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Appointments

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Political Science, Fall 2022-present
Professor, Fall 2022-present
Co-lead Editor. *International Studies Quarterly*, 2024-2029
Associate Editor. *International Studies Review*, 2018-2023

Kansas State University, Department of Political Science, 2009-2022.
Department Head, 2018-2022.
Professor, 2018-2022
Associate Director, Security Studies, 2019-2020
Associate Professor, 2015-2018.
Acting Associate Director, Security Studies, Spring 2018
Visiting Scholar, Stanford University, Fall 2016 (sabbatical leave).
Assistant Professor, 2009-2015.

Education

Binghamton University, Political Science, Ph.D. 2009

Binghamton University, Political Science, M.A. 2007

University at Albany, Political Science, B.A. 2004

Publications

Bell, Sam R. and Risa Kitagawa. Forthcoming. "The Geography of Justice: Neighborhood Dynamics of War Crimes Trials." *Journal of Peace Research*.

Bell, Sam R., and Risa Kitagawa. Forthcoming. "How the United Nations Targets Human Rights Public Diplomacy." *Review of International Organizations*.

Bell, Sam R. and Risa Kitagawa. 2025. "From Participation to Provision: How Civil Society Secures Procedural Rights through Peace Negotiations," *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 42(3): 288-307.

Allen, Susan, Sam R. Bell, and Carla Martinez Machain. 2023. "Commentary: Air Power, International Organizations and Civilian Killings in Afghanistan." *Armed Forces and Society* 49(4): 1048-1060.

Bell, Sam R., and Risa Kitagawa. 2023. "Human Rights Organizations and Transitional Justice Agenda Setting: Evidence from Peace Agreement Provisions."

- Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 40(1): 65-87.
- Allen, Susan and Sam R. Bell. 2022. "The United Nations Security Council and Human Rights: Who Ends Up in the Spotlight." *Journal of Global Security Studies*. 7(4).
Honorable Mention JoGGS 2022 Best Article Award.
- Kitagawa, Risa, and Sam R. Bell. 2022. "The Logic of Transitional Justice and State Repression: The Effects of Human Rights Prosecutions in Post-Conflict States." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 66(6): 1091-1118.
- Bell, Sam R. and Richard W. Frank. 2022. "The Spatial Dynamics of Freedom of Foreign Movement and Human Trafficking." *Journal of Human Rights* 21(4): 365-382
- Perry, Kate and Sam R. Bell. 2022. "Sex Trafficking and the Proliferation of HIV in Africa." *Journal of Human Trafficking, Enslavement and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence* 3(1): 88-109.
- Bell, Sam R., K. Chad Clay, Ghashia Kiyani, and Amanda Murdie. 2022. "Civil-Military Relations and Human Rights." (K. Chad Clay, Ghashia Kiyani, and Amanda Murdie). *Armed Forces & Society* 48(3): 701-722.
- Nieman, Mark, Carla Martinez Machain, Olga Chyzh, and Sam R. Bell. 2021. "Troop Placement and Competition for Resources in the International System." *Journal of Politics* 83(4): 1307-1321.
- Allen, Susan, Sam R. Bell, and Carla Martinez Machain. 2021. "Air Power, NGOs, and Collateral Killings." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 17(2): 1-17
- Bell, Sam R. and Svitlana Chernykh. 2019. "Human Rights Violations and Post-Election Protest." *Political Research Quarterly*. 72(2).
Associated Blog Post: "The Belarus Protests Erupted Because of these Four Things." *The Monkey Cage – Washington Post*. August 25, 2020.
- Bell, Sam R., Amanda Murdie, and Dursun Pekesn. 2019. "Globalization and Contentious Politics: Predicting Women's and Non-Women's Protest." *Social Science Quarterly* 100(3): 604-619.
- Bell, Sam R., Amanda Murdie, Patricia Blocksom, and Kevin Brown. 2019. "Help or Hindrance? The Role of Humanitarian Military Interventions in Human Security NGO Operations." *International Political Science Review* 40(2): 263-278.
- Bell, Sam R., K. Chad Clay, and Amanda Murdie. 2019. "Join the Chorus, Avoid the Spotlight: The Effect of Neighborhood & Social Dynamics on Human Rights Organization Shaming." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 63(1): 167-193.
- Bell, Sam R., Michael E. Flynn, and Carla Martinez Machain. 2018. "U.N. Peacekeeping Forces and the Demand for Sex Trafficking." *International Studies*

Quarterly 62(3): 643-655.

Associated Blog Post: "The Connection Between Peacekeeping and Increased Sex Trafficking." *The War Room*.

Associate Blog Post: "UN Peacekeeping and the Demand for Sex Trafficking." *Political Violence at a Glance*. August 30, 2018.

Bell, Sam R. and Carla Martinez Machain. 2018. "Democracy, Transparency, and Surprise Attack." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 14(4): 592-602.

Bell, Sam R. and Victoria Banks. 2018. "Women's Rights Organizations and Human Trafficking." *Social Science Quarterly* 99(1): 362-376.

Bell, Sam R. and Amanda Murdie. 2018. "The Apparatus for Violence: Repression, Protest, and Civil War in a Cross-National Framework." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 35(4): 336-354.

Allen, Michael A., Sam R. Bell, K. Chad Clay. 2018. "Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Interactions in Asymmetric Dyads." *Foreign Policy Analysis* 14(2): 169-190.

Bell, Sam R., K. Chad Clay, and Carla Martinez Machain. 2017. "The Effect of U.S. Troop Deployments on Human Rights." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(10): 2020-2042.

Frank J. Klingberg Award. 2015.

- Best Faculty-Authored Paper, International Studies Association Midwest.

Associated Blog Post: "How Do U.S. Troop Deployments Affect Respect for Human Rights?" *The Quantitative Peace*. April 7, 2016.

Bell, Sam R. 2017. "Power, Territory, and Interstate Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 34(2): 160-175.

Bell, Sam R. and Andrew G. Long. 2016. "Trade Interdependence and the Use of Force: Do Issues Matter?" *International Interactions*. 42(5): 750-773

Bell, Sam R. and Jesse Johnson. 2015. "Shifting Power, Commitment Problems, and Preventive War." *International Studies Quarterly* 59(1): 124-132.

Barry, Colin, Sam R. Bell, K. Chad Clay, Michael E. Flynn, and Amanda Murdie. 2015. "Choosing the Best House in a Bad Neighborhood: Location Strategies of Human Rights INGOs in the Non-Western World." *International Studies Quarterly* 59(1): 86-98.

Bell, Sam R., K. Chad Clay, Amanda Murdie, and James Piazza. 2014. "Opening Yourself Up: The Role of External and Internal Transparency in Terrorism Attacks." *Political Research Quarterly* 67(3): 603-614.

- Bell, Sam R, Tavashi Bhasin, K. Chad Clay, and Amanda Murdie. 2014. "Taking the Fight to Them: Neighborhood Human Rights Organizations and Domestic Protest." *British Journal of Political Science*. 44(4): 853-875.
- Bell, Sam R, Richard Frank, and Paul Macharia. 2013. "Passenger or Driver?: A Cross-National Examination of Media Coverage and Civil War Interventions." *International Interactions* 39(5): 646-671.
- Bell, Sam R., Amanda Murdie, Patricia Blocksome, and Kevin Brown. 2013. "Force Multipliers: Conditional Effectiveness of Military and INGO Human Security Interventions." *Journal of Human Rights*. 12(4): 397-422.
- Bell, Sam R. 2013. "What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Information, External Transparency, and Interstate Conflict, 1982-1999." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(5): 452-468.
- Bell, Sam R, David Cingranelli, Amanda Murdie, and Alper Caglayan. 2013. "Coercion, Capacity, and Coordination: A Risk Assessment Model of the Determinants of Political Violence." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(3): 240-262.
- Bell, Sam R., K. Chad Clay, and Amanda Murdie. 2012. "Neighborhood Watch: Spatial Effects of Human Rights INGOs." *Journal of Politics* 74(2): 1-16.
- Regan, Patrick and Sam R. Bell. 2010. "Changing Lanes or Stuck in the Middle: Why are Anocracies More Prone to Civil Wars?" *Political Research Quarterly* 63 (4): 747-759.

Working Papers.

- "States of Exception: Unpacking Mixed Citizen Reactions to Repression." Conditionally accepted at *Journal of Human Rights* (with Rodwan M. Abouharb and Risa Kitagawa).
- "Selective Compliance: The International Criminal Court and Charge-Specific Deterrence." (with Min Cho and Risa Kitagawa).
- "Human Rights Ministers." (with K. Chad Clay and Risa Kitagawa).
- "FDI, NGOs, and Worker Rights." (with Min Cho).
- "ICRC Presence and Civilian Killings." (with Susan Allen and Carla Martinez Machain).
- "The Geography of Justice and Impunity" (with Risa Kitagawa).
- "Playing Politics With War: Opposition Party Position-Taking on the Use of Force" (With Michael Allen).
- "Transparency and Change in Repressive Practices over Time" (With K. Chad Clay, Michael Flynn, and Amanda Murdie).

Invited Workshops and Presentations

Georgia Tech University, Editors Roundtable, January 2026

Northeastern University, December 2025.

Binghamton University Workshop. September 2024.

University College London. Conference on Accountability and Human Rights. May 2024.

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. March 2024.

University of South Carolina. Conference on Judicial Politics and Human Rights. December 2023.

University of California-Irvine. Virtual Meeting. Human Trafficking Workshop. January 2022.

Jilin University, Changchun, China. November 2019.

US Scholar Delegation to the Republic of China, sponsored by the Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Taipei. July 2019

Stanford University IR Workshop. Palo Alto, California. November 2016.

University of Oklahoma. Norman, Oklahoma. February 2016.

University of Tennessee. New Directions in the Study of Territory & Political Violence. June 2015

Australian National University. Canberra, Australia. March 2015

Montesquieu Institute. The Hague, Netherlands. November 2011

Conference Presentations (2007-Present)

“Selective Compliance: The International Criminal Court and Charge-Specific Deterrence.”
(with Min Cho and Risa Kitagawa). Presented at the 2026 International Studies
Association Meeting. Columbus. OH

“FDI, NGOs, and Labor Rights.” (with Min Cho) Presented at the 2024 International
Studies Association – Midwest Meeting. St. Louis, MO

“The Geography of Justice” (with Risa Kitagawa). Presented at the 2024 International
Studies Association Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

“ICRC Presence and Civilian Killings.” (with Susan Allen and Carla Martinez Machain).
Presented at the 2024 International Studies Association Meeting. San Francisco, CA.

“High Commissioner Visits and Human Rights” (with Risa Kitagawa). Presented at the 2023
International Studies Association-Midwest Meeting. St. Louis, MO.

- “States of Exception: Unpacking Mixed Citizen Reactions to Repression.” (with M. Rodwan Abouharb and Risa Kitagawa). Presented at the 2023 International Studies Association Meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
- “Securing Protections for Civil Society: Evidence from Peace Agreements.” (with Risa Kitagawa). Presented at the 2022 International Studies Association – Midwest Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- “Human Trafficking and HIV/AIDS Prevalence.” (with Kate Perry). Presented at the 2021 International Studies Association – Midwest Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- “Air Power, NGOs, and Civilian Killings: Exploring the Mechanisms in Afghanistan.” (with Susan Allen and Carla Martinez Machain). Presented at the 2021 International Studies Association Meeting, Virtual.
- “The United Nations Security Council and Human Rights: Who Ends Up in the Spotlight?” (with Susan Allen). Presented at the 2020 International Studies Association – Midwest Meeting, Virtual.
- “The Impact of Human Rights Organizations on Transitional Justice Policymaking in States Emerging from Conflict.” (with Risa Kitagawa). Presented at the 2020 International Studies Association – Northeast Meeting, Virtual.
- “Freedom of Movement and Human Trafficking” (with Richard W. Frank). Presented at the 2019 Peace Science Society Meeting, Manhattan, Kansas.
- “The Logic of Transitional Justice and State Repression.” (with Risa Kitagawa). Presented at the 2019 American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington D.C.
- “Air Power, NGOs, and Collateral Killings (with Susan Allen and Carla Martinez Machain). Presented at the 2019 International Studies Association Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- “Civil-Military Relations and Human Rights.” (with K. Chad Clay, Ghashia Kiyani, and Amanda Murdie). Presented at the 2018 FLACSO/International Studies Association Latin America Meeting, Quito, Ecuador.
- “Freedom of Movement and Human Trafficking” (with Richard W. Frank). Presented at the 2018 International Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- “Troop Placement and Competition for Resources in the International System.” (with Carla Martinez Machain, Mark Nieman, Olga Chyzh). Presented at the 2017 Peace Science Society Meeting, Tempe, Arizona.
- “Power, Territory, and Interstate Conflict.” Presented at the 2017 International Studies Association Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

- “Electoral Compliance and Human Rights Violations” (with Svitlana Chernykh) Presented at the 2016 International Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Democracy, Transparency, and Surprise Attack.” (with Carla Martinez Machain). Presented at the 2016 CEEISA-ISA Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- “Women’s Rights Organizations and Human Trafficking” (with Victoria Banks). Presented at the 2015 International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri.
- “U.N. Peacekeeping Forces and the Demand for Sex Trafficking” (with Michael Flynn and Carla Martinez Machain). Presented at the 2015 International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri.
- “The Effect of U.S. Troop Deployments on Human Rights” (with K. Chad Clay and Carla Martinez Machain). Presented at the 2014 International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri. **Winner of the Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member at ISA-Midwest**
- “Economic Interdependence and the Use of Force.” (with Andrew Long). Presented at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Spreading the Spotlight Around: The International Diffusion of Human Rights Organization Shaming.” (with K. Chad Clay and Amanda Murdie). Presented at the 2014 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario.
- “Democracy, Transparency, and Surprise Attacks.” (with Carla Martinez Machain). Presented at the 2013 International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri.
- “Transparency and Change in Repressive Practices over Time” (With K. Chad Clay, Michael Flynn, and Amanda Murdie). Presented at the 2013 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California
- “Assessing Shifting Power and Preventive War” (With Jesse Johnson). Presented at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Human Security NGOs and Network Behavior” (with Amanda Murdie, Patricia Blocksome, and Kevin Brown). Presented at the 2012 APSA Annual Meeting.
- “Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Demands Between Asymmetric States” (with Michael Allen and K. Chad Clay). Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- “The Apparatus for Violence: Repression, Protest, and Civil War in a Cross-National Framework” (With Amanda Murdie and David Rose). Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

“Taking the Fight to Them: Neighborhood INGOs and Domestic Protest.” (with Tavashi Bhasin, K. Chad Clay, and Amanda Murdie). Presented at the 2011 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California.

“Coercion, Capacity, and Coordination: A Risk Assessment Model of the Determinants of Political Violence.” (with David Cingranelli and Amanda Murdie). Presented at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2011

“Neighborhood Watch: Spatial Effects of Human Rights INGOs.” (with Chad Clay and Amanda Murdie). Presented at the Peace Science Society Conference, Ft. Worth, TX, Nov. 2010.

“Economic Interdependence and the Use of Force.” (with Andrew Long). Presented at the Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 2010

“Failing to Serve Two Masters: The International Economic Incentives for External Transparency and Internal Opacity”. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

“Media Coverage and Civil War Interventions: A Cross-National Examination of Intervention Behavior”. (with Paul Macharia). Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, February 2009.

“External Transparency and Diversionary Conflict”. Presented at the Annual American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008.

“What you Don’t Know Can Hurt You: Transparency and Conflict Behavior”. Presented at the Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 2008.

“Playing Politics With War: Opposition Party Position-Taking on the Use of Force”. (with Michael Allen) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Columbia, South Carolina, November 2007.

Consulting

Predictive Societal Indicators of Radicalism. Milcord LLC. Fall 2009. This work was sponsored by the United States Air Force Research Laboratory under Air Force Contract No. FA8750-09-C-0132. The AFRL Program Manager for the effort is Michael Hinman. With David Cingranelli and Amanda Murdie

Grants and Awards

MAC Academic Leadership Development Fellowship, 2023-2024

University Small Research Grant, KSU, Spring 2021.

Big-12 Fellowship, 2017

Kansas State University Faculty Development Award, 2015

Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member at ISA-Midwest, 2015

Oz to Oz K-State Travel Funding to Australia, 2014
Kauffman Foundation. Agribusiness Development Team Project, 2012, (\$128,960)
American Soldier Project Travel Grant, Spring 2010
University Small Research Grant, KSU, Spring 2010
Dissertation Semester Fellowship, Binghamton University, Fall 2008
Binghamton University Graduate School Travel Grant, Spring 2008
GSEU Professional Development Award, Spring 2006

Professional Service

Co-Lead Editor *International Studies Quarterly*, 2024-2029
ISA Human Rights Section Graduate Student Best Paper Award, 2023-2025
PRQ Best Article Award Committee, 2019
Nominations Committee, Peace Science Society, 2017-2019
Editor *International Studies Review*, 2018-2022
Editorial Board Member, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2016-2018
Advisory Board Member for Online Peace Science Colloquium, 2015-2020
Chair for ISA-Midwest Book Award Committee, 2015-2017

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Interactions*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Political Behavior*

Teaching Experience

Domestic Forces in World Politics
Introduction to World Politics
U.S. Foreign Policy
International Security Graduate Seminar
International Relations Graduate Seminar
Transparency and World Politics Graduate Seminar
Global Human Rights
Political Inquiry and Analysis