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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 Michael R. Kenwick and 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 ASSISTANCE

*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

*Research Assistant, Summer Lindsey*

*Spring 2021*

- Data management and analyses

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES AND TRAINING

*Introduction to International Relations (Online)*

*Summer 2024*

Rutgers University

<i>Online Teaching Springboard</i>	Spring 2024
Teaching and Learning Team, School of Arts and Sciences	
<i>Teaching Assistant, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science–Rutgers University</i>	Summer 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed and led a unit on geospatial data</li> <li>• Assisted attendees with learning materials</li> </ul>	
<i>Introduction to L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Workshop</i>	February 2025
Department of Political Science	
Rutgers University	

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

<i>Graduate Research Fellowship, \$105,000</i>	2021-2026
National Science Foundation	
<i>Research and Travel Award, \$1341</i>	Spring 2025
Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund, Rutgers University	
<i>Prestage-Cook Travel Award, \$300</i>	Fall 2024
Southern Political Science Association	
<i>Spring Centennial Center Research Grant, \$2400</i>	Summer 2024
American Political Science Association	
<i>Research and Travel Award, \$1000</i>	Spring 2024
School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University	
<i>Research and Travel Award, \$2000</i>	Spring 2024
Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund, Rutgers University	
<i>Travel Award, \$141</i>	Fall 2023
Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association	
<i>Research Grant, \$4500</i>	Spring 2022
Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology, Rutgers University	
<i>Research Grant, \$2480</i>	Fall 2021
Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science	

## PRESENTATIONS

<i>Annual Meeting</i>	Fall 2025
American Political Science Association	
“The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance.”	
<i>Borders and Migration Conference within a Conference</i>	Spring 2025
Southern Political Science Association	
“The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance.”	
<i>Annual Meeting</i>	Fall 2024
American Political Science Association	
“The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance” (poster).	
<i>Speaker Series</i>	Summer 2024
Department of Politics and Public Administration	
University of Konstanz, Germany	
“The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance.”	
<i>Annual Meeting</i>	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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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

**REFERENCES** *Michael R. Kenwick*  
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