

# Caleb Lucas

Michigan State University  
368 Farm Lane, S233  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Email: [clucas@msu.edu](mailto:clucas@msu.edu)  
Website: <https://caleblucas.com>  
Updated: November 2020

## 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. Media Matters: 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: An R Package & Web Application for the Correlates of State Policy Project Data (with Josh McCrain)

## 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

Beirut, Lebanon	2019
-----------------	------

## Skills

Formal Arabic,  $\LaTeX$ , Python, R

## Teaching

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

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

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

## References

Jakana Thomas  
Associate Professor  
Michigan State University  
thoma977@msu.edu

Benjamin Appel  
Associate Professor  
Michigan State University  
benjaminjappel@gmail.com

Shahryar Minhas  
Assistant Professor  
Michigan State University  
minhassh@msu.edu

Last updated: November 2020