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### Faculty Positions

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Associate Professor, School of International Relations, University of Southern California. 2019-present.

- Co-Founder and PI, [Security and Political Economy \(SPEC\) Lab](#). 2015-present.

Assistant Professor, School of International Relations, University of Southern California. 2012-2019.

- Director of Graduate Studies (Interim), Political Science and International Relations. 2018-2019.
- Resident Faculty (Founding), South Residential College. 2012-2018.
- Special Sworn Researcher, United States Bureau of Economic Analysis. 2012-2018.

### Education

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Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2012.

M.A., Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2008.

B.A., Government, Dartmouth College, 2004.

### Peer-Reviewed Books

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Graham, Benjamin A.T. 2019. *Investing in the Homeland: Migration, Social Ties, and Foreign Firms*. University of Michigan Press (Series: Michigan Studies in International Political Economy).

- Watch a [five-minute video version](#) of the book.
- Read a [related column](#) in *The Conversation*.
- Listen [to an interview with me on the PS: You're Interesting podcast](#).

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

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16. Becker, Megan, Benjamin A.T. Graham, and Kelebogile Zvobgo. Forthcoming. “[The Stewardship Model: An Inclusive Approach to Undergraduate Research](#).” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.

15. Markowitz, Jonathan, Suzie Caldwell Mulesky, Benjamin A.T. Graham, and Christopher J. Fariss. Forthcoming. “[Productive Pacifists: The Rise of Production-Oriented States and Decline of Profit-Motivated Conquest](#).” *International Studies Quarterly*. Ungated version [here](#).

14. Zvobgo, Kelebogile, and Benjamin A.T. Graham. 2020. “[The World Bank as an Enforcer of Human Rights](#).” *Journal of Human Rights*. Forthcoming.

- Winner of the Best Faculty Paper Award at the 2017 International Studies Association (ISA) West conference and the 2018 Best Paper Award from the Human Rights section of the ISA.

13. Bormann, Nils-Christian, Lars-Erik Cederman, Scott Gates, Benjamin A.T. Graham, Simon Hug, Kaare Strøm, and Julian Wucherpfennig. 2019. “[Does Formal or Informal Powersharing Produce Peace?](#)” *American Journal of Political Science* 63(1): 84-100.

τ USC doctoral student.

12. Graham, Benjamin A.T. and Jacob R. Tucker.\* 2019. "[The International Political Economy Data Resource](#)." *Review of International Organizations*, 14(1): 149-161.
11. Graham, Benjamin A.T., Noel P. Johnston, and Allison F. Kingsley. 2018. "[Even Constrained Governments Take: The Domestic Politics of Transfer and Expropriation Risks](#)." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 62(8): 1784-1813.
  - Read a [related column](#) in the *Washington Post* (with Johnston and Kingsley)
  - And a second [related column](#) in the *Washington Post* (with Kingsley), on how widespread Bitcoin adoption would undermine the effectiveness of transfer restrictions.
10. Graham, Benjamin A.T., Michael Miller and Kaare W. Strøm. 2017. "[Safeguarding Democracy: Powersharing and Democratic Survival](#)." *American Political Science Review* 111(4): 686-704.
  - Read a [related column](#) in the *Washington Post* (with Miller and Strøm)
9. Graham, Benjamin A.T., Christopher J. Fariss, and Erik Gartzke. 2017. "[The Barfight Theory of International Conflict: Regime Type, Coalition Size, and Victory](#)." *Political Science & Research Methods* 5(4): 613-639.
  - Read a [related column](#) in the *Washington Post* (with Fariss and Gartzke).
8. Kingsley, Allison and Benjamin A.T. Graham. 2017. "[The Capital Effects of Information Voids in Emerging Markets](#)." *Journal of International Business Studies* 48(3): 324-343.
  - Read a [related column](#) in the *Washington Post* (co-authored with Anbar Aizenman\* and Anisha Chinwalla\*) and press coverage at [Phys.org](#) and [ScienceBlog](#).
7. Strøm, Kaare, Scott Gates, Benjamin A.T. Graham and Håvard Strand. 2017. "[Inclusion, Dispersion, and Constraint: Powersharing in the World's States, 1975-2010](#)." *British Journal of Political Science* 47(1): 165-185.
6. Buzzard, Kristy, Benjamin A.T. Graham and Ben Horne. 2017. "[Unrecognized States: Self Determination and Foreign Influence](#)." *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*. 33(3): 578-611.
  - Read a [related column](#) in the *Washington Post* (co-authored with Kristy Buzzard and Johanna Reyes).\*
5. Gates, Scott, Benjamin A.T. Graham, Yonatan Lupu, Havard Strand, and Kaare Strøm. 2016. "[Powersharing, Protection, and Peace](#)." *Journal of Politics* 78(2): 512-26.
  - Read a [related column](#) in the *Washington Post* (co-authored with Yonatan Lupu).
4. Graham, Benjamin A.T., Noel P. Johnston, and Allison Kingsley. 2016. "[A Unified Model of Political Risk](#)." *Advances in Strategic Management* 34: 119-160.
3. Cruz, Cesi, Prudenciano U. Gordoncillo, Benjamin A.T. Graham, Jeanette Madamba, and Jewel Cabardo. 2016. "[Who's Ready for ASEAN 2015? Firm Expectations and Preparations in the Philippines](#)." *Pacific Affairs* 89(2): 259-285.
  - See a [related article](#) in *Asia Pacific Memo* (co-authored with Cesi Cruz).
2. Graham, Benjamin A.T. 2014. "[Diaspora-Owned Firms and Social Responsibility](#)." *Review of International Political Economy* 21(2): 432-66.

\* USC undergraduate student

1. Bauer, Molly, Cesi Cruz, and Benjamin A.T. Graham. 2012. "[Democracies only: When do IMF Agreements Serve as a Seal of Approval?](#)" *The Review of International Organizations* 7(1): 33-58.

## **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

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1. Buzard, Kristy, Benjamin A.T. Graham, and Ben Horne. 2019. "[Unrecognized States: Theory and Cases](#)" in Catherine Gerard, Galia Golan, Louis Kriesberg and Miriam Elmam (Eds.), *Transforming Intractable Conflicts: Restructuring and Reframing*, Rowman and Littlefield.

## **Law Review & Editor-Reviewed Articles**

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3. Brinkerhoff, Jennifer and Benjamin A.T. Graham. 2019. "[The Social Networks of Entrepreneurial Migrants.](#)" *Stanford Social Innovation Review*, Fall 2019: 40-45.
2. Ta, Lynn M.G. and Benjamin A.T. Graham. 2019. "[Can Quasi-Judicial Bodies at the World Bank Provide Justice in Human Rights Cases?](#)" *Georgetown Journal of International Law*, 50(1): 113-142.
1. Graham, Benjamin. 2009. "[Nagorno-Karabakh in Limbo.](#)" *Middle East Quarterly*, Vol. 16 (4).

## **Working Papers**

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3. Cruz, Cesi and Benjamin A.T. Graham. "[Network Ties and the Political Participation of Firms.](#)" Submitted.
2. Graham, Benjamin A.T., and Kaare W. Strøm. "[Variations in Federalism: Explaining Subnational Policy Authority.](#)" Submitted.
1. Fariss, Christopher J., Benjamin A.T. Graham and Michael Kenwick. "Secure From What? Theorizing and Measuring Property Rights Security." Presented at the Center for Law and Applied Social Science speaker series at the Gould School of Law, University of Southern California, April 2017.

## **Datasets**

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[Human Rights Enforcement at the World Bank.](#) Author (with Kelebogile Zvobogor).

- Coded data on the universe of human rights complaints adjudicated by the World Bank's Inspection Panel and Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman.
- Dataset contains nearly 100 variables capturing information about the complainants, the respondents, the associated World Bank project, the nature of the harms alleged, NGO assistance to complainants, and case outcomes (e.g., project change, compensation).

[Graham/Tucker IPE Data Resource.](#) Author (with Jacob Tucker\*).

- Compiled, standardized and merged over 80 commonly used IPE data resources into a single country-year dataset for use by both researchers and methods instructors.
- Updated annually.
- Hosted on the Harvard Dataverse (since 2015); integrated into NewGene (since 2017)

[World Economics and Politics Dataverse.](#) Author (with Lori Bougher, Helen Milner, and Raymond Hicks).

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- This Dataverse provides an interactive front-end for the IPE Data Resource, allowing users to download custom datasets with select variables, countries, and years.
- A directed-dyad-year was released in 2019 to complement the country-year version.

*Inclusion, Dispersion and Constraint*. Operations Manager. Funded by the National Science Foundation, Grant # SES-0819507b. Principal Investigators: Kaare Strom and Scott Gates.

- Drafted the codebook and managed a team of 6 researchers in coding a 179-country database with over 200,000 data points.

*Inclusion, Dispersion, and Constraint: 2011-2019*. Principal Investigator: Benjamin A.T. Graham and Alix Ziff.<sup>τ</sup>

- Updated the codebook and extended data coverage forward by 9 years across 35 variables for 180 countries.

## **Fellowships, Grants and Awards**

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Minerva Defense Education and Civilian University Research (DECUR) Partnership grant. 2020-2022.

Principle Investigators: David Sackol and Erik Gartzke; Co-Principle Investigators: Paul Bolt, Benjamin Graham, Neil Narang, and Jiakun (Jack) Zhang). \$395,000

National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant (with Megan Becker). 2020-2023. \$313,376

USC Undergraduate Research Associates Program Grant (with Jonathan Markowitz and Megan Becker). 2016-2020. \$3000-\$6000 per year.

Facebook Social Science Research Gift, Fall 2018. \$55,000

Facebook Social Science Research Gift, Spring 2018. \$40,000

USC Zumberge Diversity and Inclusion Grant, 2018 (with Megan Becker and Ange-Marie Hancock-Alfaro). \$30,000

USC Open Educational Resources Grant, Center for Excellence in Teaching, 2017. \$500

USC Dornsife Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award, 2015. \$1000

USC Dornsife Faculty Development Award, 2014-2019. \$2500-\$3500 per year.

USC Zumberge Faculty Research and Innovation Fund Individual Research Grant, 2013. \$25,000.

USC Fund for Innovative Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2013. \$2000.

Finalist, Best Dissertation Award, International Society of New Institutional Economics, 2012.

Dissertation Research Grant, Rohr Chair of Pacific International Relations, UC San Diego, 2009-2010.

GW-CIBER Summer Doctoral Institute, George Washington University, 2009.

War and Peace Studies Fellow, Dartmouth College, 2003–2004.

## **Select Conference Presentations and Invited Talks**

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“Six Things About the SPEC Lab and Investing in the Homeland.” Innovations for Peace and Development, University of Texas, Austin. February 22, 2019.

“Productive Pacifists.” Presented at the Workshop in International Relations at the University of Chicago. February 7, 2019.

<sup>τ</sup> USC doctoral student.

“Beyond Remittances: Migrants as Transnational Brokers in the Global Economy.” Presented at the Dickey Center at Dartmouth College, March 2018.

“The World Bank as an Enforcer of Human Rights.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in August 2017. Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association – West in September 2017.

“The Political Determinants of FDI Flows: New Modelling Approaches.” Presented at The Politics of Multinational Firms, Governments, and Global Production Networks, hosted by the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University. September 2016. Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2016.

“Investing in the Homeland: The Political Economy of Diaspora Direct Investment.” Presented at the George Washington University School of Business in September 2015. This paper was also presented at the Center for Law and Applied Social Science at the University of Southern California on September 2015.

“Network Ties and the Political Strategies of Firms.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in August 2015.

“The Capital Effects of Information Voids in Emerging Markets.” Presented at the Workshop on the International Business Response to Institutional Voids, hosted by the Harvard Business School and the *Journal of International Business Studies* in May 2015.

“Political Risk and New Firm Entry.” University of California, Los Angeles. November 2014.

“Expropriation, War and Dark Saturday Nights: A Unified Model of Political Risk.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in August 2014.

“Even Constrained Governments Steal.” University of California, Santa Barbara, March 2013 (invited talk). Also presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in April 2013 and the annual meeting of the International Political Economy Society in November 2013.

“Political Risk Specialists: Risk Experience and Risk Sensitivity.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Political Economy Society in November 2012.

“Capital and Conflict: Political Risk Experience and Foreign Direct Investment.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in April 2012.

“Doing Business in the Homeland: Diaspora Owned Firms and the Value of Social Networks.” Presented at the International Business Research Forum on Diaspora Investment and Entrepreneurship, hosted by Temple University in October 2011.

“Unrecognized States: Self Determination and Foreign Aggression” (with Ben Horne). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in September 2011.

“Diaspora-Owned Firms and Social Responsibility.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management in August 2011.

“The Diaspora Difference: Firm Level Evidence From Georgia.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in March 2011.

“Allying to Win: Regime Type, Alliance Size, and Victory” (with Erik Gartzke and Chris Farris). Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in March 2011.

“Disciplining Area Studies: The Place of Comparative Politics.” Panelist, annual meeting of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies in November 2010.

“Political Risk and Diaspora Direct Investment.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in September 2010.

“Diaspora Direct Investment as a Means of Achieving Political Voice,” with Tjai Nielsen and Liesl Riddle. Presented at the GW-CIBER Summer Doctoral Institute, George Washington University in August 2009.

“A Bargaining Model Applied: Prospects for a Negotiated Resolution of the Status of Nagorno-Karabakh.” Presented at the conference *After Kosovo: Whither Karabakh?* hosted by the University of Michigan, January 2009.

“A Bargaining Model Analysis of the Stalemate in Abkhazia.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in March 2008.

## **Service Highlights**

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Co-Founder and Principal Investigator, [Security and Political Economy \(SPEC\) Lab](#), USC, 2015-present

Director of Graduate Studies (Interim), POIR doctoral program, 2018-2019.

Committee to Design a Dornsife Signature Undergraduate Experience, 2018-2019.

Resident Faculty (Founding), South Residential College, USC, 2012-2018.

Center for International Studies Advisory Committee, 2018-2019.

Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee, School of International Relations, USC, 2014-2018.

Grade Inflation Working Group, School of International Relations, USC, 2017-2019.

Designer of the International Relations & Global Economy Major, USC, 2013.

NCAA Athletic Appeals Hearing Panelist, 2013; 2015.

Mentor, Next Step Mentoring Program, UC San Diego, September 2011-2012.

## **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

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*American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, World Politics, Journal of Peace Research, Review of International Organizations, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Economics and Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Journal of International Business Studies, International Business Review, Academy of International Business, Demokratizatsiya, Nationalities Papers, PLOS One.*