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Academic Appointments

University of Washington

- Assistant Professor of Political Science 2024 – present
- Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology 2025 – present
- Affiliate, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences 2025 – present

Brown University

- Postdoctoral Research Associate; Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics 2023-2024

U.S. Institute of Peace

- Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Fellow 2022-2023

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Duke University 2023

- *Dissertation*: “Variation in Individuals’ Responses to Violence Against Civilians”
 - Winner, 2024 APSA Human Rights Section Best Dissertation
 - Honorable Mention, 2024 APSA Political Psychology Section Best Dissertation
- *Committee*: Livia Schubiger (chair), Kyle Beardsley (chair), David A. Siegel, Abbey Steele

M.A. in Political Science, Duke University 2020

B.A. in Political Science, Columbia University (Columbia College) 2017

Publications

De Bruin, Erica, Gabriella Levy, Livia Schubiger, Michael Weintraub. 2025. “Out-Competing Rivals: How Armed Group Governance Shapes Attitudes in Colombia.” *American Political Science Review*, 119(4): 1792-1805.

Levy, Gabriella. 2025. “Violence Against Civilians and Public Support for Armed Groups: The Moderating Role of Governance and Ideology.” *Journal of Peace Research*, 62(1), 52-67.

Levy, Gabriella, Rebecca Dudley, Chong Chen, and David Siegel. 2025. “Diplomatic Signals and the Strategic Use of Terrorism in Civil Wars.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 69(2-3): 269-320.

Denny, Elaine, David Dow, Gabriella Levy, and Mateo Villamizar Chaparro. 2024. “Extortion, Civic Action, and Political Participation Among Guatemalan Deportees.” *British Journal of Political Science*, 54(1), 260-279.

Dow, David, Gabriella Levy, Diego Romero, Juan Fernando Tellez. 2024. “State Absence, Vengeance, and the Logic of Vigilantism in Guatemala.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 57(1), 147-181.

Levy, Gabriella. 2022. "Evaluations of Violence at the Polls: Civilian Victimization and Support for Perpetrators After War." *Journal of Politics*, 84(2), 783-797.

- Conflict Research Society's 2022 Cedric Smith Prize

Articles Under Review

Levy, Gabriella. "Bias in the Evaluation of Violence Against Civilians: Cognitive Dissonance and Moral Disengagement in Colombia." Revise & Resubmit at the *Journal of Peace Research*.

De Bruin, Erica, Gabriella Levy, Livia Schubiger. "Gendered Dissent and Social Threat: Attitudes Towards Protest Repression in Colombia." Under review.

Working Papers & Works in Progress

Levy, Gabriella. *Debates About War Crimes: The Promotion of Inflammatory & Reconciliatory Attitudes Toward Civilian Targeting*. Data collection ongoing.

Levy, Gabriella, Mara Revkin, and Roya Talibova. "Legitimacy of Transitional Justice Institutions in Comparative Perspective." Data collection ongoing.

Levy, Gabriella, Jason Lyall, and Mara Revkin. "Aid Withdrawal and Intergroup Relations in Fragile Settings." Funding secured, design stage.

Selected Annual Conferences

Peace Science Annual Conference	2021, 2022, 2024, 2025
APSA Annual Conference	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
MPSA Annual Conference	2022
ISA Annual Conference	2020 (cancelled), 2021, 2022
Latin American Peace Science Conference	2021, 2022

Invited Workshops, Mini-Conferences, & Talks

Duke University School of Law, A Critical Assessment of "Transitional Justice" Workshop	2026
University of Houston, New Frontiers in Research on Terrorism and Civil Wars Workshop	2025
Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Tuesday Seminar	2024
IOM, Academic Colloquium on Data for Solutions to Internal Displacement	2024
Brown University, Extra-Legal Governance in Global Perspective Conference	2023
University of Amsterdam, Online Research Workshop on Elections and Violence	2021
University of Texas Austin, Graduate Student Conference in Public Law	2018

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

National Science Foundation	2024-2027
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Legitimacy and Efficacy of Transitional Justice Institutions in Comparative Perspective</i>▪ Law and Science Program, Security and Preparedness Program, Accountable Institutions and Behavior Program▪ PI, with Co-PIs Mara Revkin and Roya Talibova▪ 612,494	
Winner, APSA Human Rights Section Best Dissertation	2024

Honorable Mention, APSA Political Psychology Section Best Dissertation	2024
Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship, U.S. Institute for Peace (20,000)	2022-2023
Conflict Research Society's Cedric Smith Prize	2022
Duke Summer Research Fellowship	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Duke Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship (3,000)	2020-2021
Bradley Foundation Grant (5,250)	2020
World Bank Call for Papers (25,000, split with coauthors)	2020
Molano Endowment Grant (10,000)	2019
Bradley Foundation Grant (350)	2018
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2018

Field Work

South Sudan

- Elite interviews with humanitarian officials, government officials, and informal authorities, “A Multi-Dimensional Household-Level Fragility Index: Evidence from South Sudan” (2024)

Colombia

- Elite interviews with transitional justice officials, *Debates About War Crimes: The Promotion of Inflammatory & Reconciliatory Attitudes Toward Civilian Targeting* (2024)
- Enumerator training and survey piloting, “Gendered Dissent and Social Threat: Attitudes Towards Protest Repression in Colombia” (2023-2024)
- Archival visits, “Variation in Individuals’ Responses to Violence Against Civilians” (2022)
- Enumerator training and survey piloting, “Out-Competing Rivals: How Armed Group Governance Shapes Attitudes in Colombia” (2022)
- Virtual interviews with civil society leaders, “Variation in Individuals’ Responses to Violence Against Civilians” (2021-2022)

Argentina

- Archival research on IACHR’s visit to Argentina in 1979 (2016)

Public Scholarship

Levy, Gabriella. 2026. “What makes people believe misinformation in the context of war?” *LSE Review of Books*.

Levy, Gabriella, Mara Revkin. 2025. “Introducing the Fragility Index: A Tool for Evidence-Based Transitional and Recovery Programming.” Juba, South Sudan: International Organization for Migration.

Denny, Elaine Kathryn, David Dow, Gabriella Levy, and Mateo Villamizar-Chaparro. 2022. “Extortion and Civic Engagement among Guatemalan Deportees (English).” *Policy Research Working Paper*; no. WPS 10020 Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.

Levy, Gabriella, Juan Tellez, Mateo Villamizar-Chaparro. 2021. “Five years after Colombia’s peace deal, the FARC is no longer on U.S. terror group lists.” *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*.

Teaching

University of Washington:

- *Civil Wars* (Grad Seminar) Spring 2026
- *Political Science Honors Seminar* (UG Seminar) Spring 2026
- *International Conflict* (UG Lecture) Spring 2025, Winter 2026
- *Introduction to International Relations* (UG Lecture) Winter 2025, Winter 2026
- *Conflict, Crime, and Repression* (UG Seminar) Spring 2025

Other Institutions:

- *Political Violence* (UG Seminar, Brown University) Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- *Writing 101: Sub-State Political Violence* (UG Seminar, Duke University) Spring 2023

Training:

- Duke University's Teaching Politics Certificate Program Spring 2020

Advising

Ph.D. Committee Chair: Elizabeth Echavarria

Ph.D./MA Committee Member: Ji Hyeon Chung, Robert Maxwell, Ryan Reynolds

Undergraduate Honors: Claire Gersich (2026), Hana Hamrah (2026)

Service

Article Reviewer:

- *American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Civil Wars, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Journal of Latin American Studies, International Interactions, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Studies in Comparative International Development*

Book Reviewer: Wiley, Bloomsbury

University of Washington Department of Political Science, Graduate Program Committee, 2025-2026

University of Washington Department of Political Science, Undergraduate Program Committee, 2024-2025

Organizer, 2024 Peace Science Workshop, Comparative Political Psychology in Peace and Conflict Studies

Co-President, Women in Political Science (Duke University, 2019)