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INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (2015-Present)  
Ph.D., Political Science, August 2022 (anticipated)

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
M.A., Political Science, May 2020

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE  
Graduate Certificate, Applied Evaluation and Research Methods, August 2015

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
M.A., International Affairs, May 2011

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE  
B.A., Political Science, August 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- [Ezgi Irgil](#), [Anne-Kathrin Kreft](#), [Myunghee Lee](#), Charmaine N. Willis, and [Kelebogile Zvobgo](#). (2021). “Field Research: A Graduate Student’s Guide.” *International Studies Review*.
- [Nakissa P. Jahanbani](#) and Charmaine N. Willis. “Exploring the Boundaries of Non-State Units: Using Qualitative Techniques for Spatial Analysis.” Forthcoming. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*.
- [Amira Jadoon](#), [Julia Lodoen](#), Charmaine Willis, and [Nakissa Jahanbani](#). (2020). “Breaking the Glass Ceiling?: Islamic State-Linked Female Militancy in Southeast Asia.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*.
- [Victor Asal](#), Charmaine Willis, [Christopher Linebarger](#), and [Nakissa Jahanbani](#). (2020). “If the Lords Are So Revolting, Why Are Revolutions So Rare: The Peasant Game.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.
- [Injeong Hwang](#) and Charmaine N. Willis. (2020). “Protest by Candlelight: A Comparative Analysis of Candlelight Vigils in South Korea.” *Journal of Civil Society*.
- [Victor Asal](#), [Inga Miller](#), and Charmaine Willis (2020). “System, State, or Individual: Gaming Levels of Analysis in International Relations.” *International Studies Perspectives* 21 (1): 97-107.
- Charmaine N. Willis (2020). “Democratization and civil society development through the perspectives of Gramsci and Tocqueville in South Korea and Japan.” *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics* 5 (4): 371-384.

- Nakissa P. Jahanbani and Charmaine N. Willis (2019). “The Ballot or the Bomb Belt: The Roots of Female Suicide Terrorism Before and After 9/11.” *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 6-7: 1117-1150.
- Nakissa Jahanbani, Donnett Lee, and Charmaine Willis (2018). “What We Wish We Knew: Reflections on Being a Teaching Assistant.” *Journal of Political Science Education* 14 (3): 409-413.

Book Reviews:

- Charmaine N. Willis. (2020). “Treading Lightly: External Threats, Domestic Opposition, and Regime Survival in Gulf Host Nations.” *International Studies Review*.
- Charmaine Willis (2019). “Review of US Military Bases and Anti-Military Organizing: An Ethnography of an Air Force Base in Ecuador by Erin Fitz-Henry.” *Social Movement Studies* 18 (6): 758-759.
- Charmaine Willis (2018). “Review of Violent Conjunctions in Democratic India by Amitra Basu.” *Journal of New Political Science* 40 (3): 621-623.
- Charmaine Willis (2018). “Review of Protests Against U.S. Military Base Policy in Asia: Persuasion and Its Limits by Yuko Kawato.” *Journal of New Political Sciences* 40 (1): 206-208.

SELECTED  
WORKING PAPERS

- “Paddling the Pupils: The Legality (or Not) of Corporal Punishment in Schools” (with Lucy Sorenson, Victor Asal, and Melissa Breger).
- “Sitting on a Nickel Mine: A Spatial Analysis of Ethnic Mobilization in the Philippines” (with Nakissa Jahanbani).
- “The Right Frame of Mind: An Analysis of Global Anti-US Military Activism.”
- “Democratization and Anti-US Base Protest Movements in South Korea and the Philippines.”
- “Workers United: Labor Protests as Catalysts for State Repression” (with Jiacheng Ren).
- “States as Role Models” (with Brian Greenhill).
- “Trading with Pariahs: International Trade and North Korean Sanctions.” (with Keith Preble).

REPORTS AND  
OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

- Amira Jadoon, Nakissa Jahanbani, and Charmaine Willis (2020). “Rising in the East: The Evolution of the Islamic State in the Philippines.” Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.
- Charmaine Willis (2020). “Revealing Hidden Injustices: The Filipino Struggle against U.S. Military Presence.” Minds of the Movement, International Center for Nonviolent Conflict.
- Amira Jadoon, Nakissa Jahanbani, and Charmaine Willis (2020). “Rising in the East: A Regional Overview of the Islamic State’s Operations in Southeast Asia.” Combating Terrorism Center at West Point.

- Kimberly Turner and Charmaine Willis (2020). “Unexpected Impacts: Cooperation and Conflict in Times of COVID-19.” *The Globe Post*.
- Charmaine Willis and Reyhan Topal (2020). “Between Remote Teaching and Learning: Teaching Assistants in the Time of COVID-19.” *APSA Educate*.
- Melissa Breger, Victor Asal, Lucy Sorensen, and Charmaine Willis (2020). “Corporal Punishment, Social Norms and Norm Cascades: Examining Cross-National Laws and Trends in Homes Across the Globe.” *William and Mary Journal of Race, Gender, and Social Justice* 26 (3).
- Charmaine Willis (2020). “H-Diplo Roundtable XXI-27: Teaching Nationalism in IR.” *H-Diplo*.
- Charmaine Willis, Andrew Stravers, and Carla Martinez Machain (2019). “Natural (base) selection: The potential costs of a U.S. military base in the Galapagos.” *Quantitative Peace*.
- Lucy Sorensen, Charmaine Willis, Victor Asal, and Melissa Breger (2019). “School spankings are banned just about everywhere around the world except in US.” *The Conversation*.
- Charmaine Willis and Nakissa Jahanbani (2019). “How Men Can Help Combat Misogyny in Graduate Education.” *Times Higher Education*.
- Amira Jadoon, Nakissa Jahanbani, and Charmaine Willis (2018). “Challenging the ISK Brand in Afghanistan-Pakistan: Rivalries and Divided Loyalties.” *CTC Sentinel*.
- Charmaine Willis (2018). “‘Great Deceptions’ and Midterms: Status of North Korean Denuclearization.” *The Globe Post*.
- Nakissa Jahanbani, Charmaine Willis, and Donnett Lee (2018). “Career advice: how to be a graduate teaching assistant.” *Times Higher Education*.
- Charmaine Willis (2018). “North Korean Nuclear Developments: Death Knells for the Singapore Declaration?.” *The Globe Post*.
- Charmaine Willis (2018). “Trump’s Big North Korea Giveaway Isn’t A New Tactic.” *Huffington Post*.

CONFERENCE AND  
WORKSHOP  
PARTICIPATION

- “‘Yes, And’: Graduate Students Conducting Qualitative Methods During/After COVID.” *with Marnie Howlett, Lauren C. Konken, Colleen Wood, Gözde Böcü, Ramon Garibaldo Valdez, Luisa Fernanda Turbino Torres, and Shauna N. Gillooly.* Roundtable, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (2021). \*Virtual format
- “The Enemy of My Enemy: Threat Perception and Public Support for the US Military.” *with Myunghee Lee.* American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (2021). \*Virtual format
- “States as Role Models.” *with Brian Greenhill.* Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2021). \*Virtual format
- “Author Meets Critics: Erin Mayo-Adam’s Queer Alliances.” New York State Political Science Association Annual Conference, Elmira, NY (2021). \*Virtual format

- “Framing the Conversation: the US Military and Anti-US-Base Activism in Japan”. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (2021). \**Virtual format*
- “Trading with Pariahs: International Trade and North Korean Sanctions.” *with Keith Preble*. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (2021); New York State Political Science Association Annual Conference, Elmira, NY (2021). \**Virtual format*
- “The Life-Cycle of American Military Bases: Strategic Siting, Operation, Closure, and Conversion.” Pre-conference workshop, Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Kansas State University (2019).
- “Democratization and Anti-US Base Protest Movements in South Korea and the Philippines.” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC (2018); Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Biannual Meeting, Montreal, QC (2019).
- “Mobilizing Against the Military: An Analysis of Anti-US-Base Movements in Japan.” Northeast Workshop in Japanese Politics (NEWJP), Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH (2019); Institutions and Societies Graduate Student Conference, University at Albany, Albany, NY (2020); International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI (2020). \**Conference cancelled*
- “Right Frame, Right Time? An Analysis of Global Anti-American Military Base Activism.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (2019); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2019).
- “If the Lords Are So Revolting, Why Are Revolutions So Rare: The Peasant Game” *with Victor Asal, Nakissa Jahanbani, and Christopher Linebarger*. American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Mini-Conference, Washington, DC (2019).
- “Protest by Candlelight: A Comparative Analysis of Candlelight Vigils in South Korea, 2002-2017” *with Injeong Hwang*. Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC (2018).
- “A Matter of Lnd: A Spatial Analysis of Ethnic Mobilization in the Philippines” *with Nakissa Jahanbani*. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (2018); Minnesota Political Methodology Graduate Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2018).
- “Get Up, Stand Up: Teaching Students about the Challenges of Mobilization” *with Victor Asal and Nakissa Jahanbani*. American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Mini-Conference, Boston, MA (2018).
- “The “MAUP-et” Show: Exploring the Unboundedness of Non-State Units” *with Nakissa Jahanbani*. Spatial Mixed-Methods Workshop, University at Albany, Albany, NY (2018).
- “Patterns of Protest and Anti-US Base Activism in Japan and Okinawa.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2018).
- “Regressing repression: An analysis of civil unrest events and their effects on state uses of repression” *with Jiacheng Ren*. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2018).

- “Protesting While Threatened? A Study of Anti-US Base Mobilization in East Asia.” Institutions and Societies Graduate Student Conference, University at Albany, Albany, NY (2018).
- “Gaming Levels of Analysis” *with Victor Asal and Inga Miller*. American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, MD (2018).
- “Did 9/11 Change the Intensity and Spread of Terrorism?” *with Nakissa Jahanbani and Victor Asal*. “Is there an After After 9/11: Terrorism threats, challenges and responses” Workshop, The Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA (2018).
- “The EU, ASEAN, and Region-Building in Northeast Asia: A Comparative Study.” International Security Studies Section of ISA-International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA Conference, American University, Washington, DC (2017).
- “Civil Society Development and Democracy in South Korea and Japan.” New York State Political Science Association Annual Conference, Nazareth College, Rochester, NY (2017); Institutions and Societies Graduate Student Conference, University at Albany, Albany, NY (2016).

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS  
AND LECTURES

- “Gender in US Military Base Politics.” Albany Law School, April 2019; Albany Law School, April 2021. (*online*)
- “US Base Politics.” POS 499: International Politics of East Asia, University of Maine, November 2020. (*online*)
- “US Military Abroad.” RPOS 351: European Politics, University at Albany (SUNY), October 2020. (*online*)
- “Regionalism in Southeast Asia: ASEAN, ARF, APT, EAS.” RPOS 375: International Organization, University at Albany (SUNY), May 2020. (*online*)
- “The Right Frame of Mind?: An Analysis of Global Anti-US-Military Protests.” Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, April 2020. \*Talk cancelled due to pandemic
- “Supranationalism and Globalization: European Union.” RPOS 375: International Organization, University at Albany (SUNY), April 2020. (*online*)
- “Right Frame, Right Time? A Global study of anti-US military base mobilization.” RPOS 383: American Foreign Policy, University at Albany (SUNY), December 2019.
- “North Korea 101: Weapons Program and Foreign Relations.” Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center, May 2019.
- “UN Security Council and Peacekeeping.” Maine Model United Nations Conference, University of Southern Maine, May 2019.
- “Theories of Comparative Politics.” RPOS 102: Introduction to International Relations and Comparative Politics, University at Albany (SUNY), October 2018.
- “North Korea 101: Weapons Program and Foreign Relations.” Glen Eddy Assisted Living Facility, August 2017.
- “US Foreign Policy.” RPOS 101: Introduction to American Politics, University at Albany (SUNY), April 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS,  
ASSISTANTSHIPS,  
AND GRANTS

- Asia Fellow, American Political Science Association (2020-2021).
- Distinguished Service Professor David F. Andersen Scholarship, Rockefeller College of Public Administration and Policy, University at Albany (2020-2021).
- Field Research Fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) (2020-2021).
- Field Research Fellowship, Korea Foundation (2020-2021).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, International Studies Association (2020).
- Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) (2018-2019).
- PhD Political Science Assistantship, University at Albany (2015-2019).
- Graduate Student International Research Stipend, Rockefeller College of Public Administration and Policy, University at Albany (2016, 2018, 2019).
- Benevolent Association Research Grant, University at Albany (2019).
- Karen R. Hitchcock New Frontiers Fund Award, Initiatives for Women, University at Albany (2018, 2019).
- Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2019).
- Professional Development Grant, Graduate Student Association, University at Albany (2016-2019).
- Professional Development Award, Graduate Student Employees Union, University at Albany (2018, 2019).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2018).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) (2018).

LANGUAGE AND  
METHODS  
TRAINING

- Qualitative and mixed-methods  
Summer 2021: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at Syracuse University
- Intermediate proficiency in Korean  
Summer 2018: Seoul National University Intensive Korean Language Program
- Intermediate proficiency in Japanese  
Summer 2016: Ritsumeikan University Intensive Japanese Language Program

TEACHING

University of Maine:

- Instructor for POS 349: Topics in Comparative Politics (Contentious Politics) (Fall 2021)
- Instructor for POS 349: Topics in Comparative Politics (Nationalism and Nation-Building) (Spring 2021)

- Instructor for POS 241: Introduction to Comparative Politics (*Fall 2020*)

University at Albany, SUNY:

- Instructor for AEAK 389: N. Korea: History, Culture and Politics (*Spring 2021*)
- Instructor for RPOS 102: Introduction to International Relations and Comparative Politics (*Summer 2019, Winter 2020, Summer 2020, Winter 2021, Summer 2021*)
- Instructor for CEHC 310: Research Seminar in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (*Fall 2019*)
- Instructor for RPOS 361: Nationalism and Nation-Building (*Fall 2019*)
- Teaching Assistant for RPOS 102: Introduction to International Relations and Comparative Politics (*Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018*)  
Lead Teaching Assistant: (*Spring 2018, Fall 2018*)
- Teaching Assistant for RPOS 101: Introduction to American Politics (*Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017*)

#### SERVICE

- 2020-2021: Communications Officer, Sexuality and Politics Section, American Political Science Association
- 2019-2021: Social Media Coordinator, Executive Board, New York State Political Science Association
- 2017-2018: Chair, Graduate Association for Political Science, University at Albany
- 2016-2017: Vice-Chair, Graduate Association for Political Science, University at Albany

#### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *International Politics*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Asian Politics and Policy*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *New Political Science*

#### AWARDS

- 2018: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Political Science, University of Albany
- 2017: Outstanding Graduate Student Service to Rockefeller College, University of Albany

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
International Studies Association  
New York State Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association