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Professional Positions

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| Department of Political Science, Michigan State University Fixed-Term Assistant Professor | 2021– |
| Institute For Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University Postdoctoral Fellow | 2021– |
| RAND Corporation Summer Associate, National Security Research Division | 2021 |

Education

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| Michigan State University Ph.D., Political Science | 2021 |
| M.A., Political Science | 2018 |
| Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling | 2018 |
| University of Kentucky B.A., International Studies | 2012 |
| Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude | |

Publication

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.

Selected Projects

Revise and Resubmit

2. Deadly Dates: The Relationship Between Holy Days and Terrorism [*Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Conflict Resolution*]
1. Not Too Distant: Opportunity, Grievance, and the Onset of Civil War (with Benjamin Appel and Alyssa Prorok) [*Revise and Resubmit at Civil Wars*]

Under Review

2. Group Salience, Inflammatory Rhetoric, and the Persistence of Hate Against Religious Minorities (with Will Hobbs, Nazita Lajevardi, and Xinyi Li)
1. The Resilience of University Departments (with Brendan Cantwell and Matt Grossmann)

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. Tactics, Targets and State Legitimacy in Afghanistan (with Amira Jadoon and Duncan Walker)
2. Time to Lift the Curse? Reexamining the Effect of Economic Endowments on Civilian Victimization (with Thomas Bentley)
1. Understanding Civil War Onset: Bringing the State Back In (with Benjamin Appel)

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

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| 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, 2021 |
| Conference Travel Grants | 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 |
| Summer Performance Fellowships | 2017, 2018, 2019 |

Additional Training

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| 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: Morocco | 2011, 2017 |
| Syria | 2009, 2010 |

Fieldwork

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| Beirut, Lebanon | 2019 |
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Skills

Formal Arabic, \LaTeX , Python, R

Teaching

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| Instructor (Graduate) | |
| PLS 801: Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science | 2021 |
| Programming in R for Political Scientists Summer Course (Co-instructor) | 2020, 2021 |
| Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate) | |
| PLS 202: Introduction to Data Science | 2020 |
| PLS 100: Introduction to American Politics | 2017 |
| Workshops: ¹ <i>Social Media Mining in R: Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data</i> , ² <i>Cleaning Messy Text Using R: How to Get Your Data Ready for Analysis</i> , ³ <i>Computational Text Analysis: An Introduction using R</i> , ⁴ <i>Building Static Websites Using GitHub Pages</i> | |

Affiliations

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| Social Science Data Analytics, Michigan State University | 2019–2021 |
| 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

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| 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

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| Arabic Studies Conference, Michigan State University | 2017 |
| Conference Assistant (with Camelia Suleiman and Marc Bernstein) | |

Conference & Workshop Presentations

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| American Political Science Association | 2019, 2021 |
| International Studies Association | 2020 [†] , 2021 |
| Muslim Studies Conference on Global Islamophobia in the Media (MSU) | 2021 |
| Political Networks Conference | 2021 |
| Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference | 2019, 2020 |
| Midwest Political Science Association | 2017, 2018, 2019 |
| Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium | 2018, 2019 |
| International Studies Association - Midwest | 2019 |
| Boston International Security Graduate Student Conference | 2018 |

[†]Canceled due to COVID-19

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