

# DONALD GRASSE

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Security (insurgency, state repression, communal conflict, conflict dynamics, conflict legacies), Political Economy (historical political economy, causal inference, spatial development).

## APPOINTMENTS

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**Cornell University** *July 2024-Present*  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Government (International Relations & Methods)

**University of Chicago** *October 2023*  
Executive Educational Instructor, MSCAPP

**University of Southern California** *August 2022*  
Political Economy of Security Postdoctoral Scholar

## EDUCATION

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**Emory University** *August 2017 - August 2022*  
PhD  
Political Science  
Dissertation Committee: Jennifer Gandhi (chair), Natalia Bueno, Adam Glynn, Renard Sexton

## PUBLICATIONS

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[1] Donald Grasse, “State Terror and Long-run Development: The Persistence of the Khmer Rouge” *American Political Science Review* (2024) 118 (1): 195 - 212

- Media Coverage: [The Economist](#). “Cambodias Genocide is Still Hurting its People” ; [Political Science Now](#) “The Economic Legacies of Repression.”

[2] **Donald Grasse**, Renard Sexton, and Austin Wright, “Courting Civilians During Conflict: Evidence from Taliban Courts in Afghanistan” *International Organization* (2024) 78(1).

[3] **Donald Grasse**, “Oil Crops and Social Conflict: Evidence from Indonesia” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2022) 66 (7-8):1422–1448

[4] **Donald Grasse**, Melissa Pavlik, Hilary Matfess and Travis Curtice “Opportunistic Repression: Patterns of civilian targeting by the state in response to COVID-19” *International Security* (2021) 46 (2): 130–165.

- Public Scholarship: **Don Grasse**, Melissa Pavlik, Hilary Matfess and Travis Curtice. “Autocratic governments are using coronavirus as a pretext to clamp down on opponents” [The Monkey Cage](#). July 31, 2020.

[5] Pearce Edwards, Jennifer Gandhi, and **Donald Grasse**, “Fixing the Past: The Effects of Human Rights Trials on Political Attitudes in Argentina” (*Forthcoming, British Journal of Political Science*)

## WORKING PAPERS

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- [1] Pearce Edwards, Jennifer Gandhi, **Donald Grasse**, “Is Transitional Justice Blind? The Link between Culpability and Prosecution in Argentina’s Human Rights Trials” (*Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Politics*)
- [2] **Donald Grasse** and Melissa Pavlik “Climate Change, Conservation, and Conflict” Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Working Paper (2024)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- [1] “Gender, Violence and the Prospects for Negotiated Peace? Evidence from Afghanistan ” with Zinab Attai, Renard Sexton Christoph Zuercher
- [2] “Plunder and Coups: Evidence from Myanmar” with Renard Sexton
- [3] “Gang Territory and Labor Market Access: Evidence from Chicago” with Austin Wright
- [4] “Aerial Bombing and Insurgent Recruitment: Evidence from the Khmer Rouge” with Austin Wright
- [5] “Does Environmental Peacebuilding Work?” with Melissa Pavlik

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- [1] Laney Graduate School Outstanding Scholarly Research Award in the Social Sciences (2022)
- [2] American Political Science Association Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), (2021), \$ 14,886 (Declined)
- [3] Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) Fellow (2021)
- [4] Crum Award for best Political Science research paper in any field, University of Kentucky (2016)

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Annual Meeting, 2022, 2024

Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR), 2021

Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG), 2021

Midwestern Political Science Association, 2019, ~~2020~~ 2021, 2022, 2023

American Political Science Association, 2021, 2023 (Accepted)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Instructor:

- GOVT 6000, Advanced Regression Analysis (PhD Methodology Course) Cornell University, Spring 2025
- GOVT 3000, Controversies in Security Studies, Cornell University, Spring 2025
- GOVT 4000, Climate Change and International Security, Cornell University, Fall 2024
- Databases and Database Management (for Decision Support Center Graduate Development Program), University of Chicago, Fall 2024
- POLS 120 - Introduction to Comparative Politics (Emory University) - Fall 2020, 2021
- Tutor Design & Analysis of Experiments (Political Science 585, Graduate)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Referee: **2024** *British Journal of Political Science* **2023** *International Organization, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science* **2022** *Journal of Politics*, **2021**, *International Interactions*

Discussant: **2023** Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting; **2022** American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

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