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“The Impact of Illicit Economies on Military Conflict” (in progress)
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PUBLICATIONS:

“Kicking the Opium Habit? Afghanistan’s Drug Economy and Politics Since the 1980s,” *Journal of Conflict, Security, and Development*, Vol. 6, No. 2, Summer 2006, pp. 127-149
“Guerrilla Warfare,” in *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2nd edition (Macmillan), forthcoming
“Endangering Species: Poppies to Songbirds,” *International Herald Tribune*, March 24, 2006 [reprinted from *Boston Globe*, March 20, 2006]
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“A Better Strategy Against Narcoterrorism,” MIT Center for International Studies *Audit of the Conventional Wisdom*, 06-02, January 2006;
http://web.mit.edu/cis/pdf/Audit_01_06_Vanda.pdf
“Drugs and State-building in Afghanistan,” *Precis*, Vol. XV, No. 1, Fall 2005, pp. 4-7,19
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“Afghanistan and Opium,” *Boston Globe*, December 18, 2005

- “The Intersection of Terrorism and the Drug Trade,” in James J.F. Forest, ed., *The Making of a Terrorist: Recruitment, Training, and Root Causes, Vol. III: Root Causes* (Westport: Praeger Publishers, 2005), pp. 172-188
- “Afghanistan: When Counternarcotics Undermine Counterterrorism,” *Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 28, No. 4, Fall 2005, pp. 55-72
- “La ciencia social estadounidense y la política de contrainsurgencia en Colombia,” (with Roger Petersen) in Freddy Cante and Luisa Ortiz, eds., *Accion Politica no-violenta, una opcion para Colombia* (Bogota: Centro Editorial Universidad del Rosario, 2005), pp.79-104
- “High Politics,” *The Washington Times*, October 31, 2003
- “Getting Hooked: The Drug-Insurgency Nexus,” *Breakthroughs*, Vol. XII, No. 1, Spring 2003, pp. 17-24.

WORKING PAPERS:

- “Shooting Up: The Impact of the Production and Trafficking of Illicit Substances on Militarized Conflict”
- “Political Science and Narcoinsurgency: Fads, Causes, & Mechanisms” (with Roger Petersen)

PRESENTATIONS:

- “Drug Wars in Colombia and Afghanistan,” Guest lecture in “Drugs, Politics, and Culture” course, Department of Anthropology, MIT, April 2006
- “The Promise & Efficacy of Compensation Strategies in the Field of Counternarcotics,” Carroll Wilson Foundation, Cambridge, MA, March 2006
- “Narcoterrorism and Its Fallacies,” Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, MA, February 2006
- “Narcoterrorism and Its Fallacies,” Seminar XXI, Arlie Center, VA, January 2006
- “Colombia’s Narcoinsurgency,” Guest lecture in “Civil War” course, Department of Government, Wesleyan College, Middletown, CT, November 2005
- “Drugs and Security in Afghanistan,” The 2005 Kabul International Symposium on Drug Policy, Kabul, Afghanistan, September 2005
- “Kicking the Opium Habit? Afghanistan’s Drug Economy and Politics Since the 1980s,” Middle East and Central Asia Annual Conference, September 2005
- “Military Conflict and the Production and Trafficking of Illicit Substances: Toward A Theory,” APSA Annual Conference, Washington, DC, September 2005, poster session
- “The Ugly Reality of Drugs and Violence in Afghanistan,” New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, April 2005
- “Insurgencies and Illegal Economies,” Guest lecture in “Civil War” course, Department of Political Science, MIT, April 2005
- “Drugs and Conflict: Lessons from Asia and Latin America,” ISA Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, March 2005
- “Poppy and Politics: Drugs and Conflict in Afghanistan,” Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2004
- “Shooting Up: The Impact of the Production and Trafficking of Illicit Substances on Militarized Conflict,” MIT Work in Progress Colloquium, Cambridge, MA, October 2004
- “The Coca Connection: Lessons from Peru and Colombia,” APSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

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 “Drugs, Thugs, and Narcs,” New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH, April 2004
 “High Politics: Conflict and Drugs in Colombia and Peru,” ISSC/ISAC Conference, Army War College, Carlisle, PA, October 2003
 “Current U.S. Foreign Policy Issues,” public forum sponsored by U.S. Embassy in Madagascar, July 2003
 “The Coca Connection: The Impact of Illicit Substances on Militarized Conflict,” Women in International Security (WIIS) Summer Symposium, Washington, DC, June 2003 – award winning paper
 Principal discussant on Robert Jervis’s presentation, “Signaling and Perception,” MIT Work in Progress Colloquium, Cambridge, MA, February 2004

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Carroll Wilson Award, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2005
Energy, Technology, and International Affairs Summer Research Dissertation Grant, 2003, 2004, and 2005
 Presidential Graduate Fellowship, MIT, 2000-2004
Harvard Faculty Scholarship, 1997-1999
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University Fellow, Brandeis University, 1997
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| Department of Political Science, MIT, Teaching Assistant | Spring 2004 |
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