# Jessica Faye Draper

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#### **EDUCATION**

2017 – **MA Political Science**, University of Mannheim · Mannheim, Germany

- Quantitative methods concentration
- Master's thesis: "Effect of Third-Party Airstrikes on Rebel Activity: Evidence from Yemen's Civil War" (working title, in progress)

**EXPECTED COMPLETION: December 2019** 

2012 – 2016 BA Political Science, University of Arizona · Tucson, AZ, United States

- International relations concentration; Middle Eastern studies minor
- Honors thesis: "Impact of Third-Party Intervention and Rivalries on Intrastate Conflict Outcomes"
- Graduated summa cum laude with Honors

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Research Assistant, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim · Mannheim, Germany
  - Project: Pre-Electoral Coalition Strategies
     Department: European Political Systems and their Integration
- Summer School of Conflict, participant, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences · Bremen, Germany
  - Conducted original research with coauthors on armed conflict and violence against civilians; forthcoming publication
- 2015 2016 **Undergraduate Research Fellow**, School of Government & Public Policy at the University of Arizona · Tucson, AZ, United States
  - Assisted Dr. Faten Ghosn's research on Islamist groups and ideology

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Executive Training Seminar, participant**, Academy of Global Governance, European University Institute · Florence, Italy
  - Attended three-day training seminar on the topic, "Does Europe need a grand strategy? Exploring competing visions for the EU's role in the world"
- Annual Conference, participant, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt · Frankfurt, Germany
  - Attended two-day conference on the topic, "Verification in Crisis the Crisis of Verification. New Technology as a Hurdle to and an Enabler of Verification in Arms Control"

# DataFest Germany, participant, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität·Munich, Germany

 Analyzed log data from a TÜV SÜD honeynet system to identify cyber-attacks and suspicious behavior in a friendly team competition over the course of two and a half days

#### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2016 – 2017 **Web Designer/Developer**, College of Humanities, Computing Services, University of Arizona · Tucson, AZ, United States

• Designed and developed Drupal websites and maintained web content for departments

2013 – 2016 **Student Worker,** College of Humanities, Computing Services, University of Arizona · Tucson, AZ, United States

• Assisted web services team designing and maintaining department websites

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Programming R (proficient)
Languages Python (basic)

JavaScript/jQuery (basic)

Markup Languages HTML, CSS (advanced)

LaTeX (proficient, primarily via Overleaf)

Software RStudio (proficient)

STATA (basic)

Microsoft Office (proficient)

Photoshop (proficient)

QGIS (basic)

Content Management Drupal 7 (advanced)

Systems (Web) Wordpress (proficient)

Quantitative Methods OLS regression analysis

Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Multilevel modeling

Computational text analysis

Foreign Languages English (native)

German (conversational, B1)

# PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

#### Book Chapter

 Salvi, Andrea, Mark Williamson, and Jessica Draper. (Forthcoming). "On the Beaten Path: Violence Against Civilians and Simulated Conflict along Road Networks." In Deutschmann, Emanuel, Jan Lorenz, Adalbert Wilhelm, Davide Natalini, and Luis Gustavo Nardin (eds.), Computational Conflict Research. Springer Nature.

#### **Projects**

- "Effect of Third-Party Airstrikes on Rebel Activity: Evidence from Yemen's Civil War." MA Thesis
- "Who Wants to Trade? Determinants of Supporting the International Regulation of Conventional Arms." Term paper (International Political Economy, 2019)
- "What Leaders Bring to the Table: Impact of Military Experiences on Civil War Termination." Term paper (Violence, Conflict, and the Prospect for Peace, 2019)
- Draper, Jessica and Rebecca Weiss. "Hitting the Target: The Effect of U.S. State Gun Control Policy on Firearm Mortality Rates." Term paper (Advanced Quantitative Methods, 2018)

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 2019 DAAD Graduate Study Scholarship (850€ per month)
- 2012 2016 Arizona Board of Regent's High Honors Tuition Scholarship (\$9,114 per year)

#### NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

#### 2017 - 2018 Running

- 10k participant, Der SRH Dämmer Marathon · Mannheim, Germany
- Half marathon participant, SHE Power Half & 5K · Chandler, AZ, United States
- 2012 2015 **President and Founder**, Secular Student Alliance at the University of Arizona, University of Arizona · Tucson, AZ, United States
  - Organized social events; led weekly meetings and thoughtful discussions; scheduled guest speakers; engaged in community service and outreach

#### 2004 – 2014 Cellist

- Performed dozens of shows in small venues around Phoenix, Arizona in a progressive blues rock band
- Album: Moon Drool. Do We Want Parachutes. Dublin Street Studios. 2013.
- High school pit orchestras including West Side Story and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Youth Symphony of the Southwest (2011-2012)

## **REFERENCES**

#### Dr. Faten Ghosn

Associate Professor (Honors thesis advisor)

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