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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 - **Yale-National University of Singapore**
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Department of Political Science, **National University of Singapore** (by courtesy since 2018)
- 2014 – 2015 **Wheaton College**
Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations
- 2014 **Stanford University**
Visiting Scholar at the Walter H. Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center
(*Summer 2014*)
- 2012 – 2014 **Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University**
Post-doctoral Indonesia Fellow at the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation

EDUCATION

- 2012 **University of California**, Los Angeles, CA
Ph.D. in Political Science
- 2003 **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ
A.B. in Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political violence, ethnic politics, elections in new democracies, political economy of development, distributive politics, comparative politics, gender, Southeast Asia, Indonesia

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

- 2018-2020 Ministry of Education Tier 1 Grant & Yale-NUS Large Internal Grant. *Can a Shared National Identity Trump Ethnic Identity? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Singapore*. S\$115,200 (Co-Investigator; PI: Guillem Riambau (Yale-NUS)). Grant#: IG17-LR004 & IG17-LR007

- 2019 SEAREG Travel Grant. US\$500.
- 2018-2019 Yale-NUS Conference Workshop Grant, *Southeast Asia Research Group-East*, S\$17,000 (Principal Investigator; co-investigators: Steven Oliver (Yale-NUS) and Guillem Rimbau (Yale-NUS)). Grant #: IG17-CW103
- 2017-2020 Singapore Social Science Research Grant, *Making Identity Count*. S\$19,300 of a total budget S\$856,916 (Collaborator; PI: Ted Hopf (NUS))
- 2015-2017 Yale-NUS Faculty Startup Grant, *Ethnic Politics and Its Ramifications*. S\$30,000 (principal investigator)
- 2015 SEAREG Junior Fellow
- 2009 Pacific Rim Research Grant, Pacific Rim Research Program. US\$5,231
- ISR Faculty and Graduate Student Summer Fellowship, UCLA Institute for Social Research. US\$2,460
- Lemelson Fellowship, UCLA Center for Southeast Asian Studies. US\$4,000
- 2008 Pacific Rim Research Mini Grant, Pacific Rim Research Program. US\$3,000 Visiting Fellowship, Center for Strategic & International Studies, Indonesia
- 2007 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA. US\$4,500
- 2005 – 2008 Harvey Fellowship, Mustard Seed Foundation. US\$15,000 per year
- 2005 – 2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) in Tagalog. US\$14,500 per year
- 2005 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA. US\$4,500
- 2002 Undergraduate Senior Thesis Research Grant, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. US\$2,000

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 “Political Competition and Ethnic Riots in Democratic Transition: A Lesson from Indonesia” *British Journal of Political Science* 47(3): 631-651.
- 2019 “A New Typology of Electoral Violence: Insights from Indonesia” (with S.P. Harish (College of William and Mary)) *Terrorism and Political Violence* 31(4): 687-711.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

“Rioting for Reform: Exit and Violence in Democratizing Indonesia” *Under contract with Cambridge University Press (Problems in International Politics series)*

WORKS IN PROGRESS (SELECTED)

“Electoral Violence in Indonesia 20 years after Reformasi” (with S.P. Harish) *under review*

“Ethnic Othering Rhetoric in Election Campaigns: Insights from Indonesia” (with Cheryl Cosslett) ** *under review*

“Why Target Candidates, Not Voters: Pre-Election Violence in Indonesia” (with S.P. Harish (College of William and Mary))

“Female Political Representation in Indonesia: Incumbency and Electoral Success” (with Anjali Hazra) **

“Fiscal Transfers in Post-Soeharto Indonesia: Appeasement of Separatist Groups?”

“Bundled Violence: A Cross-National Evidence” (with S.P. Harish (College of William and Mary))

“Gender-Based Violence in Indonesia” (with Margaret Triyana (University of Notre Dame))

“Inclusive Growth in Indonesia” (with Malcolm McPherson (HKS))

“Why Violence Stopped: Administrative Boundary Revisions in Indonesia”

** *Papers co-authored with undergraduate students*

OTHER WRITINGS

2019 “Review of *Power Broking in the Shade: Party Finances and Money Politics in Southeast Asia*. By Wolfgang Sachsenröder. Singapore: World Scientific, 2018. Hardcover: 191pp.” *Journal of Contemporary Southeast Asia* 41(2): 320-322.

2018 “The Muslim Democrat: National Identity in Indonesia in 2010 and 2015” (with Cheryl Cosslett) in *Making Identity Count in Asia*, edited by Ted Hopf and Ja Ian Chong. *submitted*

2014 “Reducing Decentralization’s Dysfunction” *The Jakarta Post* 12 May 2014, p. 7 (with Malcolm McPherson).

INVITED TALKS, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

University of Sydney. Politics in Action Conference. May 7-9, 2020. Talk titled: TBD

Australian National University. Indonesia Update Conference. September 7, 2019. Talk titled: "Electoral violence in Indonesia 20 years after *Reformasi*." *

National University of Singapore, Department of Political Science. January 12, 2017. Talk titled: "Why Target Candidates, Not Voters: Pre-Election Violence in Indonesia"

Southeast Asia Research Group III, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, April 2015. Talk titled: "Political Competition and Ethnic Riots in New Democracies: A Lesson from Indonesia"

Yale-NUS College, January 2015. Talk titled: "Political Competition and Ethnic Riots in Democratic Transition: A Lesson from Indonesia." *

University of California, San Diego International Relations and Pacific Studies (now UCSD School of Global Policy and Strategy), November 4, 2014. Talk titled: "Political Competition and Ethnic Riots in Democratic Transition: A Lesson from Indonesia." *

Wheaton College. Politics & International Relations Department May 2014. Talk titled: "Political Competition and Ethnic Riots in Democratic Transition: A Lesson from Indonesia." *

Singapore Management University, February 12, 2014. Talk titled: "Political Competition and Ethnic Riots in Democratic Transition: A Lesson from Indonesia." *

Harvard Kennedy School, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, HKSIP Indonesia brownbag lunch. December 4, 2012. Talk titled: "Ethnic Riots in Indonesia's Democratic Transition"

Northern Illinois University Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Northern Illinois University, November 2, 2012. Talk titled: "Understanding Violent Conflicts in Indonesia" *

Northern Illinois University, Political Violence undergraduate seminar, November 1, 2012. Talk titled: "Cases of Ethnic Riots in Indonesia: Field Experience in Central Sulawesi and Maluku" *

** talks with all expenses paid*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

2019 "The political (de)mobilization of the Bataks in North Sumatra". To be presented at APSA in Washington, D.C.

- (with Cheryl Cosslett) “The Muslim Democrat: National Identity in Indonesia in 2010 and 2015”
Paper presented at the Making Identity Count in Asia Conference in Singapore
- (with Cheryl Cosslett) “Othering Rhetoric in Election Campaigns: Insights from Indonesia”
Paper presented at WPSA in San Diego, CA
Paper presented at AAS-in-Asia in Bangkok, Thailand
- 2018 (with S.P. Harish) “Why Target Candidates, Not Voters: Pre-Election Violence in Indonesia”
Paper presented at APSA in Boston, MA.
- 2017 (with S.P. Harish) “Why Target Candidates, Not Voters: Pre-Election Violence in Indonesia” Poster presented at SEAREG in Austin, TX.
Paper presented at ISA in Baltimore, MD
Paper presented at AAS in Toronto, Canada **
- 2016 (with S.P. Harish) “Elections-Related Violence” Accepted at MPSA, Chicago, IL (*declined due to scheduling conflict*).

(with Margaret Triyana) “Violence against Women and Female Political Representation” Presented at Development Working Papers Series at Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame **
- 2014 “Political Inclusion in Decentralized Indonesia” Presented at AAS meeting in Philadelphia, PA, and at MPSA in Chicago, IL.
- 2012 “Towards Greater Political Representation? A Closer Look at Post-Soeharto Indonesia.” Presented at the Indonesian Studies Meeting at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2010 “The Role of Administrative Boundary Change in Indonesia: Why Violence Stopped” Presented at MPSA in Chicago, IL.

“Public Goods Transfers and National Unity: Evidence from Post-Suharto Indonesia.” Presented at MPSA, Chicago, IL, and at APSA in Toronto, Canada in 2009.
- 2009 “Why Violence Stopped: Administrative Boundary Revisions in Indonesia” Presented at APSA in Toronto, Canada.

“Politicization of Ethnic Identity: Lessons from Post-Soeharto North Maluku and Central Sulawesi” Presented at UCLA Indonesian Studies Graduate Student Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

2008 “Provision of Public Goods in Post-Soeharto Indonesia: Appeasement of Separatist Groups?” Presented at UCB-UCLA Joint Conference on Indonesian Studies in Berkeley, CA.

** *non-presenting co-author*

TEACHING

At Yale-NUS: undergraduate seminars

Politics of Southeast Asia (Fall 2015, Spring 2020) ^
International Political Economy (Spring 2016) ^
Politics of Identity in Developing Countries (Spring 2016, Fall 2019) ^
International Development (Fall 2017, Spring 2020) ^
Senior capstone seminar (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
Comparative Social Inquiry (Fall 2017, Fall 2018) *a team-taught common curriculum module for first-year students*

At Wheaton College: undergraduate seminars

2014 East Asian Politics ^
International Political Economy
2015 Third World Politics
Introduction to Comparative Politics

^ *new classes developed from scratch*

Undergraduate senior capstone advising:

2019 Do Youn Lee, Alyssa Park, and Julia Chin (Global Affairs)

2017 Anjali Hazra (Global Affairs), “Female Political Representation in Indonesia: Incumbency and Electoral Success” Poster presented at MPSA 2018. Winner of the *2018 Saga Fellows Book Prize*. Winner of the *2018 Outstanding Capstone in Global Affairs Prize*

Cheryl Nazik Cosslett (PPE), “Ethnic Othering Rhetoric in Election Campaigns: Insights from Indonesia” Poster presented at MPSA 2018. Winner of the *2018 Outstanding Capstone in Philosophy, Politics, and Economy Prize*

Harini V. (Global Affairs), “Determinants of Racial Hate Crime: Evidence from the UK”

PhD dissertation supervision:

2018 Jung Hoon Park (NUS Political Science, committee member)

SERVICE FOR THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (YALE-NUS)

- 2019- Faculty Coordinator, Yale-NUS Combined Degree Program with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy
- Member, Global Affairs Faculty Search Committee
- 2017-18 Social Sciences Faculty Brownbag convenor
- 2015 Social Sciences Research and Ethics ad-hoc committee

SERVICE FOR THE DISCIPLINE

Journal reviewer: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, British Journal of Political Science, Ethnic and Racial Studies, International Area Studies Review, Social Science Quarterly, Middle East Development Journal, Asian Journal of Comparative Politics, International Review of Asia Pacific Studies, Politics, Groups and Identities.

Conference panel chair: MPSA (2014), APSA (2017), SEAREG-in-Asia (2017, 2018), WPSA (2019), SEAREG 2019

Conference panel discussant: APSA (2014, 2017)

Book workshop discussant: SEAREG-in-Asia 2018, Yale-NUS 2019

MEDIA

[FOCUS interview](#) on 2017 Jakarta Pilkada race, *Channel 8*, November 2016

[FOCUS interview](#) on 2017 Jakarta Pilkada race, *Channel 8*, December 2016

INSIGHT interview on 2017 Jakarta Pilkada race, *Channel News Asia*, 19 May 2017

[RICE media interview](#) on the 2019 presidential election in Indonesia, April 2019.

The Jakarta Post review of new scholarship on Indonesia, 25 September 2019

CONSULTING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK

- 2003-2004 Consultant, *World Bank Office, Social Development Unit*, Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2000 Assistant Producer, *Jakarta Bureau of CNN*, Indonesia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

SEAREG Advisory Board member
American Political Science Association

SKILLS

Languages: Bahasa Indonesia (native fluency), Tagalog (six quarters), Spanish (four semesters)

Software: STATA, R, *Datadesk*, *Python*, *Amelia*, ArcGIS, LATEX

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2016	Discourse analysis workshop (NUS, Political Science)
2013	Harvard Center for Geographic Analysis GIS Institute
2014	Data Mining, University of Chicago Booth School of Business

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