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## EMPLOYMENT

Shorenstein Fellow in Contemporary Asia (2012-13)  
Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center  
Stanford University

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., The George Washington University (*defended August 2012*)  
Major Field: Comparative Politics  
Minor Field: International Relations

B.A., Temple University (2005)  
Majors: Political Science, French  
*Summa Cum Laude*, Honors Program, Phi Beta Kappa (2005)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

South Asia, Ethnicity, Ethnic Conflict, Historical Analysis, and Qualitative Methods

## DISSERTATION

*Colonialism and Patterns of Ethnic Conflict in Contemporary India*  
Committee: Emmanuel Teitelbaum (*Chair*), Henry E. Hale, Henry Farrell  
Outside Readers: Dane Kennedy (*History Dept.*), Irfan Nooruddin (*The Ohio State University*), Kanchan Chandra (*NYU*)

## TRAINING

Advanced Hindi Language Program  
American Institute of Indian Studies  
Academic Year Program (2009-10) in Jaipur, India

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Design  
Summer 2009 at Syracuse University

## PUBLICATIONS

“Multi-Method Fieldwork in the Most Bureaucratic Country on Earth”. *Qualitative & Multi-Method Research*; forthcoming.

“The Benefits of IQMR” (Retrospectives from Attendees). 2011. *Qualitative & Multi-Method Research*; vol. 9(1): pp. 12.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Peasant Revolts in the Princely States: The Naxalite Insurgency in Bastar and Telangana” (*under review*)

“Colonialism and Armed Conflict in the Indian Countryside” (with Emmanuel Teitelbaum)

“Patterns of Ethnic Conflict: Colonialism and Contemporary India”

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Colonialism and Peasant Violence: An Experiment from Kerala, India” Prepared for Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the APSA – New Orleans 2012

“Colonial Legacies and Patterns of Ethnic Violence in India” Presented at South Asia By the Bay Conference, Stanford University – Stanford 2012

“British Colonialism, Agrarian Revolts, and the Naxalites: Why Bastar and Telangana?” Presented at the SAIS Asia Conference, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS – D.C. 2012

“Colonialism and Armed Conflict in the Indian Countryside” (with Emmanuel Teitelbaum) Presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison 2011

“Colonialism and Armed Conflict in the Indian Countryside” (with Emmanuel Teitelbaum) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the APSA – Seattle 2011

“The Role of Class Politics in India: Why West Bengal and Kerala?” (Poster Presentation) Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association – Chicago 2007

“The Role of Class Politics in India: Why West Bengal and Kerala?” Presented at the Georgetown Graduate Student Conference, Georgetown University – D.C. 2007

## **GRANTS**

2012 Summer Dissertation Fellowship (GW)

2012 Shorenstein Fellowship in Contemporary Asia, Stanford University

2011 Loughran Endowment Dissertation Research Grant (GW)

2011 CLS Alumni Development Award,

Council of American Overseas Research Centers

2011 Grant, The Sigur Center for Asian Studies (GW)

2010 Grant, Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation

2009 Grant, The Sigur Center for Asian Studies (GW)

2009 Young Scholar’s Award, The Cosmos Club Foundation

2009 Critical Language Scholarship (Intermediate Hindi),

U.S. Department of State

2008 Critical Language Scholarship (Beginner Hindi),

U.S. Department of State

University Fellowship, The George Washington University (2005–2009)

## **TEACHING**

Introduction to International Politics (Chad Rector, 2005–6)

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Emmanuel Teitelbaum, 2006–7)

U.S. Foreign Policy (Jim Goldgeier, Fall 2007 and

Elizabeth Saunders, Spring 2012)

Political Theory: Freedom and Equality (Steven Kelts, Spring 2009)

## **LANGUAGES**

Hindi (Advanced)  
Malayalam (Basic)  
French (Intermediate)

## **FIELDWORK**

### *Archival*

National Archives of India, Jaipur City Palace  
Archives, Andhra Pradesh State Archives,  
Deshbandhu Press Library, Kerala State Archives,  
British Library

### *Interviews*

~75 Elite Interviews  
Case Studies in India: Rajasthan, Kerala, Andhra  
Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh (15 months total)

## **REFERENCES**

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Director, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies  
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