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Academic Appointments

- 2020 – Present Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Merced
- 2014 – 2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Merced
- 2012 – 2014 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Laboratory for International Law and Regulation, University of California, San Diego

Education

- 2012 Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego
- 2004 B.A. Linguistics, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

Additional Training

- 2008 Santa Fe Institute Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science Modeling and Complexity

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications:

[*Equal contribution, † Non-alphabetical first author]

Elite Decision-making

1. [Decision Maker Preferences for International Legal Cooperation](#)
[Emilie M. Hafner-Burton*](#), [Brad L. LeVeck*](#), [David G. Victor*](#) and [James H. Fowler](#)
International Organization, 2014
2. [The Role of Self Interest in Elite Bargaining](#)
[Brad L. LeVeck†](#), [D. Alex Hughes](#), [James H. Fowler](#), [Emilie M. Hafner-Burton](#) and [David G. Victor](#)
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 2014
3. [How Activists Perceive the Utility of International Law](#)
[Emilie M. Hafner-Burton*](#), [Brad L. LeVeck*](#) and [David G. Victor*](#)
Journal of Politics, 2015
4. [No False Promises: How The Prospect of Non-Compliance Affects Elite Preferences for International Cooperation](#)
[Emilie M. Hafner-Burton*](#), [Brad L. LeVeck*](#) and [David G. Victor*](#)
International Studies Quarterly, 2017

5. [The Democratic Peace and the Wisdom of Crowds](#)
[Brad L. LeVeck](#)[†] and [Neil Narang](#)
International Studies Quarterly, 2017
6. [Stylized Facts and Comparative Statics in \(Social\) Science Inquiry](#)
[Neil Narang](#)* and [Brad L. LeVeck](#)*
International Studies Quarterly, 2020

Reputation and Information

7. [Money, Reputation, and Incumbency in U.S. House Elections, or Why Marginals Have Become More Expensive](#)
[Henry A. Kim](#)* and [Brad L. LeVeck](#)*
American Political Science Review, 2013
8. [Evidence for a scale invariant relationship between the incumbency advantage and the nationalization of US House elections 1866–2014](#)
[Brad L. LeVeck](#)* and [Stephane A. Nail](#)*
Research and Politics, 2016
9. [How International Reputation Matters: Revisiting Alliance Violations in Context](#)
[Brad L. LeVeck](#)* and [Neil Narang](#)*
International Interactions, 2017
10. [International reputation and alliance portfolios: How unreliability affects the structure and composition of alliance treaties](#)
[Neil Narang](#)* and [Brad L. LeVeck](#)*
Journal of Peace Research, 2019

Evolutionary Learning and Cooperation

11. [Corruption Drives the Emergence of Civil Society](#)
[Sherief Abdallah](#), [Rasha Sayed](#), [Iyad Rahwan](#), [Brad L. LeVeck](#), [Manuel Cebrian](#), [Alex Rutherford](#) and [James H. Fowler](#)
Journal of the Royal Society Interface, 2014
12. [Detecting reciprocity at a global scale](#)
[Morgan Frank](#), [Nick Obradovich](#), [Lijun Sun](#), [Wei Lee Woon](#), [Brad L. LeVeck](#) and [Iyad Rahwan](#)
Science Advances, 2018
13. [Inferring mechanisms for global constitutional progress](#)
[Alex Rutherford](#), [Yonatan Lupu](#), [Manuel Cebrian](#), [Iyad Rahwan](#), [Brad L. LeVeck](#) and [Manuel Garcia-Herranz](#)
Nature Human Behaviour, 2018

Papers Under Review or in Revision:

1. Mutual Belief in Rationality Among Policy Elites

2. The Informational Value of Legislative Reputations, with Stephanie Nail
3. Preference Formation in Coordination Games

Manuscripts in Progress:

1. Learning Versus Thinking: On the Origins of Nash Equilibrium Play Among Elite Actors in International Relations, with Emilie Hafner-Burton and David Victor
2. Coordination and complexity drive persistently divergent group beliefs
3. Heterogenous participation from otherwise similar types, with Yunkyu Sohn

Fellowships and Awards:

1. 2019 DARPA Grant on Aggregation in Foreign Policy Decision Making with Josh Kertzer (PI), Marcus Holmes, Carly Wayne, Eric Min, Robert Schub, Tyler Jost \$374,093
2. 2016 UC Merced Senate Faculty Research Grant \$4400
3. 2008 Scholarship to attend SFI Workshop on Computational Social Science
4. 2005 Public Policy and Biological Threats Fellowship: Funded by Carnegie Corporation

Presentations:

Invited Talks/Workshops

1. Weatherhead International Security Pilot Workshop on Aggregation in International Relations at Harvard University, November 16-17, 2019
2. The Democratic Peace and the Wisdom of Crowds, Global Security Hub Working Paper Seminar at UCSB, March 2017
3. Preference Formation in Coordination Games, Conference on Bolstering the Links Between Bio-Politics and Political Psychology at UC Merced, June 9, 2016
4. The Democratic Peace and the Wisdom of Crowds, presented to the Scalable Cooperation Lab Speaker Series at the MIT Media Lab, Dec 14 2015
5. 2nd Conference on the Behavioral Revolution in International Relations, La Jolla CA. June 10, 2015
6. The Democratic Peace and the Wisdom of Crowds. UCLA International Relations Workshop, Los Angeles, CA, April 17, 2014
7. Uncertainty, Compliance, and Cooperation, with Emilie Hafner-Burton, David Victor. Conference on the Behavioral Revolution in International Relations, La Jolla CA. Jan 10, 2014
8. A Behavioral Approach to International Cooperation, with Emilie Hafner-Burton, David Victor.

- The Ohio State University February 2013
 - University of Wisconsin, Madison February 2013
 - University of Texas February 2013
 - University of Pennsylvania October 2012
 - University of Rochester October 2012
9. Princeton Experimental Research Workshop: Best Practices and Applications. September 2012

Conference Presentations

1. “Coordination and Complexity Can Explain Persistent Differences in Groups’ Beliefs” Santa Fe Institute Graduate Workshop on Computational Social Science Alumni Conference, Santa Fe, NM, June 13, 2019
2. “Mutual Knowledge Rationality Among International Policy Elites”
 - a. Political Elites & Experiments Mini Conference, Chicago, April 4, 2019.
 - b. International Studies Association, Toronto, March 31, 2019.
 - c. Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, Rice University, May 25, 2018.
 - d. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, March 30, 2018.
 - e. UC Conference on International Cooperation, UCSD, March 2, 2018.
3. “International Reputation and Alliance Portfolios” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 2, 2018.
4. “Heterogenous Turnout from Otherwise Similar Types” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30, 2018.
5. “Detecting reciprocity at a global scale” 4th Annual International Conference on Computational Social Science, Northwestern University, July 15, 2018
6. “The Informational Value of Legislative Reputations” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, March 30, 2018.
7. “The Emergence of Voters and Non-Voters” Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, Duke University, May 20, 2017.
8. “Partisan Preference Formation in Coordination Games”
 - a. Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, University of Pittsburgh, May 12, 2016.
 - b. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 30, 2015.
9. “The Declining Value of Moderation”

- a. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 4, 2015.
 - b. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 30, 2014.
10. "The Role of Fairness in Elite Bargaining" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 30, 2014.
 11. "Paying the Cost of Toeing the Party Line", Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30, 2013.
 12. "Uncertainty, Compliance and International Cooperation: An Experimental Approach", Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 31, 2013.
 13. "The Advantages of Group Decision Making in Crisis Bargaining", Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 30, 2013.
 14. "A Behavioral Approach to International Cooperation" Annual meeting of the International Political Economy Society, November 9, 2012
 15. "The Advantages of Group Decision Making in Crisis Bargaining", Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2012.
 16. "Coordination Incentives Can Explain Diverse and Simplistic Partisan Worldviews: an Experimental Test," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, Sept. 2, 2011.
 17. "Are Partisans Overconfident about Issue Agreement? Using Betting to Distinguish Informed Guesses from Wishful Thinking," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 4, 2010.
 18. "How International Reputation Matters: Evidence from Bilateral Alliance Data 1919-2001," UC Research on International Conflict and Cooperation IGCC So-Cal Symposium, January 14, 2011
 - a. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, September 6, 2009.
 - b. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4, 2009.
 - c. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA August 30, 2008.
 19. "Who's Blaming Whom? Pitfalls of Bargaining before Multiple Audiences", Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2008.
 20. "Issue Salience and Party Labels in Elections", Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2008.

Discussant/Chair

1. Panel on The Costs of Conflict at Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 7, 2019
2. Panel on Experimental Examinations of Rationality and Behavior at Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL April 7, 2019
3. Breakout session on experimental designs at the Political Elites & experiments mini-conference, Chicago, IL April 4, 2019
4. UC Conference on International Cooperation, UC Berkeley, Feb 22, 2019
5. Panel on International Politics and Political Economy at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. March 30, 2018
6. UC Conference on International Cooperation, UCSB March 10, 2017
7. NYU CESS Conference, NYC February 24, 2017
8. UC Conference on International Conflict and Cooperation, UCLA March 22, 2016
9. Panel on Electoral Reward and Punishment at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. Panel on Electoral Reward and Punishment. April 6, 2015
10. 2nd Meeting on the Behavioral Revolution in International Relations, La Jolla CA. June 20, 2014
11. Conference on the Behavioral Revolution in International Relations, La Jolla CA. Jan 10, 2014
12. Behavioral Models of Politics Conference, University of Pittsburgh, October 11-12, 2013
13. USC Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Los Angeles, CA. November 20, 2009.
14. NSF Conference on Politics Experiments, Charlottesville, VA. May 19, 2010

Teaching:

UC Merced Graduate

Poli 219: Experimental Game Theory (Spring 2019, Fall 2020)

Poli 210b: Intro to Quantitative Analysis and Inference (Fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

UC Merced Undergraduate

Poli 172 (previously 190): Games and Human Behavior (Spring 2016, 2018, Fall 2019)

Poli 190: Experimental Game Theory (Fall 2014)

Poli 10: Introduction to Political Controversy, undergraduate research design and methods course (Fall 2015, 2016, Spring 2018, 2020, Fall 2020)

UCSD Undergraduate

Poli 140c: International Crisis Diplomacy, co-taught with Neil Narang (Summer 2010)

Graduate Advising (Role, Placement):

UC Merced

1. Stephanie Nail (Dissertation Chair, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Stanford University 2019)
2. Tessa Provins (Dissertation Committee Member, Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh 2018)
3. Kau Vue (Dissertation Committee Member, 2016 – Present)
4. Peter Carey (Dissertation Committee Member 2018 – Present)
5. Jung Chen (Second Year Practicum Co-advisor 2018-19)

Service:

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

Journal Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, American Political Science Review, Climactic Change, Electoral Politics, Electoral Studies, Games, International Interactions, International Organization, International Journal of Finance, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of Experimental Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Biology, Nature Climate Change, Political Behavior, Political Research Quarterly, Public Opinion Quarterly

Departmental Service at UC Merced

Graduate Vice Chair (2018-present)

Admissions & Awards Committee (2017-18, Chair 2018-present)

Lab Committee (2014-15, Chair 2016-17, 2017-18)

3rd Year Comprehensive Exam Committee Cognition and Behavior Track (Chair 2017-18)

Tenure-track Search Committee (2016-17, 2018-19)

Graduate Professionalization Seminar (PROSE) Coordinator (2017-18)

Graduate Curriculum Committee (2015-16, 2018-19)

Executive Committee (2016-17, 2018-19)

Lecturer Search Committee (2017, 2019)

Undergraduate Assessment Committee (2015-16)

First Year Department Graduate Exam Committee (2014-15, 2015-6, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-present)

University Level Service at UC Merced

Committee on Research (2018-present)

Faculty Representative on Student Conduct Hearing Board (2018-present)

Reviewer on Graduate Council's Sub Awards Committee for the graduate continuing student fellowships (2017)