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## Education

*University of Iowa*, PhD, Political Science                                      expected Dec 2019

> Major in statistical methodology and international relations.

*University of Iowa*, MA, Political Science                                              May 2019

*St. Ambrose University*, BA, International Studies and Spanish                            May 2016

## Skills & Expertise

**Software Proficiency**: R, Stata, Python, SQL
**Methodology**: Ordinary Least Squares (OLS), Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Time Series, Network Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Support Vector Machines, Decision Trees, Data Mining

## Research Assistantships

"Informal Economies, Societal Stability and Regime Resilience in China and Russia" with William Reisinger, Marina Zaloznaya, Wenfang Tang                                      January 2019 - present

> Cleaned, combined, and analyzed survey data from 5,000 respondents in China and Russia.
> Restructured a series of ego-net questions into ego-alter dyads for analyses of informal economic activity networks.

*Upcoming*

## Working Papers

*Democratic Repression: Responding in Kind?*

> In this paper I use webscraped events data (SPEED Project) to analyze the dynamic relationship between public dissent and state repression. Using a series of random effects logit models I find that democracies typically respond to dissent with an equivalent use of force.

*Terrorism and Spanish Elections: Does Terrorism Impact Support for the Central Government?*

> In this paper I use Spanish polling data to assess the impact of terrorism in Spain on support for the two major political parties. Using time series models (ADL and GECM) I find that only particularly catastrophic events influence public opinion, while average terrorism has no effect.

## Conferences Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association (2019)
Iowa Association of Political Scientists (2014, 2016)