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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: Transnational Communities and Resistance* (dissertation expected 2026)  
• Committee: Michael R. Kenwick (chair), Jack Levy, Summer Lindsey, Christopher Blair (Princeton University)  
• Fields: International Relations, Methodology, Comparative Politics  
  
*National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow* 2021-2026  
National Science Foundation, Alexandria, V.A., U.S.A.  
  
*B.A. Political Science and History with Honors* 2015-2019  
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, F.L., U.S.A.

**UNDER REVIEW** *The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance.*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*The Local Politics of Border Control.* Dissertation.  
– This book-length project studies the nexus of human security and state-society relations in international border politics, with a focus on local communities. I take up the challenge of theorizing borderlands as unique geopolitical spaces and local communities as central actors. The theory explains local resistance against hardening, how hardening drives social differentiation, and the influence of bottom-up demands on hardening. The multi-method design encompasses quantitative analyses with original geospatial data, qualitative fieldwork at the United States–Mexico border, and both observational and experimental survey tests.  
  
“We’ve always had a separation:” *The Local Psychology of Border Walls.*  
  
*Gender and Public Demands for Border Security* (with Michael R. Kenwick and Summer Lindsey).  
  
*International Border Lengths Dataset.*

**BOOK REVIEWS** Review of *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 ASSISTANCE

*Graduate Assistant, Borders & Boundaries Project* Spring 2021–Present  
• Data management and analyses  
• Supervision of undergraduate coder groups on multiple projects  
  
*Research Assistant, Summer Lindsey* Spring 2021  
• Data management and analyses

<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCES</b>	<i>Introduction to International Relations (Online)</i>	Summer 2024
	<i>Teaching Assistant, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science–Rutgers University</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created and led a unit on geospatial data</li> <li>• Assisted attendees with learning materials</li> </ul>	Summer 2022
	<i>Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Departmental Workshop</i>	February 2025
<b>GRANTS AND AWARDS</b>	<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
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	<i>Borders and Migration Conference within a Conference</i> Southern Political Science Association	Spring 2025
	<i>Annual Meeting</i> American Political Science Association	Fall 2024
	<i>Speaker Series</i> Department of Politics and Public Administration University of Konstanz, Germany	Summer 2024
	<i>Annual Meeting</i> American Political Science Association	Fall 2023
	<i>Conference on International Borders in a Changing World</i> Perry World House University of Pennsylvania	Spring 2023
	<i>Borders and Migration Conference within a Conference</i> Southern Political Science Association	Spring 2023

<b>SERVICE</b>	<i>Discussant for Emerging Scholars Research Conference</i>	Spring 2024, Spring 2023
	Department of Political Science Rutgers University	
	<i>Discussant for Visiting Speaker</i>	Fall 2022
	Department of Political Science Rutgers University	
	<i>Member of 25th Anniversary Film Team</i>	Spring 2021
	Women's Caucus of International Studies International Studies Association	
<b>REVIEWER</b>	International Studies Quarterly.	
<b>SKILLS</b>	<i>Programming:</i> R, RStan.	
	<i>Other:</i> Qualtrics, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X.	