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## Education

Michigan State University  
M.A., Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science 2016–  
Major: International Relations, Minor: Quantitative Research Methodology  
Committee: Jakana Thomas (chair), Ben Appel, Jeffrey Conroy-Krutz, Shahryar Minhas  
  
Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling 2018  
Department of Computational Mathematics, Science, and Engineering  
  
University of Kentucky  
B.A., International Studies 2012  
Emphases: International Relations and the Middle East  
Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude

## Publication

1. “Once More, with Feeling: Using Sentiment Analysis to Improve Models of Relationships between Non-State Actors” (with Kevin Greene). *International Interactions* 46, no. 1 (2020):150-162

## Selected Projects

### Under Review

3. Deadly Dates: The Relationship Between Holy Days and Terrorism
2. Not Too Distant: Opportunity, Grievance, and the Onset of Civil War (with Benjamin Appel and Alyssa Prorok)
1. Group Salience, Inflammatory Rhetoric, and Hate Crimes (with Will Hobbs, Nazita Lajevardi, and Xinyi Li)

### In Progress

6. The Effect of Propaganda on Civilians During Conflict
5. Social Media use by Rebels in Civil War (with Jakana Thomas)
4. Rethinking the Empirical Definition of Civil War: How Arbitrary Death Thresholds Affect Findings
3. Understanding Civil War Onset: Bringing the State Back In (with Benjamin Appel)
2. Time to Lift the Curse? Reexamining the Effect of Economic Endowments on Civilian Victimization (with Thomas Bentley)
1. Put Some Spin On It: How Human Rights Abusers Use Public Relations Campaigns (with Nicolas Bichay and Nathaniel Smith)

## Software

cspp and csppData: R Packages for the Correlates of State Policy Project Data (with Josh McCrain)  
IPPSR App: A Web App for the Correlates of State Policy Project Dataset ([link](#))

## Grants & Awards

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)                     |                        |
| Summer Fellowship, Advanced Formal Arabic, Morocco (\$8,500) | 2017                   |
| University   |                        |
| University Distinguished Fellowship                          | 2016–2021              |
| Cloud Computing Fellowship                                   | 2019–2020              |
| Department   |                        |
| Dissertation Research Grants                                 | 2019, 2020             |
| Conference Travel Grants                                     | 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 |
| Summer Performance Fellowships                               | 2017, 2018, 2019       |

## Additional Training

|  |      |
|--|------|
| ICPSR Summer Program: Applied Bayesian Models for Social Scientists Workshop       | 2020 |
| Beirut Politics Exchange Annual Workshop (Beirut, Lebanon)                         | 2019 |
| Academic Research on Conflict and Contention Workshop (London School of Economics) | 2018 |
| Formal Arabic: Syria (2009, 2010), Morocco (2011, 2017)                            |      |

## Fieldwork

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| Beirut, Lebanon | 2019 |
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## Skills

Formal Arabic,  $\LaTeX$ , Python, R

## Teaching

|  |      |
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| Programming in R for Political Science Graduate Students Summer Course, Co-instructor  | 2020 |
| Introduction to Data Science, Teaching Assistant (PLS 202)   | 2020 |
| Introduction to American Politics, Teaching Assistant (PLS 100)  | 2017 |
| Arabic Tutor, MSU Center for Language Teaching Advancement   | 2017 |
| Workshops: <sup>1</sup> <i>Social Media Mining in R: Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data</i> , <sup>2</sup> <i>Cleaning Messy Text Using R: How to Get Your Data Ready for Analysis</i> , <sup>3</sup> <i>Computational Text Analysis: An Introduction using R</i> |      |

## Affiliations

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Social Science Data Analytics, Michigan State University                  | 2019– |
| Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut | 2019  |

## Service

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| University  |           |
| Steering Committee, Graduate Student Representative             | 2016–2017 |
| University Council, Graduate Student Representative             | 2016–2017 |
| Department  |           |
| 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   |           |
| Arabic Studies Conference, Michigan State University            | 2017      |
| Conference Assistant (with Camelia Suleiman and Marc Bernstein) |           |

## Conference & Workshop Presentations

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| International Studies Association (canceled due to COVID-19) | 2020             |
| Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference               | 2019, 2020       |
| Midwest Political Science Association                        | 2017, 2018, 2019 |
| Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium                   | 2018, 2019       |
| American Political Science Association                       | 2019             |
| International Studies Association - Midwest                  | 2019             |
| Boston International Security Graduate Student Conference    | 2018             |

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