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

2015-2019

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, 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 resistance against contemporary border hardening, how local populations psychologically adapt to changing borders, and the influence of bottom-up demands on the content of state policies. The mixed-methods design encompasses quantitative analyses with original geospatial data, qualitative fieldwork at the United States–Mexico border, and observational and experimental survey tests using national data.

"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 Perry World House

Spring 2021–Present

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

Online Teaching Springboard
Department of Political Science

Spring 2024

Teaching and Learning Team Teaching and Learning with Technology Team Rutgers University

Teaching Assistant, Summer Institute in Computational Social Science-Rutgers University

• Designed and led a unit on geospatial data

• Assisted attendees with learning materials

Introduction to LATEX Workshop Department of Political Science

Rutgers University

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Graduate Research Fellowship, \$105,000

National Science Foundation

Research and Travel Award, \$1341

Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund, Rutgers University

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, \$300 Southern Political Science Association

Spring Centennial Center Research Grant, \$2400

American Political Science Association

Research and Travel Award, \$1000

School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University

Research and Travel Award, \$2000

Lyon, William & Meredith Porte Peace Fund, Rutgers University

Travel Award, \$141

Conflict Processes Section, American Political Science Association

Research Grant, \$4500

Research Grant. \$2480

Center for the Experimental Study of Politics and Psychology, Rutgers University

Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science

PRESENTATIONS Annual Meeting

American Political Science Association

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

Borders and Migration Conference within a Conference

Spring 2025

Southern Political Science Association

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

Annual Meeting

Fall 2024

American Political Science Association

"The Local Politics of Border Control: Transnational Communities and Resistance" (poster).

Speaker Series Summer 2024

Department of Politics and Public Administration

University of Konstanz, Germany

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

February 2025

Summer 2022

2021-2026

Spring 2025

Fall 2024

Summer 2024

Spring 2024

Spring 2024

Fall 2023

Spring 2022

Fall 2021

Fall 2025

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; LATEX

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

Fall 2024