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Academic Positions

University of Central Florida (Orlando, FL)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2014-)

Affiliated Faculty, Women's & Gender Studies

Nazarbayev University (Astana, Kazakhstan)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations (2012-2014)

Education

University of Kentucky

Ph.D., Political Science (2013)

Eastern Kentucky University

MA, Government (2007)

Western Kentucky University (2005)

BA, Anthropology

Research Interests

Civil-Military Relations, Military Coups, Conflict Processes, Democratization, Human Security, Peacekeeping and Stability Operations, Gender, Africa, Middle East

Publications

Powell, Jonathan, Mwita Chacha, and Gary Smith*. Forthcoming. "Opening Up or Digging in? Failed Coups, Democratization, and Authoritarian Entrenchment." *African Affairs*.

Powell, Jonathan, and Karina Powell. Forthcoming. "A Product of the (Gender) Environment: Female Executives, Women's Status, and the Use of Force." *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*.

Thyne, Clayton, **Jonathan Powell**, Sarah Parrott, and Emily VanMeter. Forthcoming. "[The Influence of Post-Coup Signals on Regime Survival.](#)" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Powell, Jonathan, Christopher Faulkner*, William Dean*, and Kyle Romano*. Forthcoming. "[Give them Toys?: Military Allocations and Regime Stability in Transitional Democracies.](#)" *Democratization*.

Powell, Jonathan. Forthcoming. "[Leader Survival Strategies and the Onset of Civil Conflict: The Paradox of Coup-Proofing.](#)" *Armed Forces & Society*.

Schroeder, Theresa, and **Jonathan Powell**. Forthcoming. "[The Right Man for the Job: Gender as a Source of Civil-Military Friction.](#)" *Armed Forces & Society*.

- Schiel, Rebecca*, Christopher Faulkner*, and **Jonathan Powell**. 2017. "Mutiny in Côte d'Ivoire." *Africa Spectrum* 52(2):103-115.
- Chacha, Mwita, and **Jonathan Powell**. 2017. "Economic Interdependence and Post-Coup Democratization." *Democratization* 24(5):819-838.
- *Reprinted in Kuehn, David (editor). 2018. *The Military's Impact on Democratic Development: Midwives or Gravediggers of Democracy?* New York, NY: Routledge.
- Powell, Jonathan**, and Mwita Chacha. 2016. "Investing in Stability: Economic Interdependence, the Capitalist Peace, and Coups d'état." *Journal of Peace Research* 53(4):525-538.
- Powell, Jonathan**, Trace Lasley, and Rebecca Schiel*. 2016. "Combating Coups d'état in Africa, 1950-2014." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 51(4):482-502.
- Powell, Jonathan**, and Theresa Schroeder. 2016. "Friends in Low Places?: The Conditional Effect of Trade on Women's Status." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 51(2):169-188.
- Thyne, Clayton, and **Jonathan Powell**. 2016. "Coup d'état or Coup d'Autocracy? The Impact of Coups on Democratization, 1950-2008." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 12(2):192-213.
- Powell, Jonathan**. 2014. "Trading Coups for Civil War: The Strategic Logic of Tolerating Rebellion in Africa, 1971-2000." *African Security Review* 23(4):329-338.
- Powell, Jonathan**. 2014. "An Assessment of the 'Democratic' Coup Theory: Democratic Trajectories in Africa, 1961-2012." *African Security Review* 23(3):213-224.
- Powell, Jonathan**. 2014. "Regime Vulnerability and the Diversionary Threat of Force." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(1):169-196.
- Powell, Jonathan**. 2012. "Determinants of the Attempting and Outcome of Coups d'état." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(6):1017-1040.
- Powell, Jonathan**, and Clayton Thyne. 2011. "Global Instances of Coups from 1950-2010: A New Dataset." *Journal of Peace Research* 48(2):249-259.

Under Review

- Powell, Jonathan**, and Mwita Chacha. "Closing the Book on Africa's First Generation Coups."
- Lasley, Trace, Christopher Faulkner*, and **Jonathan Powell**. "Creed versus Deed: Illicit Financing, Rebel Goals, and the Use of Child Soldiers."
- Daxecker, Ursula, **Jonathan Powell**, and Rebecca Schiel*. "Peacekeeping and Mutinies in Africa."
- Powell, Jonathan**, and Rebecca Schiel*. "Oil Revenues, Risk Acceptance, and the Seizure of Power." Revise and resubmit at *International Interactions*.

Working Papers

- Powell, Jonathan**, Daniel Banini*, and Michael Yekple*. "Peacekeeping as a Civilian Control Panacea?: Lessons from Ghana."
- Powell, Jonathan**, Rebecca Schiel*, and Dave Raugh*. "U.S. Military Assistance and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups."
- Schiel, Rebecca, **Jonathan Powell**. "Assessing Mutiny in Africa."
- Vasquez, Paul, and **Jonathan Powell**. "Public Interest Interventions? Coups, Conscripts, and Democratization."

Faulkner, Christopher, Joshua Lambert, and **Jonathan Powell**. "Competitive Illusion? Private Military and Security Companies and the Termination of Civil War."

Commentary

"Silent Guns: Examining the Two-Year Absence of Coups in Africa." With Rebecca Schiel. *Political Violence @ a Glance*. September, 18, 2017.
<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/09/18/silent-guns-examining-the-two-year-absence-of-coups-in-africa/>

"Will Turkey's coup attempt prompt others nearby?" With Curtis Bell. *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. July 30, 2016. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/07/30/will-turkeys-coup-attempt-prompt-others-nearby/>

"Turkey's coup attempt was unusual, but not for the reasons you expect." With Curtis Bell. *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. July 22, 2016.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/07/22/turkeys-coup-was-unusual-but-not-for-the-reasons-you-might-expect/>

"The Military in Politics: Complications in Counting." *Lawyers, Guns, & Money* (blog). May 20, 2014.
<http://www.lawyersgunsmoneyblog.com/2014/05/military-politics-complications-counting>

"Will Thailand's Coup Actually Fix Anything." *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. May 29, 2014.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2014/05/29/will-thailands-dramatic-coup-actually-fix-anything/>

"Conflict, Self-interest, and Disaggregating the Pointy End of the State." *Lawyers Guns & Money* (blog). November 26, 2012. <http://www.lawyersgunsmoneyblog.com/2012/11/conflict-self-interest-and-disaggregating-the-pointy-end-of-the-state>

Awards

UCF Luminary Award (2017)

Conference Support, UCF College of Graduate Studies, "Assessing the Consequences of U.S. Military Assistance," Organized with Andrew Boutton. (\$4350) (2017)

Conference Support, UCF College of Graduate Studies, "Gender Dynamics of International Security," Organized with Gunes Murat Tezcur. (\$3340) (2016)

Conference Support, UCF College of Graduate Studies, "Gender Dynamics of International Security," Organized with Gunes Murat Tezcur. (\$3340) (2016)

In-House Research Grant, Office of Research and Commercialization (UCF) (\$7500) (2016)

Department Research Grant, UCF (\$2000) (2015)

Nazarbayev University Faculty Research Grant (\$19,000) (2013)

Ulmer Award for Best Paper by a Graduate Student, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science (2012)

Ulmer Award for Best Paper by a Graduate Student, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science (2011)

Ulmer Award for Best Paper by a Graduate Student, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science (2010)

Jewell Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science (2010)

Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Competition (2nd), International Studies Association-Southern Region (2009)

Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Competition (1st), International Studies Association-Southern Region (2008)

Travel Awards

Artinian Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$500) (2016)

University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$400) (2011)

University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$400) (2010)

International Studies Association – Southern Region (\$150) (2010)

Prestage-Cook Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$250) (2009)

University of Kentucky Graduate School (\$300) (2009)

International Studies Association – Southern Region (\$150) (2009)

Invited Talks & Roundtables

Speaker. “Despots, Deployments, and Disobedience.” Science Café. University of Central Florida. April 19, 2018.

Speaker. “U.S. Military Assistance and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups.” Invited talk. Department of Political Science, University of Florida. Gainesville, FL. November 18, 2016.

Powell, Jonathan, and Rebecca Schiel. “American Military Assistance and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups.” Paper presented at the *International Conference on the Middle East Strategic Landscape*. Future University, Cairo, Egypt. September 12-14, 2015.

Co-Chair. “Coups and Constitutions.” *Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA)*. United States Military Academy, West Point, NY. November 12-15, 2014.

Speaker. “Women and Politics.” *Women Lead*. Astana, Kazakhstan. September 9, 2013.

Foreign Policy of Kazakhstan Roundtable. Panelist with Dr. Suleimenov Tuleutai (Former Foreign Minister), Dr. Majidenova Darico (Presidential Adviser), and Dr. Mwita Chacha (Nazarbayev University). Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan. November 8, 2012.

Speaker. “The AU: The First Ten Years.” Expert Roundtable with the African Conflict Prevention Programme and Peace and Security Council of the Institute for Security Studies (Addis Ababa Office). Debre Zeit, Ethiopia. October 11-13, 2011.

Conference Papers (selected)

International Studies Association

Daxecker, Ursula, Jonathan Powell, and Rebecca Schiel. “Peacekeeping and Mutiny in Africa.” San Francisco, CA. April 4, 2018.

Daxecker, Ursula, Jonathan Powell, and Rebecca Schiel. “UN Peacekeeping Deployments and Mutinies in Sending States.” Atlanta, GA. March 18, 2016.

Thyne, Clayton, Jonathan Powell, Sarah Hayden, and Emily VanMeter. “The Influence of Post-Coup Signals on Regime Survival.” Toronto. 26-29 March 26-29. 2014.

Powell, Jonathan, and Clayton Thyne. “Global Instances of Coups d’état from 1950-2008: A New Dataset.” New York, NY, February, 2009.

International Studies Association—Southern Region

- Thyne, Clayton, and Jonathan Powell. "International Reactions and Post-Coup Politics." Orlando, FL. October 20-21, 2017.
- Lasley, Trace, Jonathan Powell, and Christopher Faulkner. "Creed versus Deed: Illicit Financing, Rebel Goals, and the Use of Child Soldiers." Shepherd University, WV. October 14-15, 2016.
- Powell, Jonathan, Christopher Faulkner, William Dean, Kyle Romano. "Give them Toys?: Military Allocations and Regime Stability in Transitional Democracies." Tampa, FL. October 23-24, 2015.
- Powell, Jonathan, and Mwita Chacha. "Investing in Stability: Economic Interdependence, the Capitalist Peace, and Coups d'état." Richmond, VA. October 25-26, 2014.
- Powell, Jonathan. "Leadership Survival Strategies and the Onset of Civil War: A Coup-Proofing Paradox." St. Petersburg, FL, October 22-23, 2010.
- Powell, Jonathan. "International Organizations and the Decline of the Coup d'état: A Test of Sanctions Deterrence." St. Petersburg, FL, October 22-23, 2010.
- Powell, Jonathan. "Regime Vulnerability and the Diversionary Threat of Force." Nashville, TN, October, 2009.
- Powell, Jonathan. "Determinants of the Occurrence and Outcome of Coups d'état." South Ashland, VA, October, 2008.

Southern Political Science Association

- Powell, Jonathan, Rebecca Schiel, and Dave Raugh. "U.S. Military Assistance and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups." New Orleans, LA. January 12-14, 2017.
- Powell, Jonathan, Christopher Faulkner, William Dean, Kyle Romano. "Give them Toys?: Military Allocations and Regime Stability in Transitional Democracies." New Orleans, LA. January 12-14, 2017.
- Chacha, Mwita, and Jonathan Powell. "Economic Interdependence and Post-Coup Democratization." San Juan, PR. January 7-9, 2016.
- Powell, Jonathan, and Mwita Chacha. "Investing in Stability: Economic Interdependence, Coups d'état, and the Capitalist Peace." New Orleans, LA. January 15-17, 2015.
- Powell, Jonathan, and Karina Powell. "A Product of the Environment: Gender as a Bargaining Constraint in Interstate Conflict." New Orleans, LA. January 9-11, 2014.
- Thyne, Clayton, and Jonathan Powell. "Coup d'état or Coup d'autocracy? How Coups Impact Democratization." Orlando, FL. January 3-5, 2013.
- Powell, Jonathan, and Trace Lasley. "The Impact of Anti-Coup Frameworks in International Organizations." New Orleans, LA. January 12-14, 2012.
- Powell, Jonathan. "Explaining the Occurrence and Outcome of Coups d'état." New Orleans, LA, January, 2009.

Peace Science Society - International

- Powell, Jonathan, and Rebecca Schiel. "U.S. Military Assistance and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups." South Bend, IN. October 20-22, 2016.
- Powell, Jonathan. "Leader Survival Strategies and the Onset of Civil War: A Coup-Proofing Paradox." Knoxville, TN. October 26, 2013.
- Thyne, Clayton, and Jonathan Powell. "Coup d'état or Coup d'Autocracy? The Impact of Coups on Democratization." Denton, TX. October 22-23, 2010.

American Political Science Association

Chacha, Mwita, and Jonathan Powell. "Economic Interdependence and Post-Coup Democratization." San Francisco, CA. September 3-6, 2015.

Powell, Jonathan, and Rebecca Schiel. "U.S. Military Assistance and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups." San Francisco, CA. September 3-6, 2015.

Powell, Jonathan. "Regime Vulnerability and the Diversionary Threat of Force." Toronto, September, 2009.

Florida Political Science Association

Powell, Jonathan, Daniel Banini, and Michael Yekple. "Peacekeeping and Civil-Military Relations in Ghana." Ft. Myers, FL. March 24, 2018.

Powell, Jonathan, and Rebecca Schiel. "Oil Wealth, Risk Aversion, and Political Instability, 1950-2010." Lakeland, FL. April 2, 2016.

Panel Chair and Discussant

International Studies Association

Chair and Discussant. "Coups." Atlanta, GA. March 18, 2016.

Chair and Discussant. "Peace Geeks: Quantitative Approaches to Peace." Toronto, Canada. March 26-29 2014.

International Studies Association – South Region

Chair and Discussant. "European Politics." Orlando, FL. October 20-21, 2017.

Chair and Discussant. "Women and Conflict." Orlando, FL. October 20-21, 2017.

Chair and Discussant (Substitute). "Civil War, Negotiation, and Reconciliation." Shepherd University, WV. October 14-15, 2016.

Chair (Substitute) and Discussant. "Impact and Consequences of the Civil War in Syria." Shepherd University, WV. October 14-15, 2016.

Discussant. "Norms and Wars." Shepherd University, WV. October 14-15, 2016.

Discussant. "Conflict and Threats I." Tampa, FL. October 23-24, 2015.

Chair and Discussant. "The Significance of NGOs and Other Non-State Actors." October 16-17, 2009.

International Studies Association – Midwest

Chair and Discussant. "Outcomes and Consequences of Civil Wars." St. Louis, MO. November 2-4, 2013.

Southern Political Science Association

Chair and Discussant. "Intrastate Conflict in Cross-Cultural Contexts." New Orleans, LA. January 15-17, 2015.

Chair and Discussant. "Understanding Rebellions, Revolts, and Civil Wars." New Orleans, LA. January 15-17. 2015.

Discussant. "Power and International Conflict." New Orleans, LA. January 9-11, 2014.

Chair and Discussant. "New Research on Leadership Survival." Orlando, FL. December 3-5, 2013.

Chair and Discussant. "Domestic Politics and International Conflict." New Orleans, LA. January 12-14, 2012.

Florida Political Science Association

Chair and Discussant. "The Military and (In)Security in the Global South." Ft. Myers, FL. March 24, 2018.

Chair and Discussant. "Comparative Political Conflicts." Lakeland, FL. April 2, 2016.

Peace Science Society – International

Discussant. "The Future of Conflict Forecasting." South Bend, IN. October 20-22, 2016.

Colloquia Participation

Discussant/Panelist. Online Peace Science Colloquium. Oct. 2016.

Discussant/Panelist. Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop. Oct. 2016.

Discussant/Panelist. Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop. April 2016.

Peer Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science (2012- 2015, 2017)

American Political Science Review (2013-2015, 2017)

Armed Forces & Society (2016-2018)

British Journal of Political Science (2014- 2017)

Comparative Political Studies (2012, 2015-2018)

Comparative Politics (2013-2016)

Conflict & Cooperation (2016)

Conflict Management and Peace Science (2012, 2014-2018)

Contemporary Politics (2016)

Democratization (2014)

European Journal of Comparative Economics (2017)

European Journal of International Relations (2018)

Foreign Policy Analysis (2013, 2015)

Grawemeyer Award in World Order (2018)

International Interactions (2012, 2013, 2015, 2017)

International Political Science Review (2017)

International Security (2014)

International Studies Quarterly (2010-2013, 2015)

International Studies Review (2015)

Journal of Conflict Resolution (2012-2018)

Journal of Economics and Politics (2011)

Journal of International Organizations Studies (2018)

Journal of Peace Research (2010, 2012, 2015-2017)

Journal of Political Science Education (2015)
Journal of Politics (2012-2018)
Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy (2014, 2015)
Lynne Rienner Publishers (2016)
National Science Foundation (2015)
Political Research Quarterly (2018)
Political Science Research and Methods (2014)
Politics & Policy (2012, 2013)
Public Choice (2013, 2016)
Research and Politics (2015)
Oxford Research Encyclopedia (2015, 2017)
Security Studies (2014, 2016, 2017)
Social Science Research (2014)
World Politics (2016)

Organizational Service

International Studies Association

Governing Council (2018)
South Region President (2017-2018)
South Region Vice President (2017)
South Region Executive Committee (2015-)

Departmental Service

Senior Scholars Advisor (2017-)
Cyber Security Hiring Cluster Political Science Advisory Committee (2017)
Diversity Committee (2017-)
Ph.D. Committee (2016-)
Peer Evaluation Committee (2015-2016)
Instructor/Lecturer Promotion Committee (2015-)
Study Abroad Committee (2015-)
M.A. Committee (2014-2016)
Methods Committee (2014-)
Search Committee, TT Security Studies (2015)

University Service

Doctoral Fellowships Committee (2018)
Office of Undergraduate Research Student Grants Reviewer (2017)
Undergraduate Research Council (2016-)

Faculty Judge, Showcase for Undergraduate Research Excellence (2016, 2017)

Teaching Incentive Program Committee (2017)

Women and Gender Studies Scholarship Selection Committee (2017, 2018)

Faculty Judge, UCF Libraries Annual Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (2017)

Undergraduate Supervision

Honors in the Major Committee Member

Angie Torres (chair, to defend summer 2018)

Payton Kuenzli (defended spring 2018)

Vincenzo Cibra (chair, defended spring 2018)

Kellan Ritter (chair, defended fall 2017)

Robert Vogan (defended fall 2016)

Amy Crawford (defended spring 2015)

Faculty Supervisor, University-Sponsored Research

Devyn Escalanti, Office of Undergraduate Research Student Research Grant (2018)

Kellan Ritter, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (2016)

Faculty Supervisor, Showcase for Undergraduate Research

Kellan Ritter (2017)

Kyle Romano (2015)

William Dean (2015)

Graduate Supervision

Faculty Supervisor, Showcase for Graduate Research

Rebecca Schiel (2016)

Christopher Faulkner (2016)

MA Committee Member

Courtney Templeton (to defend spring 2018)

Ajara Boulebekova (defended spring 2018)

Jennifer Hudson (defended spring 2017)

Monica Mayer (defended spring 2016)

Bailey Robb (defended spring 2016)

Dexter Wilborn (defended spring 2016)

Brandon Burmeister (defended spring 2016)

Candace Compton (defended fall 2015)

PhD Dissertation Advisory Committees

Rebecca Schiel (ABD, Ph.D. expected 2018) (Chair)

Christopher Faulkner (ABD, Ph.D. expected 2018) (Vice-Chair)

Daniel Banini (ABD, Ph.D. expected 2019) (Chair)

Joshua Lambert (Chair)

Santosh Sapkota (Chair)

Michael Yekple (Chair)

David Raugh (ABD)

Gary Smith (ABD)

Christine Regnier-Bachand (ABD)

Sandor Fabian

PhD Pre-Dissertation Advisory Committees

Sandor Fabian (2018)

Santosh Sapkota (2018)

Michael Yekple (2018)

Joshua Lambert (2017)

Peyman Asadzadehmamaghani (2016)

Daniel Banini (2016)

Christopher Faulkner (2015)

Rebecca Schiel (2015)

Clayton Besaw (2015)

Jason Christensen (2015)

Classes Taught

University of Central Florida

International Politics of Africa (INR 3253)

Scope and Methods in Political Science (POS 3703)

Global Perspectives (IDS 4315/INR 4008, online)

Women in Comparative Politics (CPO 4710)

Revolution and Political Violence (Graduate) (CPO 6058)

Seminar in Comparative Politics (Graduate) (CPO 6091)

Nazarbayev University

Intro to International Relations (PLS 150)

Quantitative Methods (PLS 211)

Civil-Military Relations (PLS/SOC 365)

University of Kentucky

Intro to American Government (POL 101)

Intro to Comparative Politics (POL 210)

Cultures and Politics of the Third World (POL 212)

Research Methods (POL 373)