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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2023-Present)
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2012-2023)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (2006-2012)

EDUCATION

Rice University: Ph.D. in Political Science, 2006
Rice University: M.A. in Political Science, 2003
University of Pittsburgh: M.A. in Political Science, 2001
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: Senior Year as Exchange Student, majored in Political Science, 1998-1999
Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey: B.A. in International Relations, 1999, *High Honors*

OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Participant in Summer School in International Politics (IBEI, Spain, 2009)
- Participant in Summer Workshop on Teaching about Terrorism, University of Oklahoma, (2007)
- Participant in Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute, (2004)
- Participant in the Texas A&M Winter Institute in Mathematical Modeling: Program in Foreign Policy Decision-Making (2003)
- Participant in the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program (2000, 2002)

PUBLICATIONS

**Graduate student*

Journal Articles

Johnson, Jesse, Ashley Leeds, and **Burcu Savun**. *Forthcoming*. “Alliances and Civil War Intervention” *International Studies Quarterly*.

Morrison, Kelly, Daniela Donno, **Burcu Savun**, and Perisa Davutoglu*. *Forthcoming*. “Competing Verdicts: Multiple Election Monitors and Post-Election Violence” *Review of International Organizations*.

Spaniel, William and **Burcu Savun**. *Forthcoming*. “Impossibility Dilemmas in Civil War Intervention” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Salehyan, Idean and **Savun, Burcu**. 2024. “Strategic Humanitarianism: Host States and Refugee Policy” *Annual Review of Political Science* Vol.27.

Savun, Burcu, Jessica Stanton, Caroline Hartzell, and Lindsay Reed. 2024. “Violence Beyond the Battlefield: Civilian Targeting, Sexual Violence, and Women’s Political Empowerment” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 9(1).

Savun, Burcu. 2022. “Refugee Flows, Refugee Rights, and Political Violence.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66(1):1-14.

Donno, Daniela, Kelly Morrison and **Burcu Savun**. 2022. “Not all Elections are Created Equal: Election Quality and Civil Conflict.” *Journal of Politics* 84(1):134-147.

Braithwaite, Alex, Michael Frith, **Burcu Savun**, and Faten Ghosn. 2022. “Government Targeting of Refugees in the Midst of Epidemics.” *Perspectives on Politics* 20(2):490-506.

Savun, Burcu and Christian Gineste* 2019. “From Protection to Persecution: Threat Environment & Refugee Scapegoating.” *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 88-102.

Gineste, Christian* and **Burcu Savun**. 2019. “Introducing POSVAR: A Dataset on Refugee-Related Violence.” *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 134-145.

Bormann, Nils-Christian and **Burcu Savun**. 2018. “Reputation, Concessions, and Territorial Civil War: Do Ethnic Dominoes Fall, or Don’t They?” *Journal of Peace Research* 55(5): 671–686.

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone. 2018. “Foreign Aid as a Counterterrorism Tool: More Liberty, Less Terror?” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(8): 1607-1635 [**Lead Article**]

Cook, Scott and **Burcu Savun**. 2016. “New Democracies and the Risk of Civil Conflict: The Lasting Legacy of Military Rule.” *Journal of Peace Research* 53: 745-757. [**Lead Article**]

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone*. 2012. "Exogenous Shocks, Foreign Aid, and Civil War" *International Organization* 66: 363-393. [Lead Article] -The recipient of the Robert O. Keohane Award for the best research article published in *International Organization* by an untenured scholar-

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone*. 2011. "Foreign Aid, Democratization, and Civil Conflict: How does Democracy Aid Affect Civil Conflict?" *American Journal of Political Science* 55: 233-246.

Mattes, Michaela and **Burcu Savun**. 2010. "Information, Agreement Design and the Durability of Civil War Settlements." *American Journal of Political Science* 54: 511-524.

Savun, Burcu and Brian J. Phillips* 2009. "Democracy, Foreign Policy, and Terrorism." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 53: 878- 904.

Mattes, Michaela and **Burcu Savun**. 2009. "Fostering Peace after Civil War: Commitment Problems and Agreement Design." *International Studies Quarterly* 53: 733-755.

Savun, Burcu. 2008. "Information, Bias, and Mediation Success." 2008. *International Studies Quarterly* 52:25-47.

Leeds, Brett Ashley and **Burcu Savun**. 2007. "Terminating Alliances: Why do States Abrogate Agreements?" *Journal of Politics* 69: 1118-1132.

Book Chapters, Book Reviews, and Other Publications

Braithwaite, Alex, Idean Salehyan, and **Burcu Savun**. 2019. "Refugees, Forced Migration, and Conflict: Introduction to Special Issue" *Journal of Peace Research* 56(1): 5-11.

Savun, Burcu and Daniel Tirone. 2017. "Foreign Aid and Counterterrorism." *Sustainable Security*

Braithwaite, Alex, Kerstin Fisk, Idean Salehyan, **Burcu Savun** and Thorin Wright. 2017. "What Will Taught us about Refugees and Forced Migrants." *Political Violence @ Glance*

Chenoweth, Erica, Kathleen Cunningham, Page Fortna, Sara Mitchell, **Burcu Savun**, and Jessica Weeks. 2016. "How to get tenure?: (If you are a Woman)" *Foreign Policy*

Savun, Burcu. 2009. "Mediator Types and the Effectiveness of Information Provision Strategies in the Resolution of International Conflict" in *New Approaches to Mediation*. Jacob Bercovitch and Scott Gartner (eds.). Routledge, pp. 96-114.

Savun, Burcu. 2008. Review of *Crafting Peace: Power-Sharing Institutions and the Negotiated Settlement of Civil Wars* by Caroline Hartzell and Matthew Hoddie. *Political Science Quarterly* 123(3).

Working Papers

“Liberal Refugee Policies and Political Violence” (with Lamis Abdelaaty and Christopher Blair)

“Varieties of Violence in Refugee-Hosting Communities” (with Christopher Blair and Zhejun Qiu)

“Leader Turnover and Conflict Recurrence” (with Jeff Carter and Omer Zarpli)

“Citizen Acceptance of Elections in Authoritarian Regimes: Survey Evidence from Turkey” (with Daniela Donno and Kelly Morrison)

INVITED TALKS and WORKSHOPS

University of California, Los Angeles, 2025

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2025

University of Oklahoma, 2024

Florida State University, 2023

University of Iowa, 2022 (*Journeys in World Politics* - Senior Scholar Mentor)

Rutgers University, 2022

University of Tennessee, 2021

American University, 2018

University of Maryland, 2017

University of Arizona, 2017

University of California, Berkeley, 2016

Uppsala University, Sweden, 2015

Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM), Madrid, Spain, 2014

AidData Research Consortium, William & Mary, 2014

University of Houston, 2013

Penn State University, 2013

Duke University, 2013

Emory University, 2012

Visions in Methodology Conference, Penn State University, 2012.

Conference on Terrorism and Policy, University of Texas at Dallas, 2011.

Visions in Methodology Conference, Ohio State University, 2011.

Program on International Conflict and Cooperation, Texas A&M University, 2010.

Journeys in World Politics, University of Iowa, 2008.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

ISA Catalyst Workshop Grant, Spring 2018 (with Alex Braithwaite and Idean Salehyan)

Hewlett International Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2011, 2012, 2015- 2019, 2022, 2023

Global Studies Center Grant, University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Faculty Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Introduction to International Relations, Peacemaking and Peacekeeping, Civil Wars, Capstone in International Relations: Conflict Management and Resolution

Graduate

Civil Wars, Peacemaking and Peacekeeping

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees

Chair/Co-Chair

Chair, Perisa Davutoglu (in progress)

Co-Chair, Merve Keskin (in progress)

Chair, Hyunjung Park (PhD 2024, Postdoctoral Fellow, York University, UK, 2024-2026)

Co-Chair, Leonardo Gentil Fernandes (PhD 2023, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Chair, Kelly Morrison (PhD 2021, Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

Co-Chair, Dong Ju Lee (PhD 2020, Assistant Professor at Musashi University, Japan)

Co-Chair, Scott Cook (PhD 2014, Associate Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M)

Chair, Dan Tirone (PhD 2012, Associate Professor of Political Science, LSU)

Chair, Brian Phillips (PhD 2012, Professor, University of Essex)

Member

Cigdem Unal (in progress)

Jungmin Han (PhD 2024, Postdoctoral Fellow, Trinity College)

Huseyin Zengin (PhD 2023)

Omer Zarpli (PhD 2021, Assistant Professor, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey)

Kevin Greene (PhD 2020, Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton University)

Huseyin Ilgaz (PhD 2020)

Shawna Metzger (PhD 2013, Assistant Professor, University of Buffalo)

Hideaki Ashitate (PhD, 2009, Professor, Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan)

Kate Floros (PhD, 2007, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Chicago)

External Member

Tyler Evans (PhD 2019, American University)
Tatjana Stankovic (PhD 2016, University of Oslo)
Nils-Christian Bormann (PhD 2014, ETH Zurich)
Art Maxwell (PhD 2010, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh)

MA Qualifying Paper Committees

Chair

Zhejun Qiu (2024), Perisa Davutoglu (2022), Leonardo Gentil Fernandes (2019), Kelly Morrison (2018), Omer Zarpli (2016), Matthew Jackson (2016), Li Chen (2016), Joshua Kaasik (2015), Anne-Kathrin Kreft (2015), Michael Neureiter (2015), Dongju Lee (2015), Christian Gineste (2014), Kevin McQuade (2013), Scott Cook (2010) Brian Phillips (2008)

Member

Isil Idrisoglu (2024), Merve Keskin (2021), Huseyin Zengin (2020), Hyunjung Park (2020), Cigdem Unal (2019) Sara Fox (2018), Huseyin Ilgaz (2016), Isabel Ranner (2016)

BPhil. Thesis Committees

Rohan Lambore (2015)
Michelle Everson (2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

1.DISCIPLINE

Editorial Activity

Co-Editor, *International Interactions*, 2019-2023
Associate Editor, *International Interactions*, 2013-2018

Guest co-editor, *Journal of Peace Research*, 2019
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2025-Present
Editorial Board Member, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2024-Present
Editorial Board Member, *American Political Science Review*, 2020-2024
Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2012-2014
Editorial Board Member, *International Interactions*, 2012-2014

Reviewer

NSF, Advisory Panel Member, Security and Preparedness Program, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Civil Wars, Comparative Political Studies Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Political Science Review, Foreign Policy Analysis, International Interactions, International Migration Review, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly International Studies Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics Perspectives on Politics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of International Organizations Security Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Development, World Politics

Elected and Appointed Committee Positions at Professional Associations

Program Co-Chair. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2024
Chair, Scientific Studies of Political Processes Section. *International Studies Association* (2023-2025)
Treasurer, *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2019-Present
Chair, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2021
Member, President and Officers Nominating Council. *International Studies Association*, 2017-2020
Council Member, *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2014-2017 (elected)
Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2016
Program Organizer, International Security Section. *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2015
Member, Editor Selection Committee, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2014
Member, Conflict Processes Section Council. *American Political Science Association*, 2012-14
Member, Best Paper Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2013
Program Co-Chair. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2012
Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee. Conflict Processes Section. *American Political Science Association*, 2011.
Member, Councilor and President Nominating Committee. *Peace Science Society (International)*, 2009-2011.

2.UNIVERSITY

GSPIA, International Relations Search Committee Member, 2023-2024
GSPIA, Third Year Review Committee Member, 2023-2024
University Center for Social and Urban Research (UCSUR) Director Search Committee Member, 2021-2022
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Council Secretary, 2021-2022
GSPIA, Personnel Committee Member, 2019-2021
GSPIA, Tenure and Promotion Committee Member, 2018-2019

GSPIA, Senior Lecturer in Intelligence Studies Search Committee Member, 2016-2017
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Council Member, 2016-2019
Provost Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP) Member, 2016-2019
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Council Member, 2013-2016
University Senate Anti-Discriminatory Policies Committee Member, 2013-2016
University Faculty Assembly Member, 2013-2014
University Senate Council Member, 2013-2014

3.DEPARTMENT

Director of Graduate Studies, 2023-2024
Director of Graduate Studies, 2018-2022
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2012-2015

Chair, IR Search Committee, 2023-2024
Chair, Graduate Education Committee, 2023-2024
Chair, Graduate Awards Committee, 2023-2024
Chair, Graduate Education Committee, 2018-2022
Chair, Graduate Awards Committee, 2018-2022
Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2018-2021
Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2021
Chair, IR Search Committee, 2015-2016
Chair, Undergraduate Education Committee, 2012-2015
Chair, Post-Doc Search Committee, 2015

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022, 2024
Member, Computational Social Science Search Committee, 2019-2020
Member, Third Year Review Committee, 2018
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2017-2018
Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2016-2017
Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2015-2016
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2014
Member, Post-Doc Selection Committee, 2014
Member, Dietrich Chair Search Committee, 2014-2015
Member, Environmental Politics Search Committee, 2013-2014
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Undergraduate Education Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Chair Selection Committee, 2011
Member, European Politics Search Committee, 2010-2011
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2009-2010
Member, Graduate Awards Committee, 2008-2009
Member, International Relations Search Committee, 2007-2008
Member, Formal Theory Search Committee, 2006-2007

Speaker Series Organizer

Human Rights and Migration Seminar (HUMS), 2019-2020

Global Politics Seminar (GPS), 2014-2019, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

Symposium in Political Violence (SPV), 2012-2014

Research in International Politics Speaker Series, 2007-2012