Conner B. Joyce

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EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, TX
    Ph.D., Political Science, May 2026 *(Expected)*
        Committee: *Brett Ashley Leeds, Connor Huff, Randolph Stevenson*
    M.A., Political Science, May 2023

The University of Texas, Austin, TX
    Master of Public Affairs, December 2020

Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX
    B.A., Political Science, May 2019
        Political Science Honors Student, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International security, cyber conflict, international cooperation, political violence, non-state hackers, experimental methods, machine learning, language learning models

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Joyce, Conner. "Do states constrain non-state hackers? International Telecommunication Union elections and non-state cyber aggression." *Journal of Conflict Resolution.*

WORKING PAPERS

Joyce, Conner. "Political action in the dark web: political mobilization and radicalization in illicit digital networks."

    – *Robert M. Howard SPSA Best Overall Paper Award*

Joyce, Conner. "Are cyber-attacks the tools of hawks or doves? Cyber retaliation and US public opinion."

Johnson, Jesse, Conner Joyce, Ashley Leeds, and Scott Wolford. "Intervention and separate peace in civil war."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Henn, Soeren, Connor Huff, Conner Joyce, Emily Myers, and Kaitlyn Robinson. "Wartime experiences and post-war political participation."

Huff, Connor, Conner Joyce, Caleb Lucas. "How the public responds to AI-enabled terrorism."

Joyce, Conner, Maranda Joyce, Agustin Prinetti. "Bystanders on social media: Audience moderation and the spread of online extremism."

Huynh, Trang, Conner Joyce, Yui Nishimura. "Battle-field events as triggers of non-state digital mobilization."

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Robert M. Howard SPSA Best Overall Paper Award	2025
Lodieska Stockbridge Vaughn Fellowship ($16,750)	2025
Social Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Grant ($4,270)	2025
CIISR Research and Data Computing Grant ($3,230)	2025

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	APSA Travel Grant	2025
	ITP Section APSA Support Grant	2025
	SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award	2024
	Hobby Award - Best Paper Presented by a Graduate Student	2024
	Social Sciences Research Institute Pre-Dissertation Grant ($2,800)	2023
	Rice University Political Science Graduate Fellowship	2021 - 2025

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

2025: SPSA, MPSA, APSA, Conference on International Cyber Security
2024: SPSA, Texas Triangle, ISA
2023: Peace Science *(Presented by Coauthors)*

WORK EXPERIENCE

International Organization Graduate Assistant — 2024 - 2025
Ashley Leeds
International Organization Journal

Graduate Assistant — 2024 - 2025
Kaitlyn Robinson
Mapping Militants Project, Rice University

Research Assistant — Summer 2022 - Fall 2023
Ashley Leeds
Department of Political Science, Rice University

Research Assistant — Fall 2021 - Spring 2022
Connor Huff
Department of Political Science, Rice University

Policy Research Assistant — 2021
Texas Black Caucus Foundation
Austin, Texas

Graduate Research Assistant — 2020 - 2021
Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Project
LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin

US Foreign Service Intern — 2018- 2019
U.S. Embassy and Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
Doha, Qatar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record
POLI 102 Quantitative Analysis for Social Science - R Lab — Fall 2023
Department of Political Science, Rice University

Teaching Assistant
SOPA 400 Undergraduate Capstone — Fall 2024 - Spring 2025
Department of Political Science, Rice University
Instructor of Record: Alex Pugh and Elizabeth Vann

POLI 211 Intro. to International Relations — Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
Department of Political Science, Rice University
Instructor of Record: Songying Fang and Richard Stoll

SKILLS

Programming: R, LaTeX, Qualtrics, STATA, Python, Mathematica

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Southern Political Science Association