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RESEARCH INTERESTS	International institutions, United Nations, bureaucratic politics, development financing, political methodology	
EDUCATION	University of Rochester , Rochester, NY PhD , Political Science, 2017 Fields: International Relations, American Politics, Political Methodology MA , Political Science, October 2013 Columbia University , New York, NY Master of International Affairs (MIA) , International Security Policy, May 2007 BA (<i>cum laude</i>), Political Science, May 2006	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	LMU Munich , Munich, Germany Geschwister-Scholl Institute for Political Science Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, 2017-present	
WORKING PAPERS	“Ideology and Donations to the UN System” “How to Win Friends and Influence the UN: Donor Influence on the United Nations Bureaucracy” “Behave or Else? Aid and Voting on the UN Security Council” “Driving Pollution: Specifying and Estimating the Environmental Kuznets Curve” (with Lawrence Rothenberg) “International Public Administrations and the Perception of Crisis: The Case of UN-RWA and Palestine Refugees” (with Ronny Patz and Klaus Goetz) “IO Bureaucracies Between Resource Mobilization and Problem-Solving: The Case of the UNHCR” (with Ronny Patz)	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Are Goodwill Ambassadors Good for Business? The Impact of Celebrities on IO fundraising” (with Rabia Malik) “Ideology at the UN: Estimating Agency Ideal Points”	
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	Leifur Eiriksson Foundation Fellowship, 2015-2016 University Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2010-2015 Program in Empirical Policy Research (PEPR) Grant, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester, 2013 Dept. of Political Science Prize for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student, University of Rochester, 2012-2013 Dept. of Political Science Second-Year Paper Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2012 Charles E. Lanni Summer Research Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2011-2012	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<p>International Studies Association Annual Convention (2018)</p> <p>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)</p> <p>Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations (2016)</p> <p>Annual General Conference of the European Political Science Association (2015)</p> <p>Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association (2013)</p>
TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>LMU Munich <i>Instructor:</i> Theories of Bureaucratic Politics: An International Perspective, Summer semester 2018 (MA-level)</p> <p>University of Rochester <i>Instructor:</i> United States in the Middle East, Spring 2017 (undergraduate) Introduction to International Relations, Summer 2015 (undergraduate)</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant:</i> International Organization, Fall 2016 (undergraduate) Environmental Politics, Spring 2016 (undergraduate) Scope of Political Science, Spring 2013, Spring 2014 (graduate) Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2013 (undergraduate) Introduction to Political Philosophy, Fall 2012 (undergraduate)</p> <p><i>Research Assistant</i> Research Assistant to Lawrence Rothenberg, 2011-2013</p>
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Senior Policy Analyst, International Peace Institute, New York, 2007-2010 Research on United Nations policy development on, and responses to, current and emerging transnational threats and challenges. Research and policy formulation on United Nations responses to global climate change, in collaboration with both UN officials and state representatives.</p> <p>Ambassador's Assistant, Embassy of Iceland to the United States, Washington, D.C., 1999-2002 Sole assistant to ambassador. Duties included managing intra-embassy communication, managing ambassador's external appearances, and liaising with US government (e.g., White House, Department of State, Secret Service) on coordination of high-level visits from Iceland.</p>
SERVICE	<p>Reviewer <i>American Political Science Review, Review of International Organization</i></p> <p>Departmental Service Founder and Coordinator, Women in Political Science Working Group, 2012-2017 Coordinator, Watson Center Seminar Series on International Politics, Fall 2013 Coordinator, American Politics Working Group, Spring 2013</p>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	R, Stata, L ^A T _E X, Microsoft Office
LANGUAGES	English (fluent), Icelandic (native), German (high intermediate), Danish (intermediate), French (elementary), Arabic (elementary)