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Professional Positions

Institute For Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University Postdoctoral Fellow	2021–
RAND Corporation Summer Associate (Data Science), National Security Research Division	2021

Education

Michigan State University Ph.D., Political Science	2021 (expected)
M.A., Political Science	2018
Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling Department of Computational Mathematics, Science, and Engineering	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

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

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

Beirut, Lebanon	2019
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Skills

Formal Arabic, \LaTeX , Python, R

Teaching

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

Social Science Data Analytics, Michigan State University	2019–2021
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

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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