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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science

2020–

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., U.S.A.

- *The Local Politics of Border Control* (dissertation expected 2026)
- Committee: Michael R. Kenwick (chair), Summer Lindsey, Jack Levy, Christopher Blair (Princeton University)
- Fields: International Relations, Research Methodology, Comparative Politics

B.A. Political Science, History, and Arabic with Honors

2015–2019

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, F.L., U.S.A.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Local Politics of Border Control. Dissertation.

– This book-length project, supported by a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Science Foundation, studies the intersection of borders, human security, and state-making. I take up the challenge of theorizing borderlands as unique geopolitical spaces and local communities as central actors. The theory explains local contestation and accommodation over contemporary border hardening, how local populations psychologically adapt to changing borders, and the influence of bottom-up demands on the content of state policy. The mixed-methods design encompasses global quantitative analyses with original geospatial data, qualitative fieldwork at the United States–Mexico border, and observational and experimental survey tests.

The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnationality, Resistance, and Accommodation.

“We’ve always had a separation:” *The Local Psychology of Border Walls*.

Gender and Public Demands for Border Security (with Summer Lindsey).

International Border Lengths Dataset.

BOOK REVIEWS

Borderland Battles: Violence, Crime, and Governance at the Edges of Colombia’s War by Annette Idler, 2019, *Oxford University Press*. 2021. *Democracy and Security* Vol. 17, No. 1.

RESEARCH TRAINING

Graduate Assistant, Borders & Boundaries Project

Spring 2021–Present

Perry World House

University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University

- Data management and analyses
- Supervision of undergraduate coder groups on multiple projects

Participant, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research–University of Michigan

Summer 2022

Participant, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science–Rutgers University

Summer 2021

Research Assistant, Summer Lindsey

Spring 2021

- Data management and analyses

TEACHING EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING	<i>Introduction to International Relations (Online)</i> Rutgers University	Summer 2024
	<i>Online Teaching Springboard</i> Teaching and Learning Team, School of Arts and Sciences	Spring 2024
	<i>Teaching Assistant, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science–Rutgers University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed and led a unit on geospatial data • Assisted attendees with learning materials 	Summer 2022
	<i>Introduction to L^AT_EX Workshop</i> Department of Political Science Rutgers University	February 2025
GRANTS AND AWARDS	<i>Graduate Research Fellowship, \$105,000</i> National Science Foundation	2021–2026
	<i>Research and Travel Award, \$1341</i> Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund, Rutgers University	Spring 2025
	<i>Prestage-Cook Travel Award, \$300</i> Southern Political Science Association	Fall 2024
	<i>Spring Centennial Center Research Grant, \$2400</i> American Political Science Association	Summer 2024
	<i>Research and Travel Award, \$1000</i> School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University	Spring 2024
	<i>Research and Travel Award, \$2000</i> Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund, Rutgers University	Spring 2024
	<i>Travel Award, \$141</i> Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association	Fall 2023
	<i>Research Grant, \$4500</i> Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology, Rutgers University	Spring 2022
	<i>Research Grant, \$2480</i> Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science	Fall 2021
PRESENTATIONS	<i>Annual Meeting</i> American Political Science Association “The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance.”	Fall 2025
	<i>Borders and Migration Conference within a Conference</i> Southern Political Science Association “The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance.”	Spring 2025
	<i>Annual Meeting</i> American Political Science Association “The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance” (poster).	Fall 2024
	<i>Speaker Series</i> Department of Politics and Public Administration University of Konstanz, Germany	Summer 2024

“The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance.”

Annual Meeting Fall 2023
American Political Science Association
“Gender and Public Demands for Border Security” (with Michael R. Kenwick and Summer Lindsey).

Conference on International Borders in a Changing World Spring 2023
Perry World House
University of Pennsylvania
“Gender and Public Demands for Border Security” (poster with Michael R. Kenwick and Summer Lindsey).

Borders and Migration Conference within a Conference Spring 2023
Southern Political Science Association
“Gender and Public Demands for Border Security” (with Michael R. Kenwick and Summer Lindsey).

AFFILIATIONS American Political Science Association: Conflict Processes Group, Qualitative and Multi-methods Research Group

Southern Political Science Association: Borders and Migration Group

Borders and Boundaries Project, Perry World House at University of Pennsylvania and Rutgers University

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (Session 17)

SERVICE *Discussant for Emerging Scholars Research Conference* Spring 2024
Department of Political Science
Rutgers University

Discussant for Emerging Scholars Research Conference Spring 2023
Department of Political Science
Rutgers University

Discussant for Visiting Speaker Fall 2022
Department of Political Science
Rutgers University

Member of 25th Anniversary Film Team Spring 2021
Women’s Caucus of International Studies
International Studies Association

REVIEWER *International Studies Quarterly*

SKILLS R; RStan; Qualtrics; L^AT_EX

FIELDWORK Arizona, United States border with Mexico (1 month) Fall 2024

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