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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2023

Dissertation: *Right Frame, Right Time: A Study of Anti-American Military Base Protests in East Asia*

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UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

M.A., Political Science, May 2020

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

M.A., International Affairs, May 2011

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

B.A., Political Science, August 2007

Study Abroad: Nagasaki University of Foreign Studies (Nagasaki, Japan)

ACADEMIC  
POSITIONS

■ **Skidmore College**

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023-2025*

■ **University at Albany**

*Adjunct Instructor, 2019-2023*

■ **University of Maine**

*Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2020-2022*

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- [Brian D. Greenhill](#) and Charmaine N. Willis. (2023). “States as Role Models: Why Some Countries’ Policies Matter More Than Others.” *International Studies Perspectives*.
- [Angela Pashayan](#), [E. Stefan Kehlenbach](#), [Huei-Jyun Ye](#), [Grace Mueller](#), and Charmaine N. Willis. (2023). “The Realities Facing Graduate Students: Before, During, and After the 2020 Covid Pandemic.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*.
- [Kenya Amano](#), [Melanie Sayuri Dominguez](#), [Timothy Fraser](#), [Etienne Gagnon](#), [Trevor Incerti](#), [Jinhyuk Jang](#), [Charles McClean](#), [Austin Mitchell](#), [Sayumi Miyano](#), [Colin Moreshead](#), [Harunobu Saijo](#), [Diana Stanescu](#), [Ayumi Teraoka](#), Charmaine N. Willis, [Yujin Woo](#), [Hikaru Yamagishi](#), and [Charles Crabtree](#). (2022). “Field Research When There Is Limited Access to the Field: Lessons from Japan.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 56 (1): 99-105.

- Ezgi Irgil, Anne-Kathrin Kreft, Myunghee Lee, Charmaine N. Willis, and Kelebogile Zvobgo. (2021). "Field Research: A Graduate Student's Guide." *International Studies Review* 23 (4): 1495-1517.
- 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* 34 (8): 1774-1796.
- 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* 54 (2): 331-335.
- Injeong Hwang and Charmaine N. Willis. (2020). "Protest by Candlelight: A Comparative Analysis of Candlelight Vigils in South Korea." *Journal of Civil Society* 16 (3): 260-272.
- 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, Charmaine Willis, and Donnett Lee (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* 22 (4): 998-1000.
- 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.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Paddling the Pupils: The Legality (or Not) of Corporal Punishment in Schools" (with Lucy Sorenson, Victor Asal, and Melissa Breger), (*forthcoming*) in *Children's Rights in Crisis: Global and Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, ed. Salvador Santino F. Regilme Jr.

- “International Studies in Action: A Guide to Using Simulations in Political Science” (with [Joseph W. Roberts](#), and Victor Asal, (*forthcoming*) in *The Oxford Handbook of International Studies Pedagogy*, eds. Mark A. Boyer, David J. Hornsby, and Heather A. Smith.
- “Abstract Blitzing and Beyond: Teaching Political Methodology” (with Victor Asal and [Reyhan Topal](#)), in *Teaching Graduate Political Methodology*, eds. Mitchell Brown, Shane Nordyke, and Cameron G. Thies. 2022.
- “Fieldwork for Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers: A Practical Guide” (with Kelebogile Zvobgo, Myunghee Lee, Anne-Kathrin Kreft, and Ezgi Irgil), in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*, eds. Kevin G. Lorentz II, Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan. 2022.

BOOK  
MANUSCRIPTS IN  
PROGRESS

- “[Trading with Pariahs: Trade Networks and the Failure of Economic Sanctions](#)” (with [Keith Preble](#)). *Forthcoming*. Lexington Books.
- “Right Frame, Right Time: Anti-Militarization Protests in East Asia.”

WORKING PAPERS

- “Not All Boats Float on the Rising Tide: Democratization and Anti-US-Base Protest Movements in South Korea and the Philippines.”
- “The Enemy of My Enemy: Threat Perception and Public Support for the US Military in South Korea and Japan” (with Myunghee Lee and Charles Crabtree).
- “Sitting on a Nickel Mine: A Spatial Analysis of Ethnic Mobilization in the Philippines” (with Nakissa Jahanbani).
- “PrayforMarawi: Global Reactions to the 2017 Marawi Siege” with [Asif Nawaz](#) and [Amira Jadoon](#)
- “Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Contemporary Resistance to the US Military in the Philippines.”

AWARDS

- 2023: Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Foreign Policy Section, American Political Science Association
- 2018: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in Political Science, University of Albany
- 2017: Outstanding Graduate Student Service to Rockefeller College, University of Albany

PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT

- Keith Preble and Charmaine Willis (2024). “[How Russia has managed to shake off the impact of sanctions – with a little help from its friends.](#)” The Conversation.

- Charmaine Willis and Keith Preble (2024). “3 years on from coup, economic sanctions look unlikely to push Myanmar back to democracy.” *The Conversation*.
- Charmaine Willis, Nakissa Jahanbani, and Amira Jadoon (2021). “Recent Trends in Women and Militancy in Transnational Jihadist Groups in Southeast Asia.” *Analyzing War*.
- Kimberly Turner and Charmaine Willis (2020). “Unexpected Impacts: Cooperation and Conflict in Times of COVID-19.” *The Globe Post*.
- Keith Preble and Charmaine Willis (2021). “Episode 19 - Keith Preble and Charmaine Willis on Economic Sanctions, Weaponized Interdependence, and North Korea.” *PoLit Podcast*.
- Charmaine Willis (2020). “Revealing Hidden Injustices: The Filipino Struggle against U.S. Military Presence.” *Minds of the Movement, International Center for Nonviolent Conflict*.
- 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 (2018). “‘Great Deceptions’ and Midterms: Status of North Korean Denuclearization.” *The Globe Post*.
- 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*.

REFEREED  
MANUSCRIPTS

- Nakissa P. Jahanbani and Charmaine N. Willis (2021). “Exploring the Boundaries of Non-State Units: Using Qualitative Techniques for Spatial Analysis.” *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*.
- 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*.
- Amira Jadoon, Nakissa Jahanbani, and Charmaine Willis (2018). “Challenging the ISK Brand in Afghanistan-Pakistan: Rivalries and Divided Loyalties.” *CTC Sentinel*.

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

- 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).

SELECTED  
CONFERENCE AND  
WORKSHOP  
PARTICIPATION

- Charmaine Willis (2020). “H-Diplo Roundtable XXI-27: Teaching Nationalism in IR.” H-Diplo.
- “Preventing or Perpetuating Terror? Counter-Terrorism Legislation and Protest Repression.” *with Rosalie Rubio and Nakissa Jahanbani*. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2024).
- “A ‘Boomerang’ of a Different Kind: UNESCO Recognition and Resistance to the US Military in Okinawa.” American Anthropological Association/Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (2023); International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (2024); New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Albany, NY (2024).
- “No Bases, No Problems? Sex Work, Crime, and Activism after US Base Closure” *with Karl Gerrard T. See*. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (2023).
- “Basing and Busting: The Impacts of Military Alliances on Sanctions-Busting Trade” *with Keith Preble*. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (2023).
- “PrayforMarawi: Global Reactions to the 2017 Marawi Siege” *with Asif Nawaz and Amira Jadoon*. International Studies Association Virtual Conference (2023).
- “Degrees of Visibility and Historical Narratives: Anti-Military Protests in South Korea.” George Washington University Institute for Korean Studies, Graduate Student Research and Publication Workshop (2023); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2023); US Army War College, Conference on Civil-Military Relations, Carlisle, PA (2023).
- “Author Meets Critics: Claudia Junghyun Kim’s Base Towns: Local Contestation of the U.S. Military in Korea and Japan.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2023).
- “Framing the Conversation: Anti-Militarization Movements in Jeju and Okinawa” *with Kimberly Turner*. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC (2023).
- “Authors Meet Critics: Michael Allen, Michael Flynn, Carla Martinez Machain, and Andrew Stravers’s Beyond the Wire: US Military Deployments and Host Country Public Opinion.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC (2023).
- “When Weaponized Interdependence Falter: The Case of Sanctions against Myanmar and Cuba” *with Keith Preble*. Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research, South Bend, IN (2022); International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (2022).
- “Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Contemporary Resistance to the US Military in the Philippines.” Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Biannual Meeting, Quebec City, QC (2023); Philippine Studies Conference in Japan, Tokyo, Japan (2022); American Political Science Association in Asia Workshop, Bangkok, Thailand (2022); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC (2022).

- “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).
- “Framing the Conversation: the US Military and Anti-US-Base Activism in Japan.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV (2021); Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series (2021).
- “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); Asian Politics Online Seminar Series (2021); Pacific International Politics Conference Speaker Series (2021).
- “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).
- “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).
- “Sitting on a Nickel Mine: 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); International Studies Association, Montreal, QC (2023).

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS  
AND LECTURES

- “Candlelight Vigils in South Korea.” PIA 2476 Nonviolent Resistance Movements, University of Pittsburgh, October 2023.
- “Anti-US-Base Movements.” PIA 2476 Nonviolent Resistance Movements, University of Pittsburgh, September 2023.
- “Framing the Conversation: Anti-US-Military Activism and Discourse in Japan and the Philippines.” Waseda University, June 2022.
- “Framing the Conversation: Anti-US-Military Activism and Discourse in Japan and the Philippines.” Toyo University, June 2022.
- “When Disaster Strikes: Pivoting Your Research During a Pandemic.” New York Southeast Asia Network Public Universities Consortium, April 2021.
- “Gender in US Military Base Politics.” Albany Law School, April 2019; Albany Law School, April 2021.
- “US Base Politics.” POS 499: International Politics of East Asia, University of Maine, November 2020.

- “US Military Abroad.” RPOS 351: European Politics, University at Albany (SUNY), October 2020.
- “Right Frame, Right Time? A Global study of anti-US military base mobilization.” RPOS 383: American Foreign Policy, University at Albany (SUNY), December 2019.

EXTERNAL  
GRANTS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

- Travel and Accessibility Grant, Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals in the Profession, American Political Science Association (2023).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, Foreign Policy Section, American Political Science Association (2022).
- Research Grant for *Trading with Pariahs: The Failure of Economic Statecraft in a Weaponized Interdependent World*, American Political Science Association Centennial Center (with Keith A. Preble) (Spring 2022).
- Asia Workshops Alumni Professional Development Grants, American Political Science Association (2021-2022).
- Field Research Fellowship, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (2021-2022).
- Asia Fellowship, American Political Science Association (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).
- Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2019).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2018), (2022-2023).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG) (2018).

INTERNAL GRANTS  
AND FELLOWSHIPS

- “Africana Studies and the Humanities at Skidmore: Transnational Explorations in Social Justice” Mellon Grant Faculty Student Summer Research Program Award for *Environmental Justice and the US Military*, Skidmore College (2024).
- Faculty Research Initiative Grant for *The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend: Threat Perception and Public Support for the US Military in Asia*, Skidmore College (2024).
- Faculty Development Grant, Skidmore College (2023-2024).
- Anna Boochever deBeer Scholarship, Rockefeller College of Public Administration and Policy, University at Albany (2022-2023).
- Distinguished Service Professor David F. Andersen Scholarship, Rockefeller College of Public Administration and Policy, University at Albany (2020-2021).

- 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).
- Professional Development Grant, Graduate Student Association, University at Albany (2016-2019).
- Professional Development Award, Graduate Student Employees Union, University at Albany (2018, 2019).

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

Skidmore College:

- Instructor for PL 366: Global Militarization and the Politics of Empire
- Instructor for PL 228: US Foreign Policy
- Instructor for PL 103: Introduction to Comparative and International Politics (Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024)
- Instructor for PL 365: East Asian Politics (Fall 2023, Fall 2024)

Brandeis University, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (BOLLI)

- Digital Fellow, Trading with Pariahs: History and Impact of Economic Sanctions (with Keith Preble) (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

University of Maine:

- Instructor for INA 101: Introduction to International Affairs (with Asif Nawaz) (Spring 2022)
- 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, Spring 2024*)
- Instructor for RPOS 102: Introduction to International Relations and Comparative Politics (*Summer 2019, Winter 2020, Summer 2020, Winter 2021, Summer 2021, Summer 2023*)
- Instructor for CEHC 310: Research Seminar in Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (*Fall 2019*)
- Instructor for RPOS 362: Nationalism and Nation-Building (*Fall 2019, Winter 2022*)

#### SERVICE

- 2022-2024: Co-founder, Korean Political Studies Colloquium (Sponsored by the Association of Korean Political Studies (AKPS))
- 2021-2022: Member, New York Southeast Asia Network Public Universities Consortium
- 2020-2023: 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

#### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Discussant for Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference: 2022, 2023
- Reviewer for *American Political Science Review, Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, Asian Politics and Policy, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Potentia: Journal of International Affairs, International Interactions, International Politics, International Security, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Review, New Political Science, Political Analysis, Politics, Groups, and Identities, PS: Political Science and Politics, Social Movement Studies*

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
 International Studies Association  
 Midwest Political Science Association