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EDUCATION	Ph.D. Government and Public Policy , University of Arizona Major in International Relations, Minor in Quantitative Research Methodology <i>Dissertation:</i> "Repression in Conflict-Affected States: The Role of United Nations Peace Operations" <i>Committee:</i> Jessica Maves Braithwaite (Chair), Daniel Arnon, Susanna Campbell (<i>American University</i>), Kirssa Ryckman M.A. Government and Public Policy , University of Arizona B.A. Political Science , Arabic Minor, Florida Atlantic University <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> with Honors B.A. Sociology , Florida Atlantic University	2024 2021 2019 2019
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	1. "NCITE Rapid-Response Report: Migration and Terrorism Nexus." Bruens, A., Ward, E., Doctor, A., Hughes, S., Ligon, G.S. 2024. <i>A technical report from the National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center based on work supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under Grant Award Number, 20STTPC00001-05.</i>	
NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	1. "Redefining Post-Conflict Peacekeeping Success in Regional and International Missions." Bruens, Alexander, and Mirella Miranda. 2018. <i>Florida Political Chronicle</i> , 26(1): 68—82.	
WORKING PAPERS	6. "Who Keeps the Peace? Reconceptualizing Peacebuilding Through Networks of Influence and Support" with Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Susanna Campbell, and Hatem Zayed. 5. "UN Peace Operations and Violent State Repression" (dissertation chapter) 4. "Determinants of United Nations Peace Operations" (dissertation chapter) 3. "UN Peace Operations and Nonviolent State Repression" (dissertation chapter) 2. "Peace Accords and Post-war Civil Society" 1. "Civil Society Repression in Post-Civil War States"	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	2. "Networks of Cooperation and Contestation in Conflict" with Jessica Maves Braithwaite and Susanna Campbell. 1. "Concentration Camps Unveiled: A Comparative Analysis of their Roles in Contemporary Conflicts" with Rachel Van Nostrand and Alex Braithwaite.	
RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE	Research Fellow (<i>Faculty Role</i>) National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Contribute to scientific review for DHS-funded projects. Lead IRB and compliance process. Assist with annual reporting, project management, and grant/proposal writing. Helped establish an NCITE research lab with Dr. Gina Ligon as lead. Research Manager Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL) at American University <i>Project Title:</i> "Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations" Oversaw data collection through research assistant management, analyzed original data.	June 2024 - Present August 2021 - August 2024

	Graduate Research Assistant University of Arizona	August 2021 - May 2023
	Undergraduate Honors Thesis Florida Atlantic University	2018–2019
	Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellow University of North Texas National Science Foundation REU in Conflict Management and Peace Science	Summer 2018
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Instructor of Record <i>University of Arizona</i> POL 202: International Relations.	Spring & Summer 2024
	Instructor <i>University of Arizona</i> POL 415: The Scientific Study of Civil Wars.	Fall 2023
	Instructor of Record <i>University of Arizona</i> POL 202: International Relations.	Summer 2022
	Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>University of Arizona</i> POL 202: International Relations, Dr. Alex Braithwaite.	2019–2021
	Teaching Assistant <i>Florida Atlantic University</i> Research Methods in Political Science, Dr. Angela Nichols.	Fall 2018
SKILLS	<i>Coding & Software Experience</i> R, Markdown, Stata, Gephi, Excel, Git/GitHub, L ^A T _E X <i>Quantitative Statistics</i> Data Collection and Analysis, Graphing and Visualizations, Regression, Social Network Analysis <i>Qualitative Statistics</i> IRB Process and Research Design, Interview Design, Process Tracing and Bayesian Reasoning	
CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	Peace Science Society Annual Conference	2022, 2023
	Political Economy of International Organization Annual Meeting	2023
	International Studies Association Annual Meeting	2023
	Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2019
INVITED WORKSHOPS	Peace Science Society. New Research about Preventing Mass Atrocities	November 2022
	International Studies Association. Bringing Firms into Global Local Networks of Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding	March 2023
	Bridging the Gap. New Era Workshop, Denver, CO,	October 2022
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Association Microgrant, \$250.	2024
	International Studies Scholarship Private donor, \$750.	2023
	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) attendance grant, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$3,080.	2023

	Michael P. Sullivan Graduate Research Award in International Relations, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$750.	2023
	Charles E., Jr. Starns Fellowship, School of Government & Public Policy University of Arizona, \$3,500.	2023
	Dissertation Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona, \$8,000.	2023
	Love of Learning Award Phi Kappa Phi, \$500.	2022
	Summer Research Grant, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$6,800 total.	2020, 2021
	Undergraduate Research Grant, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry, Florida Atlantic University, \$600.	2019
	Undergraduate Researcher of the Year, College of Arts and Letters, Florida Atlantic University	2018—2019
	University Scholar Award, College of Arts and Letters, Florida Atlantic University	2018—2019
	Best Undergraduate Paper Award, Florida Political Science Association	2018
	National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates, University of North Texas, \$4,000.	2018
TRAVEL & CONFERENCE GRANTS	International Studies Association workshop participant grant, \$300	2023
	International Studies Association travel grant, \$750	2023
	School of Government & Public Policy travel grant, \$300	2023
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	President Government & Public Policy Graduate Student Association	2021–2022
	Reviewer Journal of Peace Research	2021
	Student Organizer Advocates for Youth	2017–2019
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Political Science Association	
	International Studies Association	
	Peace Science Society (International)	
	Phi Kappa Phi	
	Four Corners Conflict Network	
	Academic Council on the United Nations	

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