

# Week 1: Scientific Research and Inquiry (notes)

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# Introduction

# Welcome



1. Who am I? PhD D from UIUC. Study civil conflict and democratization, but many interests – mostly data-driven. I mostly do academic research, but also worked for Army Corps of Engineers and with many people who do policy work.
2. Why 'Defense Security Methods?' You're in this series of methods courses to prepare you to do that too. You're here in this class because it will help you get a job! By the end of the course, you'll be able to ask good questions and have a plan to answer these questions. The next course in the sequence will introduce you to more, but don't underestimate the usefulness of just understanding the research process.