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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in International Relations, *Minor Focus in Methods* **2019—Present**
University of Arizona

Master of Arts in Government and Public Policy **2021**
University of Arizona

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Sociology **2019**
Florida Atlantic University
Minor in Arabic, *Magna Cum Laude*
Thesis: “Does Civilian Inclusion in Post-Conflict Mediation Impact Quality of Life?”
Advisors: Dr. Angela Nichols, Dr. Dukhong Kim

INTERESTS

Post-civil war peacebuilding and United Nations Peace Operations; civil society and contentious politics in post-war environments; human security and peace durability.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

- University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy Summer Research Grant (\$4,000), 2021
- University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy Summer Research Grant (\$2,800), 2020
- Florida Atlantic University, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (\$600), 2019
- National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of North Texas via grant no. 1659545 (\$4000), 2018

Awards

- New Era Workshop participant, Bridging the Gap, 2021.
- Undergraduate Researcher of the Year, Florida Atlantic University College of Arts and Letters, 2018—2019
- University Scholar Award, Florida Atlantic University College of Arts and Letters, 2018—2019

- National Science Foundation political science Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of North Texas (advisor: Dr. John Ishiyama), Summer 2018
- Best Undergraduate Paper Award, Florida Political Science Association, 2018
- National Security Language Initiative for Youth, 2017

RESEARCH

Non-Refereed Publication

1. “Redefining Post-Conflict Peacekeeping Success in Regional and International Missions.”
Bruens, Alexander and Mirella Miranda. 2018. *Florida Political Chronicle*, 26(1): 68—82.

Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. 2019.

“Does Civilian Inclusion in Post-Conflict Mediation Impact Quality of Life?”

NSF REU Post-Program Symposium, University of North Texas, Denton, TX. 2018.

“How Civilians Fare After Post-Conflict Mediation: Civil society in mediation and its impact on quality of life”

Working Papers

Bruens, Alex. “Peace Accords and Post-War Civil Society.”

Bruens, Alex. “Civil Society Repression in the Post-Civil War Environment.”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

2021—Present

University of Arizona

Fall 2021, Spring 2022

“Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations,” PIs: Dr. Susanna Campbell (American University) and Dr. Jessica Braithwaite (University of Arizona)

Research Fellow

2021—Present

Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL) at American University

“Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations.”

Instructor of Record

Summer 2022

University of Arizona

Introduction to International Relations (POL202)

Teaching Assistant

2019—2021

University of Arizona

Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Introduction to International Relations (POL202) with Dr. Alex Braithwaite

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018

Florida Atlantic University

Research Methods in Political Science with Dr. Angela Nichols

SKILLS

- Stata, R, limited ArcGIS
- Data collection and analysis
- Social network analysis

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Peace Science Society (International)
- Four Corners Conflict Network
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society