States Stop Getting Aid, 1950-2000." Submitted to *Political Research Quarterly*

Working Papers

Brian Lai and Fred Boehmke "Empirically Modeling Strategic Behavior with a Unified Model of Crisis Outcome and Duration."

Brian Lai and Kevin Hansen. "Rally Around the UN: Public Opinion and Peacekeeping in Canada."

Brian Lai and Kevin Hansen. "Do Treaties with Rivals Produce Rally Effects? An Empirical Analysis of the US, 1955-2002."

Brian Lai and Erik Tillman. "The Impact of Regime Type on the Relationship between Conscription and Conflict."

Brian Lai "The Effects of Different Types of Military Mobilization on the Outcome of International Crises"

Grants- Internal

Iowa Research Experience for Undergraduates (2005-6). \$3,000. 2005-6.

Curriculum Development Award (2005-6). \$4,000.

Second Old Gold Summer Fellowship (2003). \$6,000.

Old Gold Summer Fellowship (2002). \$6,000.

Curriculum Development Award (2001-2). \$6,000.

Selected Conference Presentations

Brian Lai (with Kelsey Larsen). "Examining the Escalation of Terrorist Violence to Civil War." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2008, Chicago, IL

Brian Lai. "Reducing the Effects of Moral Hazard: Institutional Designs Within International Alliances." Paper presented at the the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2007, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai (with Amanda Licht). "The Effect of Aid on Regime Survival, 1960-2000." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2007, Chicago, IL

Brian Lai (with Matt Cherry). "Reputation and Reliability: Upholding Commitments for the Future." Paper presented at the the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association. March 2007, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai (with Kevin Hansen). "Rally Around the UN: Public Opinion and Peacekeeping in Canada." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2006, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai (with Erik Tillman). "The Impact of Regime Type on the Relationship between Conscription and Conflict." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. November, 2005, Iowa City, IA.

Brian Lai. "Securing Tenure: Authoritarian Institutions, International Conflict, and Leadership/Regime Survival." Paper presented at the the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2005, Washington D.C.

Brian Lai. "How Long Do States Receive Aid? Examining the Duration of US Foreign Aid Allocations, 1948-2000." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2005, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai. "Rally Around the Tri-Color: Examining the Effect of War and Uses of Force on the Popularity of French Presidents." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. November, 2004, Houston, TX

Brian Lai. "Empirically Modeling Strategic Behavior with a Unified Model of Crisis Outcome and Duration." Paper presented at the the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2004, Chicago, IL

Brian Lai (with Daniel Morey). "Winning Votes: Examining How States Vote with the US in the UN, 1950-1992." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2004, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai. "Examining the Number of Incidents of Terrorism Within States, 1968-1977" Paper presented at the the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2003, Philadelphia, PA.

Brian Lai. "The Initiation of Disputes by Authoritarian States, 1950-1992" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. March 2003, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai and Dan Reiter "Rally 'Round the Union Jack? Public Opinion and the Use of Force in the United Kingdom, 1948-1994" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. October, 2002, Tucson, AZ

Brian Lai. "The Conflict Behavior of Authoritarian States." " Paper presented at the the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2002, Boston, MA.

Brian Lai and Daniel Morey "Liberalism, Realism, and United Nations Voting: An Empirical Test of Contending Theories" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2002, Boston, MA.

Brian Lai. "Empirically Modeling International Crises with a Heteroskedastic Probit Model." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2002, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai. "The Effects and Causes of Secret Mobilization." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. October, 2001, Atlanta, GA

Brian Lai. "Military Mobilization and International Crises." Paper presented at the the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2001, San Francisco, CA.

Brian Lai and Ruth Melkonian-Hoover. "Testing Theories of Democratic Development, 1950-1992." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2001, San Francisco, CA

Brian Lai. "Military Mobilization and the Escalation of International Crises." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the MidWest Political Science Association, April 2001, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai. "Selection Effects and the Escalation and Outcome of International Crises." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. November, 2000, Atlanta, GA.

Brian Lai. "The Impact of Regime Type and the Type of Military Mobilization on International Crises." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. October, 2000, New Haven, CT.

Brian Lai. "Military Mobilization and its effect on the escalation of international crises." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September, 2000, Washington D.C.

Brian Lai and Ruth Melkonian-Hoover. "Testing Theories of Democratic Development, 1950-1992." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September, 1999, Atlanta, GA.

Brian Lai. "A Rational Theory of Diversionary Conflict." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September, 1999, Atlanta, GA

Brian Lai. "Testing What Factors Lead a Government to Respond to Domestic Unrest with Concessions, Repression, or Diversion." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. October, 1999, Ann Arbor, MI.

Brian Lai. "Testing the Relationship Between Political Institutions and Alliance Formation." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association. April, 1999, Chicago, IL.

Brian Lai. "Determinants of US Foreign Assistance Allocations." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society. October, 1999, New Brunswick, NJ.

Brian Lai. "Rational Explanations of the Externalization of Internal Conflict." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. October, 1998, Atlanta, GA.

Teaching

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate:

Introduction to International Relations, Introduction to American Foreign Policy, Advanced American Foreign Policy, Consequences of War, Understanding Weapons of Mass Destruction and the Politics of Terrorism

Graduate:

International Politics, Foreign Policy, Domestic Politics and International Relations and Conflict and Cooperation

Dissertation Committees:

Amanda Licht (Political Science)	In Progress (chair)
Jeffrey Stout (Political Science)	In Progress (chair)
Stephen Nemeth (Political Science)	In Progress (co-chair)
Clayton Thyne (Political Science)	Completed May 2007 (co-chair)
Daniel Morey (Political Science)	Completed July 2006
Dong-hun Kim (Political Science)	Completed July 2006
Jeremy Youde (Political Science)	Completed (co-chair), 2005
Ha-Lyong Jung (Political Science)	Completed, 2002

Service

Professional

Conference Service

Co-Host (with Kelly Kadera and Sara Mitchell) of the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, November, Iowa City, IA.

Section Head, Conflict Processes for Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2008, Chicago, IL

Discussant and Chair for Conflict Processes Panel, "External Causes of Civil War." Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2008, Chicago, IL

Chair for Conflict Processes Panel, "Domestic Politics and International Relations." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2007, Chicago, IL

Discussant and Chair for Conflict Processes Panel, "Alliances and Conflict." Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2006, Chicago, IL

Discussant for International Relations and Domestic Politics Panel, “Domestic Political Approaches to International Political Issues.” Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2006, Chicago, IL

Discussant for Conflict Processes Panel, “Major Powers.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2005. Washington D.C.

Discussant and Chair for International Relations Panel, “Causes and Consequences of Terrorism.” Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2005, Chicago, IL

Discussant and Chair for International Relations Panel, “Politics of Military Alliances.” Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2005, Chicago, IL

Discussant for Conflict Processes Panel, “International Systems.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2004. Chicago, IL

Discussant for International Relations Panel, “Alliances and Strategic Behavior.” Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2004, Chicago, IL

Discussant for Conflict Processes Panel, “Civil Conflict.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2003. Philadelphia, PA

Discussant for Foreign Policy Panel, “Domestic Politics and US Foreign Policy” Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, April 2003, Chicago, IL

Journal Reviewer:

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics

Department

2007-2008 Member of the International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee, Chair of Visiting Speakers Committee, Chair of the Development Committee, Member of the Open Faculty Search Committee

2006-7 Member of the International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee, Chair of Visiting Speakers Committee, Member of the Development Committee, Member of the Outcome Assessment Committee

2005-6 Chair of Visiting Speakers Committee, Member of the Outcome Assessment Committee, Member of the Visiting Assistant Professor in Latin American Politics Search Committee, Chair of International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee

2004-2005 Chair of International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee

2003-2004- Members of Visiting Assistant Professor in International Relations Search Committee, Chair of International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee

2002-2003- Member of Graduate Admissions Committee, Member of International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee

2001-2002- Member of International Relations Qualifying Exam Committee

University

2007- Faculty Judge for James F. Jakobsen Conference

2006- Faculty Judge for James F. Jakobsen Conference

2003- Faculty Sponsor for Junior Faculty Development Program Fellow, Sevara Scharapova

Community

2006 Interviewed for Article in Daily Iowan

2005 Interviewed for Article in Daily Iowan

2004 Roundtable on Foreign Policy and the 2004 Election
Interviewed for Articles in the Iowa Press Citizen, Iowa City Gazette, and the Daily Iowan

2003 Interview on KCRG-TV
Interviewed for Articles in the Iowa Press Citizen, Iowa City Gazette, and the Daily Iowan

2002 Appearances on WSUI's Iowa Talks
Interview on KCRG-TV
Interviewed for Articles in the Iowa Press Citizen, Iowa City Gazette, and the Daily Iowan
Speech on Terrorism for the Iowa City Council on Foreign Relations

2001 Four Appearances on WSUI's Iowa Talks
Two Interviews on KCRG TV
Interviewed for Articles in the Iowa Press Citizen, Iowa City Gazette, and the Daily Iowan