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I am currently a fourth-year doctoral student in the Government and Politics Department. My dissertation focuses on rebel governance in civil war, but more broadly, I am interested in civilian agency in war, as well as international influences on domestic conflict dynamics. I will conduct interviews in Aceh, Indonesia this summer with ex-rebels, traditional leaders, and civilians to explore the determinants of rebel governance in civil war with funding from the World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship from the Smith Richardson Foundation. Understanding the determinants of the form rebel rule takes not only has important implications for human security during conflict, but also crucially contributes to prospects for post-conflict stabilization. I also work to promote students' awareness of and engagement with tough issues. I designed and instructed a Human Rights class and served as a teaching assistant for a number of classes that ask students to think about ethics, norms, and violence. I believe it is important to be involved in students' learning outside the classroom. I have directed the Model United Nations club for undergraduates, as well as led an alternative break trip to Ecuador, where students served Indigenous communities and gained a deeper understanding of the tension these communities face between government agendas, and their own culture. I have served as the Managing Editor of the Journal of Conflict Resolution for the past three years, as well as Assistant for the Government and Politics Honors Program. In the fall, I will transition to being a research assistant for my advisor.