

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2016** Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin.
Dissertation title: “Global and Local Civil Society and State Repression in Conflict Areas”
- 2013** Teaching Scholars Certificate Seminar from the University of Texas at Austin
Learning Sciences
- 2010** M.A. in History at the Hebrew University
Thesis: “Peripheral Sources of Power and their Effect on the Center.”
- 2007** B.A. (Joint Major) in History, Sociology and Anthropology at the Hebrew University.

Professional Employment

- 2018-.** Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work at Texas Tech University.
- 2017-.** Director of the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Laboratory
- 2016-2018.** Lecturer at the Sociology Department at the University of Texas at Austin.
- 2015.** Instructor at the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013-2016.** Instructor at the Sociology Department at the University of Texas at Austin.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Articles:

- 2022.** Jaster, Daniel, Ori, Swed, and Bruno Frere. “The critical masses: the rise of contemporary populism and its relation to solidarity, systems, and lifeworlds” *Society*.
- 2022.** Chavez, Kerry, and Ori Swed. “Conflict Contagion Via Weapons Proliferation Out of Collapsed States” *Small Wars & Insurgencies*.
- 2022.** Swed Ori. “The Afghanistan War’s Legacy: The Reimagining of the Outsourcing of War and Security” *Armed Forces and Society*.
- 2021.** Swed Ori. “Implausible sovereigns and their organizational logic: violent non-state actors’ response to COVID-19” *Small Wars & Insurgencies*.
- 2021.** Swed Ori, and Adam Materne “No Accounting for Bad Contractors: Ineffective Regulation in the Contracted Security Apparatus” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 1-27
- 2020.** Kerry Chavez and Ori Swed. “The Proliferation of Drones to Violent Nonstate Actors” *Defence Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14702436.2020.1848426>

- 2020.** Swed Ori, and Burland, Daniel. “Contractors in Iraq: Exploited Class or an Exclusive Club?” *Armed Forces & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X20927471>
- 2020.** Swed Ori. “Breaking the order: The intended and unintended consequences of countersurveillance.” *Surveillance & Society*. 18, .1: 48-60.
- 2020.** Kerry Chavez and Ori Swed. “Off the Shelf: The violent nonstate actor drone threat” *Air & Space Power Journal*. 34 (3): 29-43.
- 2018.** Swed Ori, Jae Kwon, Bryan Feldscher, and Thomas Crosbie. “The Corporate War Dead: New Perspectives on the Demographics of American and British Contractors” *Armed Forces & Society*. 46. 1: 3-24. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0095327X18809069>
- 2018.** Swed Ori, Connor McDevitt Sheehan, and John S. Butler. “The Digital Divide and Veterans’ Health: Differences in Self-Reported Health by Internet Usage.” *Armed Forces & Society* 46. 2: 238-258
- 2018.** Swed Ori. “Promoting Human Rights Under Fire: INGOs’ mitigating effect on human rights violations during armed conflict” *Social Science Research* Vol 75: 1-12
- 2017.** Swed Ori and Thomas Crosbie. “Private Security and Military Contractors: A Troubling Oversight.” *Sociology Compass* 11.11. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12512>
- 2016.** Ilana Shpaizman, Ori Swed, and Ami Pedhazur. “Changing the status quo inch by inch: Policy entrepreneurs in the Holy Basin of Jerusalem.” *Public Administration*.
- 2015.** Swed Ori and Alex Weinreb. “Military Westernization and State Repression in the Post-Cold War Era” *Social Science Research* Vol 53: 270–287
- 2015.** Swed Ori and John S. Butler. “Military Capital in the Israeli Hi-Tech Industry” *Armed Forces & Society* 41.1: 123-141

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming.** Andrew Paul Davis, and Ori Swed. “Hate Crimes and the LGBTQ+ Community” In *Dimensions of Crime as a Social Problem*. Carolina Academic Press.
- Forthcoming.** Kerry Chavez and Ori Swed. “The Malign Nonstate Drone Threat: Causes, Characteristics, and Implications” In *The De Gruyter Handbook on Drone Warfare*. De Gruyter.
- 2021.** Swed Ori, and Andrew Paul Davis. In “The profile of the American domestic terrorist” *Terrorism inside American Borders*. Rowman and Littlefield.
- 2021.** Swed Ori and Kerry Chavez. “Between Scylla and Charybdis: The Threat of Democratized Artificial Intelligence” In *Towards an International Political Economy of Artificial Intelligence*. Springer.
- 2020.** Swed Ori and Samuel Fletcher S. “Resisting or Appropriating: Two approaches in the study of aid, violent non-state actors, and governance.” In *Hybrid Governance in the Middle East and Africa*. Routledge.
- 2020.** Swed Ori. “War and Terrorism”. In *Investigating Social Problems*. Sage.
- 2020.** Swed Ori. When Ideology Replace the Market: Gentrification in East Jerusalem. In *Gentrification around the World: Gentrifiers and the Displaced*. Palgrave-Macmillan.
- 2018.** Butler S. John, Bryan Stephens, Ori Swed. “Who are the Private Military and Security Contractors? A window to a new profession”. *The Sociology of Privatized Security*. Palgrave-Macmillan.
- 2018.** Thomas Crosbie and Swed Ori. Sociology and the Privatization of Security and Military Affairs *The Sociology of Privatized Security*. Palgrave-Macmillan.

2018. Swed Ori and Thomas Crosbie. *Trendlines: Privatization and the Future of War and Security. The Sociology of Privatized Security*. Palgrave-Macmillan.

Other Peer-Review and Reports

2021. Swed Ori, and Daniel Burland. “Cyber Mercenaries: Review of the Cyber and Intelligence PMSC Market” *Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, the United Nations*.
<https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Mercenaries/WGMercenaries/Pages/Report-Cyber-Mercenaries-2021.aspx>

2020. Swed, Ori, and Burland, Daniel. “Outsourcing War and Security”. In *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Military in Politics*. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1925>

2020. Swed Ori, and Daniel Burland. “The Global Expansion of PMSCs: Trends, Opportunities, and Risks” *Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, the United Nations*.
<https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Mercenaries/WG/ImmigrationAndBorder/swed-burland-submission.pdf>

Books and Manuscripts

2018. Edited Volume. Swed Ori and Thomas Crosbie. *The Sociology of Privatized Security*. Palgrave-Macmillan

Other Publications

2022. Kerry Chavez and Ori Swed. “Weak States and Loose Arms: Lessons and Warnings from Afghanistan to Ukraine” *War on the Rocks*

2022. **Op Ed.** Swed, Ori. “Activism: Helping Ukraine” *Conflict(ed)*.

2021. **Op Ed.** Swed, Ori. “Did the Taliban Change? Women’s Rights and the Pursuit of Legitimacy” *Conflict(ed)*.

2021. **Book Review.** Swed Ori. “The Lessons We Learned from Modern War” *Contemporary Sociology*. 50, 5: 430

2021. **Op Ed.** Swed, Ori. “Did the Taliban Change? Women’s Rights and the Pursuit of Legitimacy” *Conflict(ed)*.

2021. **Op Ed.** Swed, Ori. “Outsourcing Security, Outsourcing Sacrifice” *Conflict(ed)*.

2021. **Op Ed.** Swed, Ori. “War as a Social Phenomenon” *Conflict(ed)*.

2020. **Op Ed.** Kerry Chavez and Ori Swed. “An Allegory of the Cave: Terrorist Drones and the Offense-Defense Dialectic” *United States Army War College: War Room*.

2020. Swed Ori. The path to outsourcing security in Southeast Asia. *NYU SPS CGA Working Paper No. 2/2020*.

2020. **Op Ed.** Swed, Ori. “In Favor of an Indirect Approach” *Blink the blog of ‘surveillance & society*.

2019. **Book Review.** Swed Ori. “Revolution without Revolutionaries: Making Sense of the Arab Spring” *Contemporary Sociology*. Vol 48, Issue 5

- 2019. Op Ed.** Swed, Ori, Thomas Crosbie. "Who are the private contractors fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan? An inside look at this invisible military force" *The Conversation*. March 14.
- 2017. Book Review.** Swed Ori. "Human Rights." *Journal of Global Analysis*.
- 2014. Book Review.** Swed Ori. "How 9/11 Changed our Ways of War" in *Res Militaris*. Vol 4.2: 295-298.
- 2014.** Swed Ori. "NGOs in Conflict: A 'Third Actor' and its Effects on Human Rights" in *Israel Institute Vol. 1*: 16-18
- 2010. Book Review.** Swed Ori. "Renan and Sand: Literature Review on Nationality and Jewish Identity." *Pikpuk- The Sociology Journal of the Hebrew University*. Vol. 16. (February): 14-17 (in Hebrew).
- 2009. Op Ed.** Swed Ori. "From Crucifixion to Hibernation: Fantasy and pain in the movie *Waltz with Bashir*" *Slil* Volume (Summer): 66-74. (in Hebrew).
- 2009. Op Ed.** Swed Ori. "The Changing of The Guard in The Late 19th Century Balance of Forces: The Far East as a Case Study." *Hazira Ha'istorit* 1(2): 18-33. (in Hebrew).

Papers Under Review

- R&R.** Swed Ori. "Where the Bombs Fell: Measuring Compliance with Humanitarian Treaties"
- R&R.** Sachit, Eranga; Swed, Ori; Dimitri, Volchenkov. "Revealing the Structure of the Russian Information Operation Network on Twitter using a Predictive Model"
- R&R.** Chavez, Kerry, and Ori Swed. "The Empirical Determinants of Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Adoption"
- R&R.** Swed Ori and Sinisa Malesevic "War, Violence, and the Military"
- Payne Corey, and Ori Swed. "Disentangling the US Military's Climate Change Paradox"
- Swed, Ori; Sachit, Eranga; Dimitri, Volchenkov. "Keeping it Authentic: The Social Footprint of the Trolls' Network"
- Swed Ori "Contractors' Professionalism and Civilian Casualties"
- Swed, Ori, and Daniel Jaster. "Protecting the Sovereign: Privatizing Security Options as a Castling Strategy"

Patents

- Swed Ori, Ioana Coman, Tommy Dang. Cyber Information Operation Fake News Detection on Twitter. Proof of Concept Stage. Submitted to the Patent Office at TTU 2020.
- Swed Ori, Dimitri Volchenkov, and Isuru Dassanayake. A Probabilistic Prediction Tool for The Presidential Elections in the United States. Proof of Concept Stage. Submitted to the Patent Office at TTU 2020.

Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

- 2022** PREDOC RA award
- 2021** Mortar Board Apple Polishing Award.
- 2020** Gerda Henkel Stiftung Foundation.
- 2020** Humanities Center's Alumni College competition.

2019	IIE Faculty Fellowship.
2017	Faculty Innovation Award.
2017	Eastern Sociological Society Travel Grant.
2012-2016	Professional Development Award.
2013-15	Israel Institute Doctoral Fellowship.
2014	The Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship.
2013	The 2013 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.
2012	Pass with Honors on the General Examination in Political Sociology.
2008-2009	Damascus Jewry Organization in Israel Fellowship.
2006	Ministry of Education Award.
2005	Excellence in Service Scholarship.

Papers Under Preparation

Jeffery Baptist, Ori Swed. "The Disinformation Machine" a book manuscript. – on Russian information operations

Ori Swed. "Evolving and constant: A review of the characteristics of the Russian information operations"- on the characteristics of the Russian information operation apparatus

Ori Swed. "From heroes to villains: online outlook of Blackwater and the PMSC industry" – on public opinion and the usage of PMSCs

Swed, Ori, Iona, Coman, Nihar, Sreepada, Uyanga, Bazaa, Tommy, Dang. "Hard to Fake: The Limitations of Fake News Camouflage"

Ori Swed, Ioana Coman, Tommy Dang. "Cyber Information Operation Detection"- on detecting cyber operations

Dimitri Volchenkov, Isuru Dassanayake, Ori Swed. "Political Crisis Index"- on creating an index to the stock exchange

Ori Swed, Dimitri Volchenkov, Tommy Dang. "Prediction and Management of Conflict Escalation in Asymmetric Conflict" – on artificial intelligent predictive models of conflict escalation

Ori Swed, Dimitri Volchenkov, Tommy Dang. "Conflict Dynamics Modeling" – on creating a conflict dynamic modeling based on digitized data from the Vietnam War

Ori Swed, Dimitri Volchenkov, Tommy Dang "Forecasting Domestic Terrorism: Using Hate Crime Incidents Clusters to Identify Potential Domestic Terrorism Organizations Activity" – creating an alert system of hate crime based on big data

Ori Swed. "The popular definition of terrorism" – on popular understanding of what terrorism is

Ori Swed and Nicholas Reith. "The local process of revolutions" – on the tribal aspect of Middle Eastern revolutions

Ori Swed and Eleanor Knuston. "The State and Other Entities: Monopolizing the Legitimate Private Usage of Force" – on who control the market for force

Ori Swed, Martha Smithy, Luis Ramirez, and. "Policing and safety in campus" -assessment of campus security

Ori Swed, Jeffery Baptist. "Online eco systems: messages amplification and reverberation of key individuals within false Twitter persona networks" – on the 2016 Russian information operation

Ori Swed. "Hi-End Security Services, Weak Regulation, and Threat to Civil Society"- on the usage of PMSC domestically

Ori Swed, and Dan Jaster. "Prefigurative Logic of Terrorist Organizations' Behavior"- on Terrorists' ideological perspective

Ori Swed. “Does Terrorist Attacks Attract International Attention?” on the link between media attention to terrorists’ behavior

Teaching Experience

- 2022. Summer.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2022. Summer.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Nonstate Actors in Security Settings*. Political Science Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2022. Summer.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Global Crime*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2022. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2022. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Issues in Peace, War, & Social Conflict*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2022. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Pandemic & Society*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2022. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Contemporary Trends in Terrorism*. Political Science Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Fall.** Teaching the graduate course: *Terrorist Organizations*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Fall.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Pandemic & Society*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Fall.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Terrorism & Society*. Political Science Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Fall.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Summer II.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Global Crime*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Summer II.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Summer II.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Terrorism & Society*. Political Science Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Summer I.** Teaching a study abroad course: *Global Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Issues in Peace, War, & Social Conflict*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Terrorism & Society*. Political Science Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2021. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Pandemic & Society*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2020. Fall.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Introduction to Sociology*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2020. Fall.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Pandemic & Society*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.

- 2020. Summer.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2020. Summer.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Terrorism & Society*. Political Science Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2020. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2020. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Terrorism & Society*. Political Science Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2020. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Issues in Peace, War, & Social Conflict*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University
- 2019. Fall.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Issues in Peace, War, & Social Conflict*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University
- 2019. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Issues in Peace, War, & Social Conflict*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University
- 2019. Spring.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Criminology*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2018. Fall.** Teaching the graduate course: *Terrorism and Organizations*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2018. Fall.** Teaching the undergraduate course: *Sociology of Terrorism*. Sociology Department, Texas Tech University.
- 2018. Spring.** Lecturer for the undergraduate course: *NGOs Humanitarian Aid & Health*. Health and Society Program, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018. Spring.** Lecturer for the undergraduate course: *Terrorist Organizations and Health*. Health and Society Program, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018. Spring.** Lecturer for the upper division undergraduate course: *War & Health*. Health and Society Program, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017. Fall.** Lecturer for the upper division undergraduate course: *War & Health*. Health and Society Program, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017. Fall.** Lecturer for the undergraduate course: *NGOs Humanitarian Aid & Health*. Health and Society Program, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017. Summer.** Lecturer for the conference course: *The Sociology of the Privatization of Security*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017. Spring.** Lecturer for the undergraduate course: *Comparative Religion, Culture, and Politics*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2017. Spring.** Lecturer for the undergraduate course: *NGOs Humanitarian Aid & Health*. Health and Society Program, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016. Fall.** Lecturer for the undergraduate course: *Comparative Religion, Culture, and Politics*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016. Fall.** Lecturer for the undergraduate course: *War & Health*. Health and Society Program, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016. Summer.** Instructor for the undergraduate course: *Introduction to the Study of Society*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016. Spring.** Instructor for the undergraduate course: *Comparative Religion, Culture, and Politics*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016. Spring.** Organizer and lecturer in a Mixed Method Workshop. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

- 2015. Fall.** Instructor the undergraduate course: *Comparative Religion, Culture, and Politics*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2015. Summer.** Teaching-Assistant for Dr. Hossain Haghshenas, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin for *Introduction to the Study of Society* course.
- 2015. Spring.** Lecturer for the course: *NGOs in Israel and Northern Ireland: Aid in Conflict Areas*, for upper-division level at Israel Studies. What institution?
- 2014. Fall.** Instructor on Record for the undergraduate course: *Social Change and the Future*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2014 Summer.** Instructor on Record for the graduate course: *Religion and Global Change*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013 Fall.** Instructor on Record for the undergraduate course: *Comparative Religion, Culture, and Politics*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013 Spring.** Instructor on Record for the undergraduate course: *Social Change and the Future*. Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2012. Spring.** Teaching-Assistant for Dr. Brian Roberts, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin for *Sociological Theory* course.
- 2011. Spring.** Teaching-Assistant for Dr. Mark Warr, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin for *Criminology* course.
- 2010. Fall.** Teaching-Assistant for Dr. Robert Crosnoe, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin for *Intro to Sociology* course.

Professional Service and Experience

- 2022.** Elected Chair of the ASA Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section
- 2022.** Served as a member in a faculty recruitment committee
- 2022.** Security consulting for WeThink
- 2022.** MA Thesis Chair, Sociology Department
- 2022.** MA Thesis Committee Member, Political Science Department
- 2022.** BA Thesis Committee Member, Sociology Department
- 2021.** Served as a peer reviewer for *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- 2021.** Served as a peer reviewer for *Journal of Historical Sociology*
- 2021-.** Dissertation Committee Co-Chair for three students, Mathematical Department
- 2020-2022.** Chair of the Sociology PhD program
- 2020-.** Editor and creator of the blog [Conflict\(ed\)](#) that is associated with the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section
- 2020.** Dissertation Committee Member, Mathematical Department
- 2020.** Radio spots with KTTZ-FM on my project on the Political Crisis Index
- 2020-.** Member of the Editorial Board of *Social Science Research*
- 2020.** Served as a peer reviewer for *Scandinavian Journal of Military Studies*
- 2020.** Chair for two Graduate Students Theses
- 2020.** Dean's Representative on a PhD Thesis Defense
- 2020.** Member of COVID-19 daily assessment team, Israel
- 2020.** Establishing the [Website](#) for the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section
- 2020.** Mentoring students. Peace, War, & Social Conflict section in ASA
- 2020.** Creating the Terrorists' Drone Dataset in collaboration with Kerry Chavez
- 2020.** Creating the Global Private Military and Security Dataset

2019-2021. Communication manager for *Armed Forces & Society*

2019-. Council member of the Peace War and Social Conflict Section in ASA

2019-. Communication manager for the Peace War and Social Conflict Section in ASA

2018-. Member of the Editorial Board of *Armed Forces & Society*

2017-. Director of the [Peace, War, & Social Conflict Laboratory](#)

2019. Dean's Representative on a PhD Thesis Defense

2019. Mentoring students. Peace, War, & Social Conflict section in ASA

2019. Mentoring students. Mideast Sociological Society

2019. Mentoring students. Eastern Sociological Society

2018. Creating the PMSC Misconduct Dataset

2018. Mentoring students. Peace, War, & Social Conflict section in ASA

2018. Creating the Corporate War Dead Dataset

2017-2018. The sociology department internship coordinator.

2017. Reader for undergraduate thesis.

2017. Mentoring undergraduate students in internship courses

2017. Mentoring undergraduate students on summer research projects

2017. Running an outreach program creating research, teaching, and internship opportunities for Health & Society's students in the Austin NGO community

2017. Served as a peer reviewer for the *Democracy & Security*

2017. Creating the website for the Peace, War, and Social Conflict section in ASA

2017. Serving as director of communication for the Peace, War, and Social Conflict section in ASA

2017. Serving as a session organizer for the Peace, War, and Social Conflict section in ASA

2017. Discussant at the Eastern Sociological Society Conference 2017

2016. June. Participation in the Israeli Institute Leadership Summit

2016-. Served as a peer reviewer for *Social Science Research*

2015. Served as a peer reviewer for the *Journal of Economics and International Finance*

2011-15. Research-assistant for Dr. John S. Butler at the IC2 Institute at the University of Texas at Austin on several topics, the latest is "Information Poverty and the Welfare System: an examination of veterans benefits' use" focusing on the correlation between income and information poverty and the usage of veteran benefits

2014. June. Participation in the Israeli Institute Leadership Summit

2014. March. Participation in Duty to Care Symposium workshop. CSIS. Washington, DC

2014. Mentoring at the Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre Grad Internship program. During this program I mentored undergraduate students, helping with research design, building theoretical framework, and data collection

2013-. Served as a peer reviewer for *Armed Forces & Society*

2013-2014. Served as a peer reviewer for *Law & Social Inquiry*

2013 Summer. Field research in Israel for a study on the political geography of East Jerusalem in cooperation with Dr. Ami Pedhazur from the Government Department and the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas at Austin

2013. April. Participation in the Terrorists, Insurgents, and Guerrillas (TIGER) lab workshop

2012 December. Preliminary field research in Israel for a study on the political geography of East Jerusalem in cooperation with Dr. Ami Pedhazur from the Government Department and the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas at Austin

- 2011.** Creation of Counterinsurgency Dynamics in the Second Intifada Data Base (COINDY) Collaborated with Dr. Alex Weinreb from the Sociology Department at the University of Texas at Austin
- 2011.** Field research in Israel on the military capital and the local high-tech industry. With the cooperation and support of Dr. John Butler from the Business School of the University of Texas at Austin
- 2006-2009.** Research Assistant for Dr. Alexander Weinreb, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Hebrew University. The first year was primarily focused on the historical representation of sub-Saharan Africa (e.g., ancient, medieval, and early modern pictures). The second year and third years were primarily spent identifying, sorting and coding epidemics
- 2008-2009.** Founder and chief editor of the student internet periodical *The Historical Arena*, that addresses military history issues
- 2007 (August – September).** Directed a pilot study in a rural area of Central Malawi involving the collection of social interaction diaries (PI was Dr. Alexander Weinreb from the Sociology Department at the Hebrew University)

Research Presentation

- 2022. April.** “The usage of the term “terrorists” in the Russian 2016 information operation” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Birmingham, Alabama, USA
- 2022. April.** “The Rise of Contemporary Populism and Its Relation to Complexity, Systems, and Lifeworlds” 2022 MSS Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, USA
- 2022. March.** “Implausible Sovereigns and Public Health: Violent Non-State Actors’ Response to COVID-19” ISA 2022 Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, USA
- 2022. March.** “Drone Webs: The Diffusion of UAV Innovation via Social Networks” ISA 2022 Annual Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, USA
- 2022. March.** “Monopolizing the Legitimate Private Usage of Force.” Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA, USA
- 2022. February.** “Identify the actors in the Russian Information Operation Networks and Three-Dimensional Geometric Visualization of Activities” American Statistical Association Conference on Statistical Practice
- 2022. January.** “Mapping the Russian Information Operation Networks to a Neural Network predictive model” The Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio, Texas
- 2022. January.** “Elections and Political Violence in Africa” The Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting 2022, San Antonio, Texas
- 2021. December.** “The emerging Security Threat of the Proliferation of Drone Technology” WeTHINK.eu UAV/UGVs and Near Future Conflicts Group Meeting, Online
- 2021. November.** “Classifying the Actors of the Information Operation Networks through a Machine Learning Technique” The 4th Annual Meeting of the SIAM Texas-Louisiana Section (TXLA21), University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, USA
- 2021. November.** “Hard to Fake: The limitation of fake news camouflage” ISA IS-ISSS Bloomington 2021
- 2021. October.** “Who Controls the Market for Force?” 2021 IUS International Conference

- 2021. October.** “Evolving and Constant: A Review of the Characteristics of the Russian Information Operations” 2021 IUS International Conference
- 2021. October.** “A Machine Learning Technique to Categorize the Russian Information Operation Networks” Conference of Texas Statisticians, Texas Tech University, USA
- 2021. September.** “Using a Predictive Model to Map the Russian Information Operation Networks” 17th Applied Statistics 2021 conference, Statistical Society of Slovenia, Slovenia
- 2021. September.** “Revealing the Russian Information Operation Networks structure using a predictive model” The 44th SIAM Southeastern Atlantic Section Conference, Auburn University, USA
- 2021. July.** “The malign use of drones by non-state actors: vulnerabilities and future threats” Vulnerabilities of the Drone Age, NATO workshop.
- 2021. January.** “The Empirical Determinants of Violent Nonstate Actor Drone Adoption” Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2020. November.** “Information Operations Network Structure” Virtual Coffee Meeting. Peace, War, & Social Conflict Section.
- 2020. August.** “Online echo systems: messages amplification and reverberation of key individuals within false Twitter persona networks” ASA, San Francisco, California.
- 2020. August.** “No Accounting for Bad Contractors: Ineffective Regulation in the Contracted Security Apparatus” ASA, San Francisco, California.
- 2020. April.** “Composite reality and unvaried safe interpretation: Towards a theory of the rise of contemporary populism, 2016-2019” MSS, Omaha, Nebraska. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020. April.** “Online echo systems: messages amplification and reverberation of key individuals within false Twitter persona networks” MSS, Omaha, Nebraska. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020. April.** “The State and Other Entities: Monopolizing the Legitimate Private Usage of Force” MSS, Omaha, Nebraska. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020. March.** “Online echo systems: messages amplification and reverberation of key individuals within false Twitter persona networks” SSS, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2020. March.** “The State and Other Entities: Monopolizing the Legitimate Private Usage of Force” SSS, Jacksonville, Florida. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020. March.** “State-Making versus State-Breaking: From Monopoly of Violence to Small Arms Market in Collapsed Libya” ISA Annual Convention Honolulu 2020, Hawaii. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2020. January.** “Beyond Compliance with IHL: Exploring Treaty Management” 2020 Southern Political Science Association meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2019. December.** “The Path to Outsourcing Security in South East Asia” Armed Forces, State, and Society in Southeast Asia, New York University, New York City, New York.
- 2019. November.** “No Accounting for Bad Contractors: Ineffective Regulation in the Contracted Security Apparatus” Inter University Seminar Conference 2019. Reston, Virginia.
- 2019. November.** “No Accounting for Bad Contractors: Ineffective Regulation in the Contracted Security Apparatus” Northwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2019. October.** “UAV and Asymmetry: The End of Statist Monopoly on Airpower” ISSS-IS Annual Conference 2019, Denver, Colorado

- 2019. August.** “When Ideology Replace the Market: Gentrification in East Jerusalem. Gentrification around the World: Gentrifiers and the Displaced” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York.
- 2019. June.** “Cloak of War: Security Privatization as Pressure Avoidance Strategy” ERGOMAS. Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2019. June.** “What Data tell us about the Characteristics and Motives of Private Military Contractors: Exploited Class or Exclusive Club?” ERGOMAS. Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2019. April.** “Between Scylla and Charybdis: The threat of democratized artificial intelligence” Artificial Intelligence and International Relations. Shanghai University. Shanghai, China.
- 2019. April.** “When the monopoly on violence dissolves: Charting the trafficking of arms in the shadow of Libya's collapse” Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Buckhead, Georgia.
- 2019. April.** “What Data tell us about the Characteristics and Motives of Private Military Contractors: Exploited Class or Exclusive Club?” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2019. March.** “When Ideology Replace the Market: Gentrification in East Jerusalem. Gentrification around the World: Gentrifiers and the Displaced” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2019. March.** “What Data tell us about the Characteristics and Motives of Private Military Contractors: Exploited Class or Exclusive Club?” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2018. November.** “Resisting or Appropriating: Two approaches in the study of aid, violent non-state actors, and governance”. Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal 2018, Canada
- 2018. November.** “Promoting Human Rights Under Fire”. Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal 2018, Canada
- 2018. August.** “The Digital Divide among Veterans: Differences in Self-Reported Health by Internet Usage” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2018. August.** “The Corporate War Dead: New Perspectives on the Demographics of American and British Contractors” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2018. April.** “The Digital Divide among Veterans: Differences in Self-Reported Health by Internet Usage” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018. April.** “The Corporate War Dead: New Perspectives on the Demographics of American and British Contractors” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2018, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2018. February.** “The Corporate War Dead: New Perspectives on the Demographics of American and British Contractors” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2018, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2017. August.** "Too Much Pressure: The intended and unintended consequences of sousveillance," Human Rights and Law from Above and Below: Comparative Perspectives. Annual Meeting – Meetings, American Sociological Association 2017 Montreal, Canada.

- 2017. April.** “Civilian Oversight: The Effect of Observation Mission on Soldiers’ Behavior” The 4th Annual Conflict Conference at the Moody College of Communication. Austin, TX.
- 2017. February.** “Too Much Pressure: The intended and unintended consequences of sousveillance” Eastern Sociological Society. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2016. August.** “The Effects of Insecurity on INGO Proliferation” American Sociological Association: Annual Meeting 2016. Seattle, Washington.
- 2016. January.** “Reversing the Gaze- human rights and civilian oversight” Rapaport Center for Human Rights. Austin, Texas.
- 2015. October.** “Aid in Conflict: Nongovernmental Organizations and State Repression” Inter University Seminar Conference. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015. May.** “Changing the status quo inch by inch: Policy entrepreneurs in the Holy Basin of Jerusalem.” The Policy Agendas Project, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin
- 2014. November.** “The liberalizing potential of military westernization in the post-Cold War era.” International Security Studies Section of ISA and the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA Conference 2014. Austin, Texas.
- 2014. October.** “Urban settlements and political entrepreneurship in East Jerusalem.” The annual meeting of the Peace Science Society workshop. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2014. May.** Present a paper “The Rise of NGOs in Conflict Areas.” Canadian Sociology Association Annual Conference. St. Catharines, Canada.
- 2013. October.** Invited Speaker. “Historical Contingency and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism (INSCT) at Syracuse University.
- 2013 August.** Present a paper “Military Capital and the Israeli Hi-Tech Industry.” American Sociological Association: Annual Meeting 2013. New York City, New York.
- 2013 April.** Invited Speaker. “Civil-Military Relations in the Israeli Context.” Austin Jewish Academy. Austin, Texas.
- 2013 March.** Present a paper “The Israeli Model of Hi-Tech Entrepreneurship, Military Capital, and the Hi-Tech Industry.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston.
- 2013 February.** Invited Speaker. “Israel and its Current Challenges with Iran” Cowan Creek Center. Georgetown.
- 2012.** Presented Paper- “From Mercenaries to Contractors.” Go-Betweenness: Crossing Borders ‘Human Rights? Social Justice?’ – An Interdisciplinary Conference at the University of Texas at Austin.
- 2012.** Presented Paper- “The Arab Spring and the Role of the Military: Coercion and Diffusion through Arms Sales.” American Sociological Association: Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2012.** Invited Speaker- “Iran and the Middle-East Geopolitics.” Beth Shalom community. Dell Jewish Community Campus, Austin.
- 2012.** Presented Paper- “The Role of the Military in the Arab-Spring.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New York City, New York.
- 2011.** Presented Paper- “The Dynamics of Violence between State and Terror Organizations in Israel and Palestine.” Brown Bag Talk at the Sociology Department at the University of Texas at Austin.

Technical Skills and Experience

Methods: Regression techniques: OLS, Ordered Logistic, Poisson, Time Series, Negative binomial, Multivariate.

Network Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Quantitative Textual Analysis, Historical-Comparative, fuzzy set/Qualitative Comparative Analysis, interview, field work.

Datasets: GTD, Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, UCR, Polity IV, Pippa Norris Democracy Time Series, Correlates of War, Political Terror, Freedom House, CIRI, UCDP/PRIO Armed Conflict Dataset, Union of International Associations: UIA, National Survey of Veteran (NSV), CrimeStat.

Software: STATA, ArcGIS, Tableau, Excel, Gephi, Textalyser, R, SPSS, PSPP, SocNetV, CATMA

Languages: English (Fluent), Hebrew (Native) German (Limited working proficiency) Spanish (Limited working proficiency).

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)

Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA)

ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology

ASA Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict

European Research Group on Military and Society (ERGOMAS)

Member, International NGO Safety and Security Association

Member, Inter-University Seminar (IUS)

Member, International Security Studies Section (ISA)