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### About

James D. Fearon is Theodore and Frances Geballe Professor in the School of Humanities and Sciences and Professor of Political Science at Stanford University. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Freeman-Spogli Institute for International Studies. His research focuses on political violence – interstate, civil, and ethnic conflict in particular. In addition he has worked on aspects of democratic theory and the impact of democracy on foreign policy. He has published numerous articles in scholarly journals, including “*How Does Development Assistance Affect Collective Action Capacity? Results from a Field Experiment in Post-Conflict Liberia*” (co-authored with Macartan Humphreys and Jeremy Weinstein, in *American Political Science Review*), “*Self-Enforcing Democracy*” (*Quarterly Journal of Economics*), “*Iraq’s Civil War*” (*Foreign Affairs*), “*Neotrusteeship and the Problem of Weak States*” (co-authored with David Laitin, in *International Security*), “*Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War*” (co-authored with David Laitin, in *American Political Science Review*), and “*Rationalist Explanations for War*” (*International Organization*). Fearon was elected member of the National Academy of Sciences in 2012 and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2002. He has been a Program Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research since 2004. He served as Chair of the Department of Political Science at Stanford from 2008-2010.

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