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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.

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

International Studies Association 2023 Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada. March 2023.

“Peace Agreements and Post-War Civil Society.” **Alex Bruens**.

“Civil Society Repression in Post-Civil War States.” **Alex Bruens**.

56th Annual Peace Science Society Meeting, Denver, Colorado. November 2022.

“Who Keeps the Peace? Reconceptualizing Peacebuilding Through Networks of Influence and Support.” Susanna Campbell, Jessica Braithwaite, Hatem Zayed, and **Alex Bruens**.

Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, Belfast, Ireland. September 2022.

“Who Keeps the Peace? Reconceptualizing Peacebuilding Through Networks of Influence and Support.” Susanna Campbell, Jessica Braithwaite, Hatem Zayed, and **Alex Bruens**.

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. 2019.

“Does Civilian Inclusion in Post-Conflict Mediation Impact Quality of Life?” **Alex Bruens**.

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.” **Alex Bruens.**

Working Papers

1. “Who Keeps the Peace? Reconceptualizing Peacebuilding Through Networks of Influence and Support.” With Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Susanna Campbell, and Hatem Zayed.
2. “Peace Accords and Post-War Civil Society.”
3. “Civil Society Repression in Post-Civil War States.”

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

- International Studies Association Travel Grant (\$750), 2023.
- Phi Kappa Phi, Love of Learning Award (\$500), 2022.
- 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. October 2022.
- 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.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

2021—Present

University of Arizona

“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

SERVICE

President **2022—2023**
School of Government and Public Policy Graduate Student Association at University of Arizona

- Liaises between faculty and PhD students to raise issues and implement policies that better graduate students' work environment.

Student Organizer **2017—2019**
Advocates for Youth

- Selected as one of 30 student organizers from around the country to implement a sexual health campaign on our campus. Received two grants totaling \$1,600 to implement gender-neutral housing policies.
- Lobbied United States House and Senate representatives to reform Florida sexual health programming in schools to include queer identities.

President **2018—2019**
Planned Parenthood Generation Action at FAU

- Created sexual health education programs and facilitated student education.
- Lobbied Florida State Senate and House members to expand contraceptive and abortion access.

President **2018—2019**
Lambda United LGBTQ+ Organization at FAU

- Organized, funded, and collaborated with other organizations to educate on LGBTQ+ issues.
- Collaboratively wrote student government legislation to expand diversity and inclusion initiatives.

SKILLS

- Stata, R, Gephi, limited ArcGIS
- Social network analysis
- Data collection and analysis
- Technical writing, grant writing, and policy writing
- Management and training

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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