

# Jangai Jap

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## EDUCATION

### **George Washington University**

Ph.D., *Political Science*, expected 2021

- *Dissertation*: Winning Hearts and Minds: Street-level Bureaucracy and Ethnic Minorities' Attachment to the State in Myanmar
- *Committee*: Henry Hale (chair), Eric Kramon, and John Sides

M.A., *Political Science*, 2018

- *Fields*: Comparative Politics and Research Methods

### **Yale University**

B.A., *Judaic Studies* and *Political Science* (double major), 2014

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethnic politics, minority representation, public opinion, national identity and nation-building, civil war, local government, Myanmar/Burma

## JOURNAL ARTICLE

1. Ethnic Parties in New Democracies: The Case of Myanmar 2015 (with Adam Ziegfeld). 2020, *Electoral Studies* 65(June).

## WORKING PAPERS

1. Can Encounters with the State Build National Unity? Survey Evidence from Myanmar
2. Why Politically Included Ethnic Groups Rebel: Decolonization, Separatism and Within-group Heterogeneity
3. Colonial Legacies and Modern Conflicts: the Long-term Impacts of Missionary Activities on Ethnic Conflict

## OTHER WRITINGS

1. Protesters and Bystanders: Ethnic Minorities in the Pro-Democracy Revolution. *Tea Circle*, March 22, 2021.
2. Understanding Recent Survey Data on Kachin's Heterogeneous Attitudes toward Myanmar. *Tea Circle*, July 2, 2020.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

1. National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2020), Award # 1841034: \$18,885
2. GWU's Sigur Center Grant for Asian Field Research (2018): \$4,750
3. National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship (2017-2020): \$138,000 in tuition scholarship and stipend
4. Cosmos Scholars Grant (2017): \$3,000
5. Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Modern Hebrew (2013)
6. Walmart Scholarship (2010): \$2,500

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Ethnic Politics, Nationalism and Nation-building, Political Violence and Civil War, Politics of Southeast Asia, Politics of Burma/Myanmar

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP Introduction to Comparative Politics (GWU), *Teaching Assistant* (Spring 2016; Fall 2020 - virtual; Spring 2021 - virtual)  
- Guest lecture on “National Identities” (01/2021 - virtual)  
Ethnic Politics (GWU), *Guest Lecture* (09/2019)  
Elliott School Undergraduate Scholar Program (GWU), *Graduate mentor* (2016-2017)  
Introduction to International Politics (GWU), *Teaching Assistant* (Fall 2015)  
Introduction to Academic Writing (Myanmar), *Visiting Instructor* (Summer 2013; Summer 2014)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS **2020:** [1] George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop; [2] American Political Science Association Annual Conference; [3] Minority Politics Online Seminar Series

INVITED PANELS AND TALKS **2021:** [1] Association for the Study of Nationalities, “Nationalism and Democracy in Myanmar” (02/18); [2] Center for Asian Studies at University of Colorado, Boulder, “The Political Crisis in Myanmar: Nuanced Perspectives on the Nation’s Past, Present & Future” (02/24); [3] University of Colorado, Boulder, “Resisting the Coup in Myanmar” (04/08); [4] University of Georgia, Innovation in International Affairs Speaker Series (scheduled 05/06)  
**2020:** [1] ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore, “After the Vote, What’s Next?” (12/22)

OTHER PANELS AND TALKS **2019:** [1] Kachinland School of Arts and Science, Myanmar (May 24); [2] Naushaung Community School, Myanmar (May 25); [3] Gateway Learning Center, Myanmar (July 8)

RESEARCH POSITIONS Sigur Center for Asian Studies (GWU), *Graduate Research Assistant* (2016-2017)  
Nyein (Shalom) Foundation (Yangon, Myanmar), *Junior Peace Data Analyst* (2014-2015)  
Israel on Campus Coalition (Yale), *Student Researcher* (2011-2012)

SKILLS AND TRAINING Software: STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, QGIS  
Languages: Burmese (fluent), Kachin (fluent)  
Trainings: Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (Summer 2018)

FIELD RESEARCH Approximately 13 months of pre-dissertation and dissertation field research in Myanmar (2 months in 2017, 3 months in 2018, and 8 months in 2019).

REFERENCES Henry Hale  
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