

Dawn Brancati

Academic Employment

Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Senior Lecturer (2023-24), Associate Teaching Professor (2025-)

Yale University, Political Science and Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Senior Lecturer (2021-23). The MacMillan Center, Associate Research Scholar (2019-20). Ezra Stiles Fellow (2022-23), Ezra Stiles Associate Fellow (2023-)

Columbia University, Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Visiting Scholar (2016-19)

Washington University in St. Louis, Assistant Professor (2008-16); Thesis Program Head (2009-16)

Harvard University, Harvard-MIT Data Center, Fellow (2004-06). Social Studies, Lecturer (2005-08)

Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Research Associate (2003-04)

Education

Columbia University, PhD with Distinction, MPhil, and MA in Political Science (2003)

Cornell University, BA, Government, Magna Cum Laude, Distinction All Subjects, Phi B. Kappa (1997)

Oxford University, Philosophy, Politics and Economics (study abroad) (1995)

Books

Dawn Brancati. 2009. *Peace by Design: Managing Intrastate Conflict through Decentralization* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Dawn Brancati. 2016. *Democracy Protests: Origins, Features and Significance*. (New York: Cambridge University Press).

Dawn Brancati and Nadine Sika. 2026. *Fuzzy Authoritarian Rule: How Uncertainty Deters Dissent*. (New York: Cambridge University Press).

Textbook

Dawn Brancati. 2018. *Social Scientific Research*. (London: SAGE Publications, Ltd.)

Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

Dawn Brancati. 2006. Decentralization: Fueling the Fire or Dampening the Flames of Ethnic Conflict and Secessionism. *International Organization* 60.3 (July):651-685. **Winner of the Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award.**

Dawn Brancati. 2007. Political Aftershocks: The Impact of Earthquakes on Intrastate Conflict. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 51 (5):715-743.

- Dawn Brancati. 2008. The Origins and Strength of Regional Parties. *British Journal of Political Science* 38(1):135-159.
- Dawn Brancati. 2008. Winning Alone: The Electoral Fate of Independent Candidates Worldwide. *Journal of Politics* 70 (3):648-662.
- Dawn Brancati and Jack L. Snyder. 2011. Rushing to the Polls: The Causes of Early Postconflict Elections *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 55(3):469-492.
- Dawn Brancati and Jack L. Snyder. 2013. Time to Kill: The Impact of Election Timing on Postconflict Stability. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 57(5):822-850.
- Dawn Brancati. 2014. Building Confidence in Elections: The Case of Electoral Monitors in Kosova. *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 1(1):6-15.
- Dawn Brancati. 2014. Pocketbook Protests: Explaining the Emergence of Pro-democracy Protests Worldwide. *Comparative Political Studies* 47(11):1503-1530.
- Dawn Brancati. 2014. Democratic Authoritarianism: Origins and Effects. *Annual Review of Political Science* 17:313-326.
- Dawn Brancati. 2014. Another Great Illusion: The Advancement of Separatism through Economic Integration. *Political Science Research and Methods* 2(1):29-95.
- Dawn Brancati. 2014. The Determinants of US Public Opinion toward Democracy Promotion. *Political Behavior* 36(4):705-730.
- Jóhanna K. Birnir, James D. Fearon, David D. Laitin, Ted Robert Gurr, Dawn Brancati, Stephen M. Saideman, Amy Pate, and Agatha S. Hultquist. 2015. Socially Relevant Ethnic Groups, Ethnic Structure, and AMAR. *Journal of Peace Research* 52(1):110-115.
- Dawn Brancati and Adrián Lucardi. 2019. Why Democracy Protests Do Not Diffuse. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(10):2354-2389.
- Responses: V. Bunce and S. L. Wolchik, H.E. Hale, C. Houle and M. A. Kayser, and K. Weyland
- Dawn Brancati and Adrián Lucardi. 2019. What We Do (Not) Know about Democracy Protest Diffusion. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 63(10):2438-2449.
- Dawn Brancati, Jóhanna K. Birnir and Qutaiba Idlbi. 2023 Locking Down Violence: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Non-state Actor Violence, *American Political Science Review*, 117(4):1327-1343.
- Dawn Brancati and Elizabeth M. Penn. 2023. Stealing an Election: Violence or Fraud, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 67(5): 858-892.
- Dawn Brancati. 2025. The Long Shadow of COVID-19 Lockdowns on Nonstate Actor Violence, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 70(2-3): 470-498.

Articles/Book Chapters (Editor-Reviewed)

- Dawn Brancati. 2004. Can Federalism Stabilize Iraq? *The Washington Quarterly* 27(2): 7-21. Reprinted in *Reshaping Rogue States: Preemption, Regime Change and U.S. Policy toward Iran, Iraq and North Korea*. Cambridge: Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press.
- Dawn Brancati. 2005. Pawns Take Queen: The Destabilizing Effects of Regional Parties on National Governments in Europe, *Constitutional Political Economy* (Special Issue), 16(2):143-59.
- Jack L. Snyder and Dawn Brancati. 2011. The Libyan Rebels and Electoral Democracy: Why Rushing to the Polls Could Reignite. *Foreign Affairs*, 2 September.
- Dawn Brancati. 2013. The 2011 Protests: Were They About Democracy? *The Washington Quarterly*, 36(1):25-35.
- Jack L. Snyder, Dawn Brancati, and Edward D. Mansfield. 2015. A Not So Great Awakening? Early Elections, Weak Institutions, and the Risk of Violence. In *Managing Conflict in a World Adrift*. Edited by Pamela Aall, Chester Crocker and Fen Hampson. Washington D.C.: United States Institute of Peace.
- Dawn Brancati. 2016. The 5 Ws of Democracy Protests. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia for Politics*. Edited by William R. Thompson, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Dawn Brancati. 2017. Critical Dialogues: Democratization from Above: The Logic of Local Democracy in the Developing World. *Perspectives on Politics* 15(4):1094-1096.
- Dawn Brancati. 2017. Critical Dialogues: Response to Anjali Thomas Bohlken's Review of *Democracy Protests: Origins, Significance and Consequences*. *Perspectives on Politics* 15(4):1093-1094.
- Dawn Brancati and William Wohlforth. 2021. Why Authoritarians Love the Olympics. *Foreign Affairs*, 25 March.

Dataset

Dawn Brancati. *Global Elections Database*. 2007, 2011. <http://www.globalelectionsdatabase.com/> (formerly known as the Constituency-Level Elections (CLE) dataset, 2007). Users: 6-10,000 per year, ~ 150 countries.

Honors and Awards

External

Franklin L. Burdette/Pi Sigma Alpha Award (Best Paper Presented at the Previous Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association) (2006); Phi Beta Kappa (1997)

Internal

MPA Faculty Excellence Award, Brown University (2025); Master of Arts ad eundem gradum, Brown University (2024); Women's Panhellenic Association Faculty Recognition (2010); Distinction, Columbia University (top 10% of graduating PhDs) (2003)

Fellowships and Grants

External Grants (100K or above)

National Science Foundation (NSF), Principal Investigator (sole), #0849215 (2009-12)

External Grants (below 100K)

APSA MENA Project Grant (2021); ICNC Rapid Field Research and Data Collection Grant (2020); German Marshall Fund Dissertation Fellowship (2000-01); German Marshall Fund Pre-dissertation Fellowship (2000); Leopold Schepp Foundation Fellowship (1999-00; 2000-01)

Internal Grants (50K or below)

Birkelund Fund (2024); SPRINT/UTRA Grant, Brown University (2024); Instructional Enhancement Fund Grant, Yale (2023); Weidenbaum Center, Washington University in St. Louis (2012-13); Weidenbaum Center Faculty Grant, Washington University in St. Louis (2009; 2010); Center for New Institutional Social Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis (2010); Faculty Aide Grant, Harvard University (2007); International Research Project on Ethnic and Regional Autonomy PhD Candidate/Postdoctoral Grant, Center for International Conflict; Resolution, Columbia University (2002-03); International Security Studies and Military Policy Analysis Summer Dissertation Research Travel Grant; Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University (2001); Presidential Fellowship, Columbia University (1998-99; 1999-00; 2001-02; 2002-03); Thomas S. Barclay Fellowship in Government and Public Law, Columbia University (1999-00); David Saville Muzzey Fellowship, Columbia University (1998-99)

Invited Presentations

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center/Program ECHO (October 2026); Norwegian University of Science and Technology (December 2025); Yale University-Protests and Politics Around the World (October 2025); The Democracy Forum (April 2025); Faculti (June 2024); What's Wrong with Democracy? (podcast) (July 2024); Brown University (December 2022); University of Connecticut - Storrs (March 2022); Indiana University-Bloomington (May 2022); American University in Cairo (2021; March 2020; May 2019; April/May 2018; April 2017); University of Gothenburg (2021); Yale-International Security Seminar (2021); Aarhus University (January 2021); Norwegian University of Science and Technology (November 2020); University of Maryland-College Park (October 2019); Brandeis University (October 2020); Academic Exchange Retreat (June 2019); Emory University (April 2019); George Washington University-Elliott School (February 2018); Temple University (February 2017); International IDEA-Timing of Elections Workshop-Accra, Ghana (October 2016); Lehigh University-Efron Lecture Series (March 2016); University of British Columbia-Liu Institute (January 2016); University of Essex (November 2015); International Hellenic University-Thessaloniki, Greece (June 2015); Juan March Institute-Madrid, Spain (May 2014); University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign (October 2013); Elections and Political Order Conference-Emory University (November 2012); University of California-San Diego (January 2011); Yale University (October 2010); USAID (September 2010); Duke University (September 2009); Yale University-Voting and Violence Conference (May 2009); World Bank (May 2009); US Senate Foreign Relations Committee (2008); University of Connecticut (March 2008); University of Minnesota (2006); New York University (2006); University of Richmond (2006); UNC Chapel Hill-Political Economy of Constitutions and

Courts Liberty Fund Colloquium (March/April 2005); Princeton University (February 2005); Duke University-Microfoundations of Federal Institutional Stability (April/May 2004); International Conference on Regional Autonomy and Ethnic Minorities-Uppsala, Sweden (June 2003); and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor-Authority Migration Conference (May 2003)

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (2002-06; 2009-10; 2014; 2016-17; 2020; 2022; 2024); ISA-ELIAS CIDE Workshop (2024); Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop: The Pursuit of Peaceful Polling (2022); Electoral Violence Political Violence and Electoral Politics-University of Amsterdam (2022); Elections and Violence: New Research on Actors, Targets, and Strategies-University of Amsterdam (2021); Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop (2019); Center for Experimental Social Science Conference-New York University (March 2011); International Studies Association (2009; 2004); Visions in Methodology-Ohio State University (October 2008); Midwest Political Science Association (2004); and Society for Comparative Research-Yale University (May 2001)

Consultancy

PBS Frontline (2025); International IDEA (2013; 2016); Kofi Annan Foundation (2017); USAID (2016-17); National Science Foundation Research Grant, MAR Selection Bias Project, #0718957 (2007-10); US Department of State (2012); US Senate Foreign Relations Committee (2008); and World Bank (2010)

Service

Boards and Standing Committees

H-DIPLO/RJISSF Associate Editor (2025-); APSA Committee on the Status of First Generation Higher Education Scholars in the Profession (Co-Chair 2024-25, Member, 2022-25); Minorities at Risk (MAR) Board (2006-10); *Ethnopolitics* Editorial Board (2010-2015)

Conference Committees

Committee Member, APSA Lijphart/Przeworski/Verba Data Set Award (2016); Division Chair, APSA Representation and Electoral Systems Section (2012); Program Co-Chair, ISA Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Studies (2018-19; 2019-20)

Conference Chair/Discussant

American Political Science Association (2004-2008; 2013; 2020; 2022; 2026); Minority-serving Institution Book Workshop (2023); Electoral Violence and Parties (2022; 2023); Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series (2020); Concepts and Indices of Electoral Integrity, Harvard University (2013); Midwest Political Science Association (2009); American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (2004)

Contributor

Political Violence @ a Glance (2016-2023); Interdisciplinary Laboratory of Computational Social Science (2021-); Folke Bernadotte Academy International Research Working Groups (2021-23); Conflict Consortium (2017)

Department/University Committees

Honorary Degrees Committee (2025-28); IAPA Committee (2025); James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Committee (2025); Watson Post-doctoral Search Committee (2023-25); MPA Faculty Committee (2023-25; 2026-27); Fulbright Review Committee (2024); Ezra Stiles Yale Associate College Adviser (2023-); Ezra Stiles Yale College Adviser (2022-23); T. Johansen Dissertation Committee-Second Advisor (2019-25); Les Aspin Fellowship Committee (2022); A. Sahin Dissertation (2014); Comparative Politics Annual Workshop Faculty Coordinator (2013-16); Comprehensive Exam Committee (2010-11; 2013-14); A. Crespo-Tenorio Dissertation Committee Member (2013); P. Casey Dissertation Committee Second Chair (2013); Faculty Hiring Committee (2008; 2010; 2012); Honors Awards Ceremony Speaker (2010); Les Aspin Fellowship Committee (2022); and University Writing Committee (2008-09)

Reviewer

American Association of University Women; American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Cambridge University Press; Central European University; Conflict Management and Peace Science, Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Democratization; Electoral Studies; Ethics and International Affairs; Ethnopolitics; European Journal of Political Research; European Research Council; International Interactions; International Organization; International Security; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Experimental Research; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Politics; National Science Foundation; Oxford Economic Papers; Oxford University Press; Palgrave; Party Politics; Peace Science; Perspectives on Politics; Political Analysis; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Political Science Quarterly; PS: Political Science and Politics; Problems of Post-Communism; Publius: Journal of Federalism; Routledge; SAGE; Security Studies; Social Science Computer Review; World Politics; and World Development