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Academic Appointments	Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fellow in residence, August 2022 to June 2023 	
	University of Rochester, Dept. of Political Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Professor, June 2018–present James P. Wilmot Assistant Professor of Social Science, 2015–2017 Assistant Professor, 2010–2015 	June 2010 to present
Education	Stanford University Yale University	Ph.D. in Political Science, 2011 B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, 2002
Relevant Experience	International Peace Research Institute, Oslo Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	Research associate, 2003–04 Junior Fellow, 2002–03
Books	[1] B. Lacina. <i>Strangers and Settlers: Migration Politics in a Local's World</i> . 2026. Oxford University Press. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available electronically March 2026 Release in hardback and paperback in July 2026 [2] Bhavnani, R. and B. Lacina. 2019. <i>Nativism and Economic Integration Across the Developing World: Collision and Accommodation</i> . Cambridge University Press, Elements: Political Economy series, ed. David Stasavage. [3] Lacina, B. 2017. <i>Rival Claims: Ethnic Violence and Territorial Autonomy under Indian Federalism</i> . University of Michigan Press.	
Journal Articles	[1] Lacina, B. 2020. Opposition to ethnic territorial autonomy in the Indian parliament. <i>Ethnopolitics</i> 19(5): 459–482. [2] Bhavnani, R.R. and B. Lacina. 2017. Fiscal Federalism at Work? Central Responses to Internal Migration in India. <i>World Development</i> 93: 236–248. [3] Lacina, B. 2015. Periphery versus periphery: The stakes of separatist war. <i>Journal of Politics</i> 77(3): 692–706. [4] Bhavnani, R.R. and B. Lacina. 2015. The effects of weather-induced migration on sons of the soil violence in India. <i>World Politics</i> 67(4): 760–794. [5] Lacina, B. 2014. How governments shape the risk of civil violence: India's federal reorganization, 1950–56. <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 58(3): 720–738.	

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- [7] Lacina, B. and N.P. Gleditsch. 2013. The waning of war is real: A response to Gohdes and Price. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(6): 940–958.
- [8] Lacina, B. and C.P. Lee. 2013. Culture clash or democratic peace?: Results of a survey experiment on the effect of religious culture and regime type on foreign policy opinion formation. *Foreign Policy Analysis* 9(2):143–170.
- [9] Lacina, B. 2009. The problem of political stability in Northeast India: Local ethnic autocracy and the rule of law. *Asian Survey* 49(6): 998–1020.
- [10] Lacina, B. 2007. Does counterinsurgency theory apply in Northeast India? *India Review* 6(3): 165–183.
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- [11] Lacina, B. 2006. Explaining the severity of civil wars. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50(2): 276–89.
- [12] Lacina, B., N.P. Gleditsch, and B. Russett. 2006. The declining risk of death in battle. *International Studies Quarterly* 50(3): 673–80.
- [13] Gleditsch, N.P., K. Furlong, H. Hegre, B. Lacina, and T. Owen. 2006. Conflicts over shared rivers: Resource wars or fuzzy boundaries? *Political Geography* 25(4): 361–82.
- [14] Lacina, B. and N.P. Gleditsch. 2005. Monitoring trends in global combat: A new dataset of battle deaths. *European Journal of Population* 21(2–3): 145–66.
 - Reprinted in *The Demography of Armed Conflict*, 2006, Eds. H. Brunborg, E. Tabeau, and H. Urdal. Dordrecht: Springer.
- [15] Lacina, B. 2004. From side show to centre stage: Civil conflict after the Cold War. *Security Dialogue* 35(29): 191–205.

Datasets *PRIO Battle Deaths Dataset*. 2004 (version 1.0); 2006 (version 2.0); 2009 (version 3.0)
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Ongoing research [1] B. Lacina. Time in residence and entitlement to resources: A neglected dimension of migration politics
 • Under review.
 • Presented at MPSA 2025, CPSA 2025

[2] B. Lacina. Is being local better? Testing the limits of anti-migration sentiment in a small EU country
 • Accepted to EPSA 2026

[3] B. Lacina. Public opinion and black NFL players after the national anthem protests.
 • Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3316502>.

Archived Papers [1] Lacina, B. Military losses and public support for domestic counterinsurgency. (February 25, 2019). Available at SSRN: ssrn.com/abstract=3341583.

Additional Publications

- [1] Lacina, B. 2026. "Review: *Wars Without End: Competitive Intervention, Escalation Control, and Protracted Conflict*, by Noel Anderson (New York: Oxford University Press, 2025), 304 pp., cloth \$99, eBook \$88.99." *Ethics and International Affairs* 39(3), 291–293.
- [2] Lacina, B. "Ethnicity and Ethnic politics" in *A Political Science Experiment*. Edited by Andrew Rudalevige and Joshua A. Tucker. VitalSource, 2025.
- [3] Lacina, B. "Who saw Phase 4? The MCU Audience and Expanded On-Camera Diversity" in *Politics of the Marvel Cinematic Universe 2*. Edited by Nicholas Carnes and Lilly J. Goren. Kansas University Press, in press.
- [4] Lacina, B., Nicholas Carnes and Lilly J. Goren. 2022. "Is 'Wakanda Forever' too 'woke' for Marvel's own good?" *Washington Post*. November 11. www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/11/11/black-panther-wakanda-mcu-woke/
- [5] Lacina, B. "Who watches the MCU? Race, sex, and the role of on-screen diversity," in *Politics of the Marvel Cinematic Universe*. Edited by Nicholas Carnes and Lilly J. Goren. Kansas University Press, 2022.
- [6] Lacina, B. 2022. Nearly all NFL head coaches are White. What are the odds? *Washington Post*. February 7. www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/07/nfl-racial-bias-flores-coaches
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- [8] Lacina, B. and Hecker, R. 2021. The Academy Awards will have new diversity rules to qualify for an Oscar. But there's a huge loophole. *Washington Post*. April 23. www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/04/23/academy-awards-will-have-new-diversity-rules-qualify-an-oscar-theres-huge-loophole/
- [9] Lacina, B. 2020. Crossed wires: Interviewing the wrong people. In *Stories from the Field: A Guide to Navigating Fieldwork in Political Science*, Eds. P. Krause and O. Szekely, New York: Columbia University Press.
- [10] Lacina, B. 2020. Why NFL owners are supporting Black players' protests—for now. *Washington Post*. September 13. www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/09/13/why-nfl-owners-are-supporting-black-players-protests-now/
- [11] Lacina, B. 2020. Why are the #OscarsSoWhite? Google searches give us a clue. *Washington Post*. February 9. <https://tinyurl.com/rc167en>
- [12] Lacina, B. 2020. The latest Star Wars film satisfies the right wing. Will the left start trolling? *Washington Post*. January 18. <https://tinyurl.com/s4ssy5g>
- [13] Lacina, B. 2019. Who will be angry when the Star Wars episode IX trailer drops today? April 12. www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/04/12/who-will-be-angry-when-star-wars-episode-ix-trailer-drops-today.
- [14] Lacina, B. 2019. The smash success of 'Captain Marvel' shows us that conservatives are ignoring the alt-right. *Washington Post*. March 15. <https://wapo.st/2ObQb0H>

- [15] Bhavnani, R.R. and Lacina, B. 2019. The Backlash Against Internal Migration. *India in Transition*. February 11. <https://casi.sas.upenn.edu/it/bhavnaniilacina>
- [16] Lacina, B. 2019. Since the NFL anthem protests, white fans like the white players more—and the black ones less. *Washington Post*. January 19. <https://wapo.st/2SjmVJL>
- [17] Lacina, B. 2018. Who hates Star Wars for its newfound diversity? Here are the numbers. *Washington Post*. September 6. goo.gl/Zo3kHT
- [18] Lacina, B. 2018. Electoral competition and the Gorkhaland movement. In *Darjeeling Reconsidered: Histories, Politics, Environments*, Eds. S. Shneiderman and T. Middleton, New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- [19] Lacina, B. 2010. Trends in mass violence. In *The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Peace*, Ed. N. Young, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- [20] Lacina, B. 2009. Rethinking Delhi's Northeast India policy: Why neither counterinsurgency nor winning hearts and minds is the way forward. In *Beyond Counter-insurgency: Breaking the Impasse in Northeast India*, Ed. S. Baruah, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, India.
- [21] Eck, K., B. Lacina, and M. Öberg. 2007. Civil conflict in the contemporary world. In *Resources, Governance and Civil Conflict*, Eds. K. Strom and M. Öberg, New York: Routledge Press.
- [22] Lacina, B. 2007. Insights from macro studies of the risk of civil war. In *Resources, Governance and Civil Conflict*, Eds. K. Strom and M. Öberg, New York: Routledge Press.
- [23] Lacina, B. and J. Weinstein. 2007. Toward more policy-relevant research on violence in civil war. *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, August.
- [24] Lacina, B. 2005. Book note on *How Democracies Lose Small Wars* by G. Merom. *Journal of Peace Research* 42(5): 646.
- [25] Lacina, B. 2005. Book note on *The Savage Wars of Peace: England, Japan, and the Malthusian Trap* by A. Macfarlane. *Journal of Peace Research* 42(4): 516.
- [26] Lacina, B. 2004. Book note on *The Field and the Forge: Population, Production and Power in the Pre-Industrial West* by J. Landers. *Journal of Peace Research* 41(4): 520.
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- [28] Lacina, B. 2004. Book note on *Boundary Disputes in Latin America* by J. Domínguez et al. *Journal of Peace Research* 41(2): 234–35.
- [29] Lacina, B. 2004. Book note on *Warfare and Armed Conflicts* by M. Clodfelter. *Journal of Peace Research* 41(2): 234.
- [30] Ottaway, M. and B. Lacina. 2003. International interventions and imperialism: Lessons from the 1990s. *SAIS Review* 23(2): 71–94.

- [31] T. Carothers and B. Lacina. 2003. Quick transformation to democratic Middle East a fantasy. *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, March 16.

Grants

- [1] Civic Health and Institutions Project: A 50-State Survey (CHIP50), 2024–2025 (Questions on a shared survey)
- [2] Member of working group hosted at the Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, 2022–2023 (\$400,000)
- [3] James P. Wilmot Assistant Professorship of Social Science, University of Rochester, 2015–2017 (\$10,000)
- [4] Lanni Summer Fellowship for research collaboration with a graduate student. 2016/2015/2014/2013. University of Rochester. (\$2,000/grant)
- [5] Program in Empirical Policy Research. 2012. Wallis Institute, University of Rochester. (\$1,500)
- [6] Grant for consultation on the PRIO Battle Deaths Dataset. 2012. International Peace Research Institute, Oslo. (\$4,500)
- [7] National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. 2008. (\$11,950)
- [8] Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences. 2007. National Science Foundation. Co-PI with C. Lee, Hamilton College. (Questions on a shared survey)
- [9] Dissertation grant. 2006. International Peace Research Institute, Oslo. (\$5,700)
- [10] Grant for update of the PRIO Battle Deaths Dataset. 2006. International Peace Research Institute, Oslo. (\$27,000)

Teaching and Advising

Courses at University of Rochester

Migration, economic change & conflict

- Undergraduate seminar, spring 2022, 2024, 2026

State building and conflict

- Graduate seminar spring 2026, fall 2013; co-taught with Scott Abramson in spring 2020

International relations field seminar II

- Graduate seminar, spring 2021

International relations field seminar

- Graduate seminar, fall 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025
- Graduate seminar co-taught with Randy Stone, spring 2017

Civil war and the international system

- Undergraduate lecture, fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025; spring 2020

The politics of insurgency

- Writing intensive undergraduate seminar, fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2019; spring 2025

Graduate student workshop in political science

- Graduate seminar co-taught with Sergio Montero, fall 2020–spring 2022

Scope of political science

- Graduate seminar, spring 2017, 2018
- Empirical research practicum, fall 2015

Ethnic politics

- Undergraduate lecture, fall 2013, spring 2025
- Undergraduate seminar, fall 2015, spring 2018, spring 2021
- Co-taught with Bonnie Meguid as an undergraduate seminar, spring 2011

Peter D. Watson Center for Conflict and Cooperation Seminar Series

- Co-coordinator, fall 2012–spring 2014

Mentoring at University of Rochester

Doctoral committees

- Matthew Testerman. United States Naval Academy. PhD 2012.
- Miguel Rueda. Emory University. PhD 2014.
- Rabia Malik. University of Essex. PhD 2016.
- Casey Crisman-Cox. Texas A&M. PhD 2016.
- Barbara Piotrowska. Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University. PhD 2017.
- Benjamin Laughlin. New York University Abu Dhabi. PhD 2019.
- Andrea Morris. University of Washington in Saint Louis. PhD 2019.
- Karen Albert. PhD 2020. Joint Warfare Analysis Center.
- Xiaoyan Qiu. School of Global and Public Affairs at IE University, Madrid. PhD 2021.
- Emily VanMeter. (Chair). Lexmark. PhD 2022.
- Varun Karekurve Ramachandra. Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at Stanford University. PhD 2022.
- Siqi Maggie Zheng. (Chair) Humana. PhD 2024.
- Dehua Sun. University of Chicago. PhD 2025.
- Yu Mei. University of Oslo. PhD 2025.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program

- Mentor, 2012 and 2025
- The objective of the McNair Program is to increase the numbers of low-income, first-generation and underrepresented minority undergraduates who pursue Ph.D. degrees.

Undergraduate honors thesis advisor

- Academic years 2010–11, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2017–2018, 2019–2020, 2020–2021, 2024–25
- Departmental honors committee, 2013–14

EITM Institute, Harris School at the University of Chicago

Mentoring faculty in residence, summer 2011

Professional Experience

Invited Talks, 2010–Present

Stanford University, 2025

University of Iowa, 2024

Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs – SGP Series, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2024

CAS Workshop on Measuring and Monitoring Aspects and Influences of Democracy, 2023

Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, 2022

International Peace Research Institute, 2022

Sawyer Seminar at the Humanities Center, University of Rochester, 2021.

Cato Institute, 2020.

Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop, Duke University, 2018.

Political science seminar, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2018.

Conference on “Governance, Internal Migration, Urbanization: A Cross-Regional Research Project,” East-West Center, Honolulu, 2017.

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2016.

PSAC Seminar, Cornell University, 2016.

Pre-conference meeting on “Darjeeling: Histories, Politics, Environment” at the Annual Conference on South Asia at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, 2015.

Political Economy Workshop, Harris School, University of Chicago, 2015.

Global Politics Seminar, University of Pittsburgh, 2014.

EITM Alumni Conference at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013.

Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, 2012.

Center for South Asia, Stanford University, 2012.

One Earth Future Foundation, Yale University, 2012.

Security, Peace, and Conflict Workshop, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2012.

Department of Political Science, Emory University, 2011.

Current Research on Issues and Topics in Comparative Scholarship, Department of Government, Georgetown University, 2011.

Peace Studies Program, Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University, 2010.

Conference Service, 2010–Present

- Program Co-Chair, Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 2026
- Workshop on “Internal Migration: Trends, Tensions, and Policy Responses,” Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Conference
- Discussant for panel on “Conflict and Borders: Global Migration and Humanitarian Crisis,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2025.
- Discussant for panel on “Politics of Identity Across the Subfields III: Conflict and Identity,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2025

Book Roundtable on Erin Lin’s *When the Bombs Stopped: The Legacy of War in Rural Cambodia* at the International Studies Association Conference, 2025.

Panel chair and co-organizer, “Immigrant Political Behavior” at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2024.

Panel chair, South Asia Junior Faculty Workshop pre-APSA at the University of Pennsylvania, 2024.

Discussant for panel “Elections and Democracy in South Asia,” Midwest Political Science Association, 2024.

Discussant for Conference on Applied Methods in Political Science at the University of Rochester, 2024.

- Discussant at the annual meeting of the European Political Science Association, 2023.

Discussant for Conference on Applied Methods in Political Science at the University of Rochester, 2022.

Discussant for roundtable on *Colonial Institutions and Civil War* by Shivaji Mukherjee. Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2022.

Discussant for roundtable on *Breaking the Exclusion Cycle* by Ana Bracic. Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 2022.

Discussant at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2021.

Panel chair at annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2020.

Discussant at Peace Science Society Colloquium, 2020.

Section chair for Midwest Political Science Association annual conference program committee, 2020.

Discussant for panel on “Commodifying Civil War: Private Military and Security Companies in Civil Wars.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association. Toronto, 2019.

Discussant for panel on “Civil war and markets for force.” Workshop on Armed Actors in Civil War sponsored by the University of Liverpool. Toronto, 2019.

Chair for panel on “Migration and Political Belonging in the Global South.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 2018.

Discussant for panel on “Race, Ethnic Politics, and War.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, 2018.

Discussant for panel on “Perceptions about Peace, Norms and Justice.” Annual conference of the Conflict Research Society, Oxford, 2017.

Discussant for panel on “Quantitative Approaches to Studying Violence and Conflict.” Annual conference of the Conflict Research Society, Oxford, 2017.

Chair and discussant for panel on “Recruitment, Motivation and Armed Conflict.” Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, 2016.

Discussant for panel on “Population and Health Impacts Of Poverty and Armed Conflict.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 2015.

Discussant at conference on “Measuring Inter-group Differences in Socio-cultural Groups: A Global, Expert-sourcing Approach.” Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014.

Chair for panel on “Migration and ‘Sons of the Soil’ Conflicts in an Era of Globalization.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, 2014.

Chair and discussant for panel on “Understanding Violence by Armed Actors.” Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2013.

Discussant for panel on “Responding to Threats to Regime Stability.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, 2013.

Discussant for book conference on *Exiting Anarchy* by Jesse Driscoll, hosted by University of California, San Diego, 2012.

Chair for panel on “Identity, Ethnicity and Civil War.” Annual national conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2012.

Discussant for panel on “Serving the State? Understanding Pro-State Paramilitaries in Civil Wars.” Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, 2012.

Discussant for book conference on *Anatomy of a Riot* by Alexandra Scacco, hosted by New York University, 2012.

Chair and discussant for panel on “Conflict Dynamics.” Annual national conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2011.

Disciplinary Service

Program Co-Chair, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2026

Committee for Best Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar, Midwest Political Science Association, 2024.

Committee for Martha Derthick Book Award from the Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section of the American Political Science Association, 2023.

Data Set Award Committee, American Political Science Association, Comparative Politics Section, 2014.

Peer reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Business and Politics*; *Civil Wars*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Conflict, Security and Development*; CQ Press; *Defence and Peace Economics*; *Diplomacy and Statecraft*; ETH Zurich Research Commission; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order; *India Review*; *International Development Planning Review*; *International Interactions*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Development Studies*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity; National Science Foundation; *Nationalities Papers*; *Nature: Human Behavior*; Oxford University Press; *Pacific Affairs*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Research and Politics*; Routledge; *Security Dialogue*; *Security Studies*; *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*; Springer; *Studies in Comparative International Development*; Swiss Science Foundation, and *World Politics*.