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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2015 – Present **Princeton University**
PhD Student, Politics

2009-2013 **College of William and Mary**

B.A. (Honors), *Summa Cum Laude*, International Relations with a minor
in Economics

Senior Honors Thesis, “Justice and a Lack Thereof: Comparative
Perspectives on Accountability in the Southern Cone.”
Committee members: Maurits van der Veen, Betsy Konefal, Michael
Tierney, Donald Campbell

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015-present **Research Assistant.** Resource Curse Experiment for Dr. Helen Milner,
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

2015-present **Research Assistant.** *Empirical Studies of Conflict* for Dr. Jacob
Shapiro, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

2010-present **Research Assistant.** Disaster Relief Aid for Professor Maurits van der
Veen, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

2013 **Summer Fellow.** *AidData Center for Development Policy.*
Kampala, Uganda.

2009-2013 **Research Assistant.** *Institute for the Theory and Practice of*
International Relations, Williamsburg, VA.

2011-2012 **Research Assistant.** Transitional Justice in Guatemala for Professor
Betsy Konefal, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA & Guatemala
City, Guatemala

2010-2011 **Research Intern.** *Project on International Peace & Security (PIPS)*,
College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

PUBLICATIONS

Voytas, Elsa. "What Factors Predict a Donor's Aid Transparency?" in *The First Tranche*, 2013. <http://aiddata.org/blog/what-factors-predict-a-donors-aid-transparency>

Voytas, Elsa, Brad Parks and Mark Buntaine. "What Factors Influence the Success and Failure of World Bank Environmental Projects?" in *The First Tranche*, 2013. <http://aiddata.org/blog/what-factors-influence-the-success-and-failure-of-world-bank-environmental-projects>

Voytas, Elsa. "What Can Photos of Garbage Tell Us About Foreign Aid?" in *The First Tranche*, 2013. <http://aiddata.org/blog/what-can-photos-of-garbage-tell-us-about-foreign-aid>

"Body-Worn Camera Toolkit" for Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2015. <https://www.bja.gov/bwc/>

"Body-Worn Camera Podcast Series" for Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2015. <https://www.bja.gov/Publications/podcasts/podcast.html>

WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

"Reconciliation or Revenge? An Analysis of Forgiveness in Post-Conflict Chile" with Laia Balcells and Valeria Palanza (*manuscript available upon request*)

"After Disasters Strike: The Composition of Foreign Aid in the Aftermath of Major Natural Disasters" with Maurits van der Veen (*manuscript available upon request*)

"Judging the Courts: Citizens' and Victims' Perceptions of Post-Conflict Prosecution in Northern Uganda" with Michael Findley (*manuscript available upon request*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Post-Disaster Aid." Paper presented at State, Economy, and Inequality Conference at University of Pennsylvania, February 19, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

"Patterns in the Composition of Foreign Aid in the Aftermath of Major Natural Disasters." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 2015 Conference, April 16-19, 2015, Chicago, IL.

"After Disasters Strike: The Composition of Foreign Aid in the Aftermath of Major Natural Disasters." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 18-21, 2015, New Orleans, LA.

“Justice and a Lack Thereof: Comparative Perspectives on Accountability in the Southern Cone.” Poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association 2013 Conference, April 11-14, 2013, Chicago, IL.

“Justice and a Lack Thereof: Comparative Perspectives on Accountability in the Southern Cone.” Paper presented at the Old Dominion University Graduate Research Conference, February 22, 2013, Norfolk, VA.

SELECTED PUBLIC TALKS

“Justice and a Lack Thereof.” Presentation to the Roy R. Charles Center for Honors and Interdisciplinary Studies Honors Colloquium, College of William & Mary, March 2013.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2015** Booz Allen Hamilton Employee Business Development Recognition for developing an international business development plan
- 2015** Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship – Turkey (declined)
- 2013** International Relations Prize awarded to the International Relations graduate with highest academic record and greatest contribution to the discipline
- 2013** Outstanding Greek Scholar Award for graduating Greek member with highest academic record
- 2012** *Pi Sigma Alpha*, National Political Science Honor Society
- 2012** *Omicron Delta Kappa*, National Leadership Honor Society
- 2012** Reves Center Summer International Internship Scholarship (\$2,000)
- 2010 & 2011** Lawrence and Jean Irwin Memorial Internship Scholarships (\$1,000)
- 2009** Murray Scholarship. College of William and Mary (full scholarship and \$5,000 research stipend)
- 2009** Monroe Scholarship. College of William and Mary

ACTIVITIES

- Graduate** Princeton Research in Experimental Social Sciences (PRESS)
- Executive Board Member, Princeton Women in Political Science
- Resident Graduate Student, Rockefeller College

Post-Graduate

Writer and Outreach Director for *730DC*, daily newsletter distributed to 3,000 young Washingtonians

Application Reviewer, Fund for Education Abroad

Turkish Student, Global Language Network

English Instructor, Sagrado Corazon ESL

Undergraduate

Community Outreach Coordinator, The Campus Kitchen at William and Mary

Member, William & Mary Debate Team

William & Mary New Student Orientation Aide

Class Representative, Membership Development Committee, Kappa Alpha Theta at William & Mary

Staff, *The Monitor: Journal of International Studies*

Executive Director, William & Mary Dance Marathon

Staff, *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*

Student Representative, International Relations, Government, and History Department Faculty Searches

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2015** **Federal Government Consultant.** Booz Allen Hamilton. Washington, D.C.
- Provide communications and management consulting services to federal government clients
- 2013** **Consultant.** Development Gateway. Kampala, Uganda
- Encouraged use of AidData Center for Development Policy resources among Ugandan development finance community
- 2012** **Communications and Armaments Division Intern.** US Mission to NATO. Brussels, Belgium.
- Conducted research and authored reports presented to the US Ambassador to NATO
- 2011-2012** **Communications Intern.** Truman National Security Project. Washington, D.C.
- Produced written and oral materials to market the organization and advance its objectives

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-present** **English Instructor.** Sagrado Corazon ESL. Washington, D.C.
- 2013** **Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Instructor.** Development Gateway/AidData Center for Development Policy/Makerere University College of Computing and Information Technology. Kampala, Uganda.
- 2010-2013** **Economics Tutor.** College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.