

# ALEX STEPHENSON

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Methodology and Formal Theory, Comparative Politics

Committee: Aila Matanock (*co-chair*), Susan Hyde (*co-chair*), Robert Powell, Leonardo Arriola, Saira Mohamed

M.A. Political Science

2018

### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

2011

B.A., Political Science and Statistics

## PRESENTATIONS

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"Swords before Ploughshares: Extreme Repression in the Shadow of Civil War" *Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 15, 2020

"Swords before Ploughshares: Extreme Repression in the Shadow of Civil War" *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 9, 2020

"Status in Token United Nations Peacekeeping Contributions" *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 18, 2019

"Where Did They Go? The Decline of Mercenaries in the 19th and 20th Centuries" *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, August 30, 2018

## WORKING PAPERS

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"The devil's gambit: why autocrats benefit from external threats"

"Monitoring Discontent: The Benefits of Mutinies for Leaders"

"Swords before Ploughshares: Extreme Repression in the Shadow of Civil War" with *Dogus Aktan and Gregoire Phillips*

"Status in Token United Nations Peacekeeping Contributions"

"Where Did They Go? The Decline of Mercenaries in the 19th and 20th Centuries"

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Senior Data Science Contractor YouGov America

2018-Present

Research Assistant, Berkeley Program on Security Institutions and Violent Instability

2017

Research Assistant, RAND Corporation

2014-2016

## TEACHING

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Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to International Relations, Aila Matanock

2019

Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics, M. Steven Fish	<i>2019</i>
Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Quantitative Methods, Andrew Little	<i>2018</i>
Graduate Student Instructor, War!, Ron Hassner	<i>2018</i>

## **AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

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Student Coordinator, International Relations Colloquium, UC Berkeley	<i>2018-19</i>
Member: American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association	

## **TECHNICAL TOOLS**

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<b>Main Computer Languages</b>	R, Python
<b>Other Software &amp; Tools</b>	Stata, Git, Bash