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| RESEARCH INTERESTS | Political Violence, Political Psychology, and Computational Methods: Insurgency, Terrorism, Conflict Ecology, Organizational Behavior, Learning, Emotion, Beliefs, Experimental Design, Quasi-Experimental Design, Data Mining, Content Analysis. | |
| EDUCATION | University of Central Florida , Orlando, FL Ph.D., Security Studies, 2017 (Expected) B.A., Political Science, May 2011 Universität Wien , Vienna, Austria. Certificate., German as a Foreign Language, July 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• B1.2 EU Language Certification | |
| ACADEMIC POSITIONS | Visiting Lecturer September 2016 - January 2017 Department of Political Science, Universität Mannheim <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Einführung in die internationalen Beziehungen: Behavioral Approaches to Terrorism Graduate Research Assistant November 2012 to August 2016 Department of Political Science, University of Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Mark Schafer, December 2014 to August 2016.• Associate Professor Peter Jacques, November 2012 to April 2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant August 2014 to December 2014 Department of Political Science (University of Central Florida) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• INR2002 International Relations-Theory and Practice, Fall 2014• POS3703 Scope and Methods of Political Science, Fall 2014• POS6736 Conduct of Political Inquiry, Fall 2014 START 2014 Summer Fellow on Illicit Networks May 2014 to August 2014 National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland Terrorism Studies Research Fellow August 2013 to January 2014 Office of Global Perspectives, University of Central Florida | |
| NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS | Tezcür, G., Besaw, C. "Violence in Turkey is Increasingly Resembling Violence in Syria. Here's Data to Show Why". Political Violence @ a Glance, September 2016. Besaw, C. , Greene, K., Jacome, M. "Failure Points in Smuggling Networks: A Case Study of the Soto-Huato Network." College Park, MD: START, 2014. | |
| INVITED TALKS | Tezcür, G., Besaw, C. (August, 2016). "Understanding Waves of Jihadism Recruitment." United States Central Command (CENTCOM), MacDill Air Force Base Tampa, Florida. Besaw, C. (August, 2016). "Scientific Approaches to Terrorism: Group and Individual Analyses of Violent Extremism." United States Central Command (CENTCOM), MacDill Air Force Base Tampa, Florida. | |

Dolan, T., **Besaw, C.** (February, 2016). "The Determinants of Insurgency: A Study of Occupied France." Brown Bag Research Seminar, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida.

Besaw, C., Hofmann, D. (July, 2014). "The Role of Leadership in Terrorist-Organizations." National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

Schafer, M., Walker, S., **Besaw, C.,** Gill, P., Smith, G. "Psychological Correlates and U.S. Conflict Behavior: Introducing a New Data Set." *Prepared for the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting.* Warsaw, Poland. July, 2016

Besaw, C. "The Politics of Outbidding: Revisiting the Israel-Palestine Conflict Through Time-Series Analysis." *Prepared for the University of Central Florida 2016 Graduate Research Forum.* Orlando, Florida. April, 2016

Semmelbeck, J., **Besaw, C.** "The Influence of Organizational Structure on Crime-Terror Cooperation." *Prepared for the International Centre for Comparative Criminology's Annual Illicit Networks Workshop.* Montreal, QC. November, 2015

Besaw, C., Payne, J., Williams, J. "Personality, Beliefs, and the Use of Violence in Ethno-Political Organizations." *Prepared for the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.* San Francisco, CA. September, 2015

Besaw, C. "Personality of War: Social Dominance Orientation, Right Wing Authoritarian Personality, and War Behavior." *Prepared for the International Society of Political Psychology Annual Meeting.* San Diego, CA. July, 2015

Besaw, C., Schafer, M. "Profiler Plus, RWA Personality, and U.S. Conflict Behavior." *Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting.* New Orleans, LA. February, 2015

Besaw, C. "Deadly Premonition: Can Terrorist-Leader Psychology Predict Terrorist-Group Lethality?." *Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.* New Orleans, LA. January, 2014.

Williams, J., **Besaw, C.,** Payne, J. "The Terrorism Psychology Project: Leadership Psychology as a Potential Salient Variable in Quantitative Terrorism Studies." *Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.* New Orleans, LA. January, 2014.

Payne, J., and **Besaw, C.** "Extremist Leaders: A Case Analysis of Velupillai Prabhakaran and Sri Lankan Violent Extremism." *Presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting.* Virginia Beach, VA. September, 2013.

Besaw, C., Payne, J., Williams, J. "What Drives Extremist Leaders? A Psychological Comparison of Terrorist-Leaders and State-Leaders." *Presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting.* Virginia Beach, VA. September 2013.

Besaw, C. "An Organizational model of Crime-Terror Cooperation." *Presented at the Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference.* Florida International University. Miami, FL. March, 2013.

Besaw, C. "An Empirical Analysis of the Criminal-Based Strategies of Terrorist and Insurgent Organizations." *Presented at the Globalization, Information, Policy & Knowledge Production (GIP & KP) Conference.* University of Central Florida. Orlando, FL. February, 2013.

GRANTS,
AWARDS,
& FELLOWSHIPS

2015 ICPSR Travel Grant, Political Science Department, University of Central Florida (Tuition, Travel, and Housing funded).

Best MA Thesis (Departmental, 2013-2014), **Besaw, C.**, "Deadly Premonition: Does Terrorist-Leader Psychology Influence Violence Lethality?" (Committee members Drs. Mark Schafer (Chair), Peter Jacques, and Michael Mousseau).

Besaw, C. ISA New Orleans Travel Grant Award, "Profiler Plus, RWA Personality, and U.S. Conflict Behavior.", International Studies Association, 2015 (\$300 Funded).

Besaw, C. Graduate Research Fellowship Award, "Profiler Plus, RWA Personality, and U.S. Conflict Behavior.", UCF College of Graduate Studies, 2014-2015 (\$500 Funded).

Besaw, C. START Summer Fellowship on Illicit Networks, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, 2014. (\$4,000 Funded).

Botts, G., Priest, D., Cintron, R., Cox, T., Owens, T., **Besaw, C.**, Theiss, E. Title: *Increasing Research Fluency for SLS Faculty*. Information Fluency Grant, 2013-2014. (\$3,000 Funded).

Priest, D., Stinard, C., **Besaw, C.** NASPA Excellence Award (Category Silver), "Transferring to Success: The Role of Transfer Orientation on Transfer Student Success." January 2014.

Besaw, C. Terrorism Studies Research Fellowship, Global Perspectives, 2013. (\$500 Funded).

Besaw, C. Graduate Research Fellowship Award, Terrorist-leader psychology project. UCF College of Graduate Studies, 2013-2014. (\$300 Funded).

Besaw, C. Graduate Research Fellowship Award, Crime-terror cooperation. UCF College of Graduate Studies, 2012-2013. (\$250 Funded).

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association, Member, 2013–present
International Studies Association, Member, 2011–present
International Society of Political Psychology, Member, 2013–present
Peace Science Society, Member, 2014–present

PROFESSIONAL
SKILLS

Programming:

- R, Stata, WinRATS, Python, Jekyll, BUGS(open/win), JAGS, \LaTeX , \BIBTeX

Quantitative Methods

- Liner and Generalized Linear Regression modeling
- Time Series Analysis: Vector Autoregression, Box-Jenkins, ARCH/GARCH, Dynamic Conditional Correlation, Panel/Time Series-Cross Sectional, Event History/Survival Analysis, Fractional Integration (Δ_f).
- Machine Learning: Lasso, Random Forest, Naive Bayes, Latent Factors, Clustering, Logistic Regression.
- Text Analysis: Content Analysis Design, Sentiment Analysis and Library Creation, Latent Dirichlet Allocation, Neural Network/Deep Learning, Deductive at-a-distance psychological analysis (Operational Code, Leadership Trait Analysis, Big-five Traits).
- Matching: Propensity, CEM, Mahalanobis.

Language

- English (Native), German (Working), Dutch (Conversational), Spanish (Basic)

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| ADDITIONAL TRAINING | 2015 ICPSR Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research , Ann Arbor, Michigan (University of Michigan). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causal Inference Workshop • Advanced Maximum Likelihood Workshop • Text Analysis with Statistical Learning Workshop | |
| OTHER EMPLOYMENT | ICCAE Program Assistant UCF Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence | December 2014 to Present |
| | Graduate Student Mentor UCF Preparing Future Researchers Program/NSF REU Program | May 2015 to August 2015 |
| | Data Analysis Consultant and Project Manager Student Development and Enrollment Services, University of Central Florida | May 2014 to August 2014 |
| | Graduate Assistant Student Development and Enrollment Services, University of Central Florida | May 2013 to May 2014 |
| | Researcher & Assistant Political Ecology Lab (UCF), University of Central Florida | November 2012 to April 2013 |
| VOLUNTEERING | Science Fair Judge (December, 2014) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders Preparatory School - Orlando, Florida • Physics, Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science STEM Day UCF (January, 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped to promote STEM and social science careers to K - 12 students from the Orlando public school system. | |
| REFERENCES | Available on request. | |