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Appointments

Indiana University	
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	2024–
Affiliated faculty, Tobias Center for International Development	
RAND, National Security Research Division	
Associate Political Scientist & Adjunct Researcher	2021–2024
Special Operations Analysis Group	
UN Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Body on Artificial Intelligence	
Subject Matter Expert	2024
Carnegie Mellon University	
Lecturer, Institute for Security and Technology	2024
Michigan State University	
Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute For Public Policy and Social Research	2021–2022

Education

Michigan State University	
M.A., Ph.D., Political Science	2021
Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling	2018
University Distinguished Fellow	
University of Kentucky	
B.A., International Studies	2012
<i>summa cum laude</i> , Departmental Honors	

Publications

Journal Articles

5. Caleb Lucas (2025). Mere Puffery or Convincing Claims? Rebel News and Civilian Perceptions of Group Strength. Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*.
4. Amira Jadoon and Caleb Lucas (2024). Winning or Losing Hearts and Minds? Evidence from Afghanistan on how Leadership Decapitation affects Civilian Perceptions of Government Efficacy. *Journal of Politics* 86(1), 216–230.
3. Will Hobbs, Nazita Lajevardi, Xinyi Li, and Caleb Lucas (2023). From Anti-Muslim to Anti-Jewish: Target Substitution on Fringe Social Media Platforms and the Persistence of Online and Offline Hate. *Political Behavior* 46, 1747–1769.
2. Caleb Lucas, Benjamin Appel, and Alyssa Prorok (2022). Not Too Distant: Opportunity, Grievance, and the Onset of Civil War. *Civil Wars* 24(4), 497–523.
1. Kevin Greene and Caleb Lucas (2020). Once More, with Feeling: Using Sentiment Analysis to Improve Models of Relationships between Non-State Actors. *International Interactions* 46(1), 150–162.

Publicly Available RAND Reports (peer-reviewed)

5. Early Warning: Detecting Malign Information Operations, RAND Corporation, RR-A2853-1, 2025 (with Christopher A. Mouton and Shaun Ee)
4. The Operational Risks of AI in Large-Scale Biological Attacks: Results of a Red-Team Study, RAND Corporation, RR-A2977-2, 2024 (with Christopher A. Mouton and Ella Guest)

- Cited by ¹Mitt Romney & the Senate Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight Subcommittee, ²the Bipartisan House Task Force on Artificial Intelligence ³the Congressional National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology, ⁴the Department of Commerce's Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute, others
- Covered in ¹the Guardian, ²Politico, ³Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, ⁴TIME, ⁵Fast Company, ⁶Popular Mechanics, others
- Winner of the 2024 RAND Bronze Medal Award

3. Harnessing the Power of Private Sector Innovation to Defeat a Chinese Invasion of Taiwan: Relighting Vulcan's Forge, RAND Corporation, RR-A2930-1, 2024 (with Ryseff et al.)
2. The Operational Risks of AI in Large-Scale Biological Attacks: A Red-Team Approach, RAND Corporation, RR-A2977-1, 2024 (with Christopher A. Mouton and Ella Guest)
1. Establishing a Sovereign Guided Weapons Enterprise for Australia: International and Domestic Lessons Learned, RAND Corporation, RR-A1710-1, 2022 (with Mouton et al.)

Editor Reviewed & Commentary

3. How to Identify and Address the Real-World Risks of Large Language Models (with Christopher A. Mouton, *AI & Society: Knowledge, Culture and Communication*)
2. The Measure-Countermeasure Dynamic: Large Language Models and National Security (with Christopher A. Mouton, *National Interest*, September 23, 2023)
1. Australia's Sovereign Capability in Military Weapons, RAND Corporation, PE-A2131-1, July 2023 (with Dowse et al.)

Software

cspp and csppData: R Packages for the Correlates of State Policy Project Data (with Josh McCrain)
 CongressData: R Package for CongressData

Invited Talks

Indiana Council on World Affairs	2025
Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency Strategic Forum Series	2024
MITRE, Generative AI Technical Exchange Conference	2024
National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology	2024

Fieldwork & Language Training

Lebanon: Dissertation research, American University of Beirut	2019
Lebanon: Beirut Politics Exchange Annual Workshop	2019
Syria: Formal Arabic, Damascus University	2009, 2010
Morocco: Formal Arabic, Qalam Wa Lawh	2011, 2017
London School of Economics: Academic Research on Conflict and Contention Workshop	2018
University of Michigan Summer Arabic Language Program	2015

Teaching

‡ = graduate course

Indiana University	
POLS-Y 575: Political Data Analysis I‡	2024
POLS-Y 577: Maximum Likelihood Estimation‡	2025
POLS-Y 375: War and International Conflict	2025
Carnegie Mellon University	
84-720: International Security Graduate Seminar‡	2024
Michigan State University	
PLS 801: Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science‡	2021
Programming in R for Political Scientists Summer Course (Co-instructor)‡	2020, 2021

PLS 202: Introduction to Data Science (Teaching Assistant)	2020
PLS 100: Introduction to American Politics (Teaching Assistant)	2017

Workshops: ¹*Social Media Mining in R: Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data*, ²*Cleaning Messy Text Using R: How to Get Your Data Ready for Analysis*, ³*Computational Text Analysis: An Introduction using R*, ⁴*Building Static Websites Using GitHub Pages*

Grants & Awards

RAND Corporation	
Bronze Medal Award for Research Innovation (organization-wide)	2024
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)	
Summer Fellowship, Advanced Formal Arabic, Morocco (\$8,500)	2017
Michigan State University	
University Distinguished Fellowship (university-wide)	2016–2021
Cloud Computing Fellowship (university-wide)	2019–2020
Dissertation Research Grants	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Conference Travel Grants	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Summer Performance Fellowships	2017, 2018, 2019
Summer Training Fellowship	2018
Summer Language Fellowship	2017

Conference & Workshop Participation

International Studies Association	2020†, 2021, 2022, 2024
Midwest Political Science Association	2017, 2018, 2019, 2025
American Political Science Association	2019, 2021
Muslim Studies Conference on Global Islamophobia in the Media (MSU)	2021
Political Networks Conference	2021
Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference	2019, 2020
Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium	2018, 2019
International Studies Association – Midwest	2019
Boston International Security Graduate Student Conference	2018
Academic Research on Conflict and Contention Workshop	2018

†Canceled due to COVID-19

Service

† = university-wide

Indiana University	
Undergraduate Committee	2024–2025
Michigan State University	
University Steering Committee, Graduate Student Representative†	2016–2017
University Council, Graduate Student Representative†	2016–2017
Workshop on Social Science Methods, Co-founder & Co-organizer	2017–2019
Graduate Student Association, Vice President	2017–2018
Workshop on Conflict, Co-organizer	2017
Conference Organization	
MSU Arabic Studies Conference (with Camelia Suleiman and Marc Bernstein)	2017

Reviewer

International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Research; Journal Peace Research; Conflict Management and Peace Science; International Interactions; Terrorism and Political Violence; Cooperation and Conflict; Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research; Journal of Global Security Studies; RAND Corporation