BRIAN McQUINN

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SUMMARY

RESEARCH	Doctorate from the University of Oxford based on nine months of ethnographic fieldwork conducted in Libya embedded with insurgents fighting the 2011 uprising. Established the Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict at the University of Regina. Co-edited *The Libyan Revolution and its Aftermath* (2015), which was published by with Oxford University Press, and a special symposium with *International Interactions Journal* (2021). Authored or co-authored nineteen publications, which were cited 1,205 times (Google Scholar). Received research funding from Facebook, SSHRC, DNDRI, and Twitter's head of data science. Research impact includes policy papers, media appearances, and an upcoming *New York Times* investigation revealing Twitter's instrumental role in the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan. Completing two books (Cornell University Press and Oxford University Press).
TEACHING	Twelve years of experience delivering courses in humanitarian negotiations, conflict analysis, and peacebuilding practice to the United Nations (UN) and international NGO. Led courses at the UN Staff College, including "Conflict Analysis for Conflict Peacebuilding and Prevention" and "Engaging Non-State Armed Groups in the Field." Taught undergraduate and graduate courses on violence, ethnic civil war, and international studies at Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Switzerland) and University of Regina (Canada). Received high marks from students on my teaching. 4.7/5 rating on Ratemyprofessor.com.
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Ten-year career working in 16 conflict-affected countries for the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and The Carter Center. Supported policy and research initiatives in over 35 conflict-affected countries across the Middle East, North Africa, West Africa, and South Asia. Directly negotiated or interviewed members from more than sixty non-state armed groups.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
PhD (DPhil), SCHOOL OF ANTHROPOLOGY — 2015
"INSIDE THE LIBYAN REVOLUTION: COGNITIVE FOUNDATIONS OF ARMED STRUGGLE."

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, United States of America
MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL PEACE STUDIES, JOAN B. KROC INSTITUTE — 2003

WILFRED LAURIER UNIVERSITY, Canada
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONS.) — 1995

RESEARCH FUNDING

FACEBOOK (META), "Measuring the impact of online disinformation in conflict zones." Co-Principle Investigator.	$55,000 (USD)	2021-2023
MAX SCHMEISER, Twitter's head of data science, "Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict." Principle Investigator.	$30,000	2021-2022
COMPUTE CANADA, "Artificial Intelligence, Social Media, and Conflict: Human-in-the-loop AI solutions to rapidly changing problems." Principle Investigator.	In-kind	2021-2022
SSHRC, "Connection Grant: bridges over troubled waters." Co-Principle Investigator.	$16,416	2021-2022

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA, Dean's Research Award, "Variation in sexual violence during genocide." Principle Investigator	$5,000	2021-2022
COMPUTE CANADA, "Digital Traces of Conflict." Principle Investigator	In-kind	2020-2021
SSHRC, "Applying Machine-Learning to Video Traces of Conflict Online." Co-Principle Investigator.	$58,416	2020-2023
UK ESRC, "Ritual, Community, and Conflict." Co-applicant	$3.1 M	2011-2016
BERHGOF FOUNDATION, "Cohesion in Armed Groups: Libyan Revolution." Principle Investigator.	$85,000 (EURO)	2009-2013

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

CONFLICT TASKFORCE MEMBER, International Union for the Conservation of Nature	*2015-present*
RESEARCHER, Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding, Graduate Institute	*2012-2019*
FELLOW, Centre for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict, University of Oxford	*2015*
RESEARCH FELLOW, Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark	*2013-2014*
PHD DISSERTATION FELLOW, Harry Guggenheim Foundation (20,000 USD)	*2013*
DISSERTATION SCHOLAR, SSHRC of Canada (40,000 CAD)	2011-2012
KROC MASTERS FELLOWSHIP, University of Notre Dame (95,000 USD)	2002

WORK EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES   *Regina, Canada*
University of Regina (Fall 2019 – Present)

- Co-founded the Centre for Artificial Intelligence, Data, and Conflict after securing funding from Facebook, government research councils, and private donors.
- Responsible for developing and delivering six new undergraduate courses in the first year of teaching. These include Introduction to International Studies (IS100), Global Governance: International Organizations (IS 301), Contemporary Issues in International Affairs (IS 240), and three directed reading seminars on armed conflict and civil war.
- Active research program on machine-learning, civil war, and social media. Additional research streams include women's networks in civil wars, humanitarian strategies for influencing armed groups, and addressing biodiversity and environmental conflict.

GLOBAL AFFAIRS ADVISER – GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND ARMED GROUP UNIT   *Geneva, Switzerland*
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) (April 2015 – June 2019)

- Served as one of three advisors to the ICRC's Director General on humanitarian analysis and engagement with non-state armed groups.
- Supported 14 delegations conflict analysis and engagement with armed groups and their influencers. This usually involves interacting directly with key government interlocutors and members of armed groups in each context.
- Co-led, with Fiona Terry, a three-year research project funded by the UK DFID. The project involved six internationally renowned researchers (e.g. Prof E Woods and Prof F Sanin), and studied why some state and non-state armed groups exhibit restraint in armed conflict. Published *Roots of Restraint in War* in June 2018.
- Led a small team that developed the ICRC's new policy, tools, and training for conflict analysis and engagement strategies with armed groups.

VISITING LECTURER   *Geneva, Switzerland*
  The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Fall 2016 – Summer 2019)
  - Developed and taught courses on humanitarian interventions in areas of conflict, analysis of armed groups, and humanitarian frontline negotiation skills.
  - Incorporated full-day simulations into two courses to expose students to the dilemmas and challenges humanitarians face negotiating with armed groups and state militaries.

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER AND DOCTORAL STUDENT   *Oxford, UK*
  University of Oxford – Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology (September 2009 – April 2015)
  - Part of a five person drafting team that received a 3 million (GBP) grant from the UK Economic and Social Research Council to study how ritual shapes conflict and communities.
  - Nominated Principal Investigator for a 90,000 EUR research grant with the Berghof Foundation that examined inception and social networks in armed groups in Libya.
  - Advanced research on armed group cohesion, social network analysis, and conflict dynamics in Libya, Syria, and Myanmar.
  - Represented the research team and the University of Oxford in a variety of government and academic fora, including international media interviews (e.g. BBC World News).

CONFLICT PREVENTION ADVISER   *New York, USA*
  United Nations Development Programme–Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (Jan 2007-Aug 2009)
  - Provided technical and programmatic advice to field staff in more than 21 country offices.
  - Supported the design and implementation of conflict prevention programs, and the drafting of knowledge products related to conflict analysis, peacebuilding, and insider mediation.
  - Drafted speaking points for senior management on a range of topics including country analysis, UN inter-agency initiatives, sexual violence trends, genocide prevention, and Responsibility to Protect.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM   *Atlanta, USA*
  The Carter Center (Feb 2004 – December 2006)
  - Served as one of four senior aides to former US President Jimmy Carter in his global peacemaking efforts. Work included drafting policy, conflict analysis, and speaking points.
  - Served as desk officer for the Center's intervention in Nepal, focusing on the initiation, support, and analysis of peace negotiations between the Government of Nepal and Maoist insurgents.
  - Supported the Center's International Council for Conflict Resolution, representing preeminent experts like Dr William Ury, Dr John Paul Lederach and Lord Owen.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM MANAGER   *Kibungo, Rwanda*
  International Rescue Committee (August 2001 – July 2002)
  - Supported the Rwandan Unity and Reconciliation Commission by drafting a two-year strategic program and project proposal for USD 1.4 million, later funded by USAID, UK DFID and the EU.
  - Served as the conflict resolution technical advisor to the International Rescue Committee's USD 4.5 million Decentralization and Good Governance projects.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINER AND PRACTITIONER   *Bosnia, Indonesia, East Timor, US, and Canada*
  Canadian Institute for Conflict Resolution (May 1996 – June 2001)

- Drafted and implemented, as part of a three-person team, a three-year USD 1.1 million inter-ethnic dialogue and conflict resolution training program in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Served as technical advisor to Bishop Belo (Nobel Peace Prize Recipient) in the design and implementation of the East Timor all-party peace talks in 1999.
- Designed, developed, and led courses in mediation, facilitation, and community-based conflict.
- Led third party interventions using multi-stakeholder dialogue processes to elicit and address long-standing conflicts in communities and organizations.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books and Special Issues:

Oliver Kaplan, **McQuinn, Brian**, and Terry, Fiona (eds.). 2021. Special Symposium: Promoting Restraint in War. *International Interactions Journal*

Cole, Peter and **McQuinn, Brian** (eds.). 2015. *The Libyan Revolution and its Aftermath*. Oxford University Press.

Zimmermann, Alexandra, and **McQuinn, Brian** (under contract) *Negotiating Nature: Biodiversity, Conservation, and Conflict Resolution*. Oxford University Press.

McQuinn, Brian. (Revisions requested) *Building an Insurgency*. Cornell University Press.

Book Chapters:

McQuinn, Brian and Laura Courchesne. 2020. "Armed-Group Proliferation: Origins and Consequences." *Strategic Survey 2020: The Annual Assessment of Geopolitics*. Washington D.C.: International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Madden, Francine and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2017. "Addressing the Missing Link in Wildlife Conservation," in Catherine M. Hill, Amanda D. Webber, Nancy E.C. Priston (eds.). *Understanding Conflicts about Wildlife: A Biosocial Approach*. New York: Berghahn Books.

Cole, Peter and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2015. "Introduction: the politics of revolution and uprising," in Cole, Peter and **McQuinn, Brian** (Eds.). 2015. *The Libyan Revolution and its Aftermath*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

McQuinn, Brian. 2015. "History's Warriors: The emergence of revolutionary brigades in Misrata," in Cole, Peter and **McQuinn, Brian** (eds.). 2015. *The Libyan Revolution and its Aftermath*. Oxford University Press.

Madden, Francine and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2015. "Understanding social conflict and complexity in marine conservation," in Draheim, Megan, Madden, Francine, McCarthy, Julie-Beth, and Parsons, Chris (eds.). 2015. *Human-Wildlife Conflict: Complexity in the Marine Environment*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Madden, Francine and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2015. "Conservation conflict transformation: the missing link in conservation," Redpath, Stephen M., Gutiérrez, R. J., Wood, Kevin A., and Young, Juliette C. (eds.). *Conflicts in Conservation: Navigating Towards Solutions*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Whitehouse, Harvey and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2012. "Ritual and Violence: Divergent modes of religiosity and armed struggle," in Mark Juergensmeyer, Margo Kitts, and Michael Jerryson (eds.). *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Ellis, Christina, Koziell, Izabella, **McQuinn, Brian**, and Julie Stein. 2004. "Approaching the Table: Transforming Conservation-Community Conflict into Opportunity." Alice Wondrak Biel (ed.).

Beyond the Arch: Community and Conservation in Greater Yellowstone and East Africa. Yellowstone Center for Resources.

Peer-reviewed articles:

McQuinn, Brian, Terry, Fiona, Francisco Gutiérrez-Sanín, and Oliver Kaplan. 2021. "Introduction: Promoting Restraint in War." Special Symposium on Promoting Restraint in War. Terry, Fiona, **McQuinn, Brian**, and Oliver Kaplan (eds.). *International Interactions.*

Razek, Noha and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2021. "Saudi Arabia's International Competitiveness, Accounting for Geopolitical Risks and the Super-Contango Oil" Market. *Resources Policy.* 72 (102057).

Zimmermann, Alexandra, **McQuinn, Brian** and Macdonald, David. 2020. "Levels of conflict over wildlife: Understanding and addressing the right problem." *Conservation Science and Practice,* 2 (10), p.259.

McQuinn, Brian. 2016. "DDR and the Internal Organization of Non-State Armed Groups." Stability: *International Journal of Security & Development.* 5(1): 2–25.

Whitehouse, Harvey, **McQuinn, Brian**, Buhrmester, Michael, and Swann, William Jr. 2014. "Brothers in arms: Libyan revolutionaries bond like family." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences,* 111.50: 17783-17785.

Madden, Francine and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2014. "Conservation conflict transformation: Addressing the missing link in wildlife conservation." *Biological Conservation,* 178 (September), 55-67.

McQuinn, Brian. 2013. "Assessing (In)security after the Arab Spring: The Case of Libya." *Political Science & Politics,* 46 (4), 716-720.

Sullivan, Richard, **McQuinn, Brian**, and Purushotham, Arnie. 2011. "How are we going to rebuild public health in Libya?" *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine,* 104 (12), 490-492.

McQuinn, Brian. 2010. "Modes of coalition formation: CPN-Maoists doctrinal cohesion regimes," in New Researchers' Perspectives on the Nepalese People's War. Paris: Centre for Himalayan Studies.

Beardsley, Kyle and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2009. "Rebel Groups as Predatory Organizations: The Political Effects of the 2004 Tsunami in Indonesia and Sri Lanka," *Journal of Conflict Resolution,* 53 (4), 624-645.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

McQuinn, Brian and Laura Courchesne. 2021. "After the Islamic State: Social Media and Armed Groups." *War on the Rocks.* Texas National Security Review.

McQuinn, Brian. 2021. "Ten years after the Arab Spring, Libya has another chance for peace." *The Conversation.*

IUCN. 2020. *IUCN SSC Position Statement on the Management of Human-Wildlife Conflict.* IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC) Human-Wildlife Conflict Task Force. Published in four languages.

McQuinn, Brian. 2020. International Committee of the Red Cross: Security & Safety Annual Report 2019. Geneva: ICRC. (*Confidential*).

Terry, Fiona and **McQuinn, Brian**. 2018. *Roots of Restraint in War.* Geneva: International Committee of the Red Cross.

McQuinn, Brian and Oliva, Fabio. 2014. *Engaging Non-state Armed Groups in the Field: Scoping Report.* Turin: United Nations System Staff College.

McQuinn, Brian and Swartz, Fatima. 2013. *Supporting Insider Mediation: Strengthening resilience to conflict and turbulence: Preliminary Research.* New York: United Nations Development Programme.

King, Benjamin, **McQuinn**, **Brian**, Navas Caputo, Claudia, and Tobon, Alonso. 2013. *Ad Hoc Arsenals: PSSM Practices of Selected Non-state Actors* Geneva: Small Arms Survey.

Ernstorfer, Anita, White, Jonathan, Smith, Deirdre, **McQuinn, Brian**, and Dedic, Jessica. 2013. "Literature Review: The Relationships between Violent Extremism/Terrorism and Development," Confidential policy report developed for UK Department for International Development (DFID).

McQuinn, Brian. 2012. *After the Fall: Libya's Evolving Armed Groups* Geneva: Small Arms Survey.

McQuinn, Brian. 2012. *Armed Groups in Libya: Typology and Roles* Geneva: Small Arms Survey.

McQuinn, Brian. 2012. *Impact Assessment: Youth employment programmes in Sierra Leone* (2007–2009). Freetown: United Nations Development Programme. (*Confidential*)