

RENARD SEXTON

CONTACT INFORMATION	Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University 405 Robertson Hall, Princeton, NJ 08540, USA rsexton@princeton.edu, renardsexton.com
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Emory University Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2019 – International Crisis Group Postdoctoral Fellow in Economics of Conflict, 2018 – 2019 Princeton University Postdoctoral Fellow in Regional Political Economy, Niehaus Center, 2017 – 2018
EDUCATION	New York University Ph.D. Political Science. 2012 – 2017 University of Maryland, College Park B.A. Government and Politics (<i>High Honors, Cum Laude</i>). 2006 – 2008
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political economy of conflict and development, Comparative politics, International relations, Quantitative methods, Experimental methods
PUBLICATIONS	Sexton, Renard. (2016) “Aid as a Tool against Insurgency: Evidence from Contested and Controlled Territory in Afghanistan.” <i>American Political Science Review</i> , 110(4), pp. 731–749.
WORKING PAPERS	“How Government Reactions to Violence Worsen Social Welfare: Evidence from Peru.” with Michael Findley and Rachel Wellhausen. (Revised and Resubmitted at the <i>American Journal of Political Science</i>) “The Unintended Consequences of Bottom-Up Accountability: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Peru” (under review) “A New Resource Curse: How Externalities and Governance Shape Social Conflict.” (under review) “Strategic Violence during Democratization: Evidence from Myanmar” with Darin Christensen and Mai Nguyen. (Invitation to Revise and Resubmit at <i>World Politics</i>)
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Deescalating Conflict in the Philippines” (with Nico Ravanilla and Dotan Haim; field experiment with the Philippines National Police in NPA-held regions) “Reducing local level conflict through improved communication and information: A field experiment in the mining areas of South Africa.” (with Graeme Blair and Darin Christensen) “Evaluating the localized effects of German BMZ aid in northern Afghanistan using geo-coded citizen responses.” (with Christoph Zuercher; data collection in progress, funded by BMZ) “Legalizing informal mining in Colombia: Impediments and Implications” (w/ Santiago Saavedra) “Survey of leaders who participated in government conflict mediation workshops in Peru.” “Extractive Industries in Myanmar: Fostering Development without Fomenting Conflict.” (with Darin Christensen and Mai Nguyen) <i>implemented with IPA, Yangon.</i> “Examining the effects of EU development aid on local violence in Afghanistan” (with Allison Carnegie) “The art of not being coerced: How outside options shape elections in weakly institutionalized democracies, with evidence from Paraguay and Afghanistan.” (with Umberto Mignozetti)

GRANTS
AND AWARDS

Innovations for Poverty Action, Peace and Recovery (with Yuhki Tajima, Sarah Daly and Ben Oppenheim) for “Evaluating Normalization Programs for Former MILF Fighters in the Philippines,” 2018 \$10,000

Colciencias (with Santiago Saavedra) for “Barriers to formalization of mining [in Colombia],” 2018 \$200,000

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Princeton University for “Deescalating Conflict in the Philippines,” 2018 \$3,500

Economic Development and Institutions (with Graeme Blair and Darin Christensen) for “Reducing local level conflict in the mining areas of South Africa,” 2018 \$30,000

Project on Resources, Development and Governance for “Legalizing Informal Mining in Colombia,” 2018 \$10,000

Innovations for Poverty Action, Peace and Recovery (with Nico Ravanilla and Dotan Haim) for “Deescalating Conflict in the Philippines,” 2017 \$10,000

Project on Resources, Development and Governance (with Graeme Blair and Darin Christensen) for “Reducing local level conflict in the mining areas of South Africa,” 2017 \$10,000

International Growth Centre, (with Darin Christensen and Mai Nguyen), 2016-2017. \$33,000

National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2016-2017. \$18,894

Jameel-Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Governance Initiative (Pilot Study Grant), 2015-2016. \$49,992

Jameel-Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Governance Initiative (Travel/Proposal Development Grant), 2015. \$9,980

Development Innovation Lab/USAID grant, \$5,000, 2017, with Darin Christensen and Graeme Blair

NYU Graduate Research Institute (Paris), 2015. \$8,900

Antamina S.A. Pilot Grant, 2015. \$8,000

George Downs Research Grant, New York University, 2014 \$4,000, 2015 \$4,000, 2016 \$4,000

Robert Holmes Fellowship, Africa House, New York University (for South Sudan), 2014. \$2,500

Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Travel Grant (for Afghanistan), 2013. \$3,000

Henry H. McCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2012. PhD funding and support (5 years)

Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Research Grant (for Afghanistan natural resources and conflict), 2012. \$50,000

TEACHING

Undergraduate:

Introduction to International Politics (TA for Bruce Bueno de Mesquita) Fall 2013

Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA for Joshua Tucker) Spring 2015

Graduate:

Quantitative Methods I, PhD level (TA for Bernd Beber) Fall 2014

PRESENTATIONS

2017: Yale University; Universidad de Pacifico (Lima, Peru); University of Wisconsin (Polmeth); APSA; Princeton University; New York University; Emory University; Texas A & M; University of Texas, Austin.

2016: University of Texas, Austin; APSA; Princeton, ESOC working group; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting (discussant); Northeastern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Harvard; MPSA; ISA.

2015: Oxford University, AALIMS Graduate Workshop; Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar, NYU (discussant); Universidad Catolica San Pablo, Arequipa, Peru; MPSA.

2014: APSA; NYU, Alexander Hamilton Center Conference on Political Economy; NYU, Contemporary African Political Economy Seminar (discussant); MPSA; George Mason University, Advances in

Public Policy Conference; NYU/Columbia Political Economy of Latin America; NY State Political Science Association.

2013: Northeastern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS); Heinrich Boell Stiftung, Berlin; MPSA

2012: World Policy Institute, New York; Open Society Foundations, New York; Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.; United Nations Working Group on Conflict and Corruption, Kabul.

2011: Universidad para la Paz, San Jose, Costa Rica; Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Argentina; University of California, Irvine, Center for Unconventional Security Affairs

OTHER
ARTICLES

Sexton, Renard (6 Jan 2017.) [“Did U.S. aid win hearts and minds in Afghanistan? Yes and no.”](#) *Washington Post (the Monkey Cage)*

Sexton, Renard (14 Apr 2015.) [“What does informed consent mean when conducting a field experiment?”](#) *Washington Post (the Monkey Cage)*

Sexton, Renard (26 Sep 2014.) [“The spoils of peace in Afghanistan.”](#) *Washington Post (the Monkey Cage)*

Sexton, Renard (7 Aug 2014.) [“Examining Afghanistan’s electoral results.”](#) *Heinrich Boell Stiftung*

Sexton, Renard (10 Feb 2014.) [“How to win an Afghan election.”](#) *Heinrich Boell Stiftung*

Sexton, Renard (July 2012.) [“Natural Resources and Conflict in Afghanistan: Seven Case Studies, Major Trends and Implications for the Transition.”](#) *Afghanistan Watch/Rockefeller Brothers Fund*

Twelve articles for the Guardian (2010-2012) [link](#)

Five articles for FiveThirtyEight at the New York Times (2010-2011) [link](#)

Approximately 90 total articles for FiveThirtyEight (2009-2010) [link](#)

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliated Researcher, Innovations for Poverty Action [link](#)

Junior Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies [link](#)

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Peer Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Journal of Peace Research, National Science Foundation, The Asia Foundation, Empirical Studies of Conflict

Founder and Co-convener, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science [link](#)
Organized conferences: Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Founder and Co-organizer, NYU Graduate Political Economy Seminar, 2013 - 2014 [link](#)

FIELD
EXPERIENCE

Afghanistan: January 2012 – July 2012 ; July 2013

Ecuador: September 2010 – December 2011

Peru: May 2014, September 2014, June 2015, February 2017

Myanmar: March 2017, August 2017

Sierra Leone: February 2009, July 2009, May 2010

South Sudan: July 2014

WORK
EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant for The Monkey Cage, Washington Post. 2014 – 2015

Advisor, Afghanistan Program, Heinrich Boell Stiftung. 2012 – 2014

Research Assistant, Cyrus Samii and Dana Burde, 2013

Visiting Scholar, Center for Strategic and International Studies. 7/2012 – 9/2012

International Affairs Columnist, FiveThirtyEight/New York Times. 2009 – 2012

Visiting Researcher, Afghanistan Watch, Kabul, Afghanistan. 1/2012 – 7/2012

Research & Development Associate, Fundacion Futuro Latinoamericano, Quito, Ecuador. 2010 – 2011

Project Advisor, United Nations Environment Programme, Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch, Geneva, Switzerland. 2008 – 2010.

ADDITIONAL
TRAINING AND
SKILLS

Languages: English (native); Spanish (professional); French (intermediate), Vietnamese (basic), Dari Persian (basic)

Winter Experiments Social Sciences Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2015

REFERENCES

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