

# MELISSA M. LEE

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## EMPLOYMENT

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### **Princeton University**

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, February 2016–

Instructor, Department of Politics and Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, July 2015–January 2016

## EDUCATION

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### **Stanford University**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2015

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

### **University of California, San Diego**

B.A., Political Science - International Relations, 2008

*Summa cum laude* and highest honors

## RESEARCH

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### **Publications**

Lee, Melissa M., and Nan Zhang. 2016. “Legibility and the Informational Foundations of State Capacity.” *Conditionally accepted at the Journal of Politics*.

Lee, Melissa M., and Gregor Walter-Drop. 2015. “Taking the State (Back) Out? A Reply to Peters and Pierre.” *Governance* 28 (3): 397-399. [A response to a discussion of Lee, Melissa M., Gregor Walter-Drop, and John Wiesel. 2014. “Taking the State (Back) Out? Statehood and the Delivery of Collective Goods.” *Governance* 27 (4): 635-654.]

Lee, Melissa M., and Melina Platas Izama. 2015. “Aid Externalities: Evidence from PEPFAR in Africa.” *World Development* 67: 281-294.

Lee, Melissa M., Gregor Walter-Drop, and John Wiesel. 2014. “Taking the State (Back) Out? Statehood and the Delivery of Collective Goods.” *Governance* 27 (4): 635-654.

### **Working Papers**

Lee, Melissa M. 2016. “The International Politics of Incomplete Sovereignty: How Hostile Neighbors Weaken the State.” *Under review*.

Lee, Melissa M., and Aila M. Matanock. 2016. “Top Ten: Do State Failure and Fragility Indicators Affect Aid?”

Lee, Melissa M. and Lauren Prather. 2016. "What Determines Public Support for International Norm Enforcement?"

Lee, Melissa M., and Nan Zhang. 2013. "The Art of Counting the Governed: Census Accuracy, Civil War, and State Presence." CDDRL Working Paper Series, No. 146. Stanford University.

### **Research in Progress**

Lee, Melissa M. *Crippling Leviathan: How Hostile Neighbors Weaken the State*. [A book-length project that investigates the international sources of incomplete sovereignty.]

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANDS, AND AWARDS**

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### **Fellowships**

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Stanford University, 2014–2015

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (No. DGE-0645962), 2010–2015

Political Science Graduate Student Fellowship, Stanford University, 2009–2014

### **Research Grants**

University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, \$91,000, 2015–2017

The John and Jackie Lewis Fund to Support Research on Asia, Stanford University, \$1,000, 2014

Graduate Research Opportunity, Stanford University, \$2,104, 2014

Center for African Studies Graduate Summer Research Grant, Stanford University, \$3,000, 2014

Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies Student Grant for the Study of Islam and Muslim Societies, Stanford University, \$1,000, 2014

Freeman Spogli Institute, Global Underdevelopment Action Fund Grant (with Stephen Krasner, James Jones, and Nan Zhang), \$20,000, March 2013–February 2014

Freeman Spogli Institute, Global Underdevelopment Action Fund Summer Grant (with Stephen Krasner and Nan Zhang), \$5,000, June 2012–August 2012

### **Awards**

Sanford A. Lakoff Award for Most Outstanding Honors Thesis in Political Science, 2008

Eleanor Roosevelt College Provost Scholar, 2008

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 2007

## INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCES, AND PRESENTATIONS

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Sovereignty in Contested Spaces, Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, September 29–30, 2016 (scheduled)

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 1–4, 2016 (scheduled)

Assessment Power in World Politics Workshop, Harvard University, May 6–7, 2016 (scheduled)

Conference on International Law, International Norms, and Public Opinion, Princeton University, April 29, 2016 (scheduled)

International Law/International Relations Colloquium, Cornell University, March 21, 2016

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 3–6, 2015

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, February 18–21, 2015

Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Philadelphia, PA, October 10–October 11, 2014

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Research Seminar, Stanford University, October 30, 2014

International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, September 29, 2014

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28–September 1, 2014

Empirical Study of Conflict Annual Research Meeting, University of California, San Diego, May 30, 2014

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3–6, 2014

International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, February 21, 2014

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 29–September 1, 2013

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 11–14, 2013

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, April 3–6, 2013

Meeting of the International Political Economy Society, Charlottesville, VA, November 9–10, 2012

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Public Goods Provision and Governance Conference, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 18–19, 2012

Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA, April 1–4, 2012

Workshop on External Actors and the Provision of Collective Goods in Areas of Limited Statehood, San Diego, CA, March 30–31, 2012

International Relations Workshop, Stanford University, March 16, 2012

The Global Commission on Elections, Democracy, and Security Workshop, Yale University, March 2, 2012

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1–4, 2011

Workshop on External Actors and the Provision of Collective Goods in Areas of Limited Statehood, Freie Universität Berlin, May 25–26, 2011

Workshop on Data on Governance and Statehood, Freie Universität , December 14, 2010

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## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Research Consultant, National Intelligence Council, November 2015

Research Consultant, Political Instability Task Force, January–February 2015

Research Consultant, Global Commission on Elections, Democracy, and Security/International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, June 2011–June 2012.

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## **TEACHING**

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POL 387: International Intervention and the Use of Force (Fall 2016)

Junior Workshop: International Intervention (Fall 2016)

WWS 571a: International Policy Responses to State Fragility (Fall 2015)

Junior Workshop: Statebuilding (Fall 2016, 2015)

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## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

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Referee, *International Organization*

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Political Science Association, 2011–present

International Political Economy Society, 2012–present

International Studies Association, 2011–present

Peace Science Society (International), 2013–present

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## **SKILLS**

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Software: ArcGIS, Stata, R

Field experience: Philippines, Uganda, Washington, D.C.

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