

JENNIFER M. KEISTER

QUALIFICATIONS

Extensive experience with a range of analytics
Ability to pair analytic abstraction with on-the-ground realities in complex environments to inform strategic decisions
Experience in identifying viable metrics, and extracting and analyzing data
Management experience in challenging environments

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Notre Dame's Initiative for Global Development 2013 – present
Associate Research Fellow
Aiding in grantwriting; providing expertise on data collection and analysis, with a focus on monitoring and evaluating development programming

Cato Institute 2013 – 2014
Visiting Research Fellow, Foreign Policy and National Security
Analyzing US security policy and world events, with a focus on insurgency and ungoverned spaces

University of California, San Diego 2006 – 2011
PhD research
Over 21 months of field research in conflict areas of Mindanao, Republic of the Philippines. Investigating how rebel movements control civilian population and balance foreign supporters; conducted archival research, over 200 interviews (rebels, government and military personnel, civilians); designed civilian survey; recruited, trained, and managed a survey team of 120 in conflict areas, collecting 1522 surveys; analyzed qualitative and quantitative data, and co-developed a formal model; pursued and won funding to support this research from eight high-profile institutions

World Bank (Philippines)
Consultant
Developed initial assessment and proposals to identify and measure leakage in a large development project, balancing client sensitivities in a context of operational risk and biased data 2013
Aiding design and implementation of a needs assessment to demobilize rebel combatants 2014

Catholic Relief Services (Kenya)
Consultant
Co-developed and -ran instruction modules to advise peacebuilders on ways to measure, monitor, and evaluate programming in Africa, Asia, the Balkans, and Latin America

Imagine Schools 2004
Legal and demographic research; assisted the company's first successful application for a new school

AES Kyivoblenargo (Ukraine) 2001
Cultural/Corporate Ambassador
Member of the acquisition team for the formerly state-owned company; liaised with workers, identifying employee concerns, management challenges, and disseminating corporate policy

SKILLS

Conversational French and Russian
Stata (statistical software package)

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego
Ph.D., Political Science "States Within States: How Rebels Rule" 2011
M.A., Political Science 2006

College of William and Mary 2003
B.A., Government (*summa cum laude*), Phi Beta Kappa, Honors thesis awarded high honors