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Education

University of Iowa, PhD expected, Political Science 2021

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

Research and Teaching Experience

Research Assistant Spring 2019

“Informal Economies, Societal Stability and Regime Resilience in China and Russia” with William Reisinger, Marina Zaloznaya, Wenfang Tang

Managing Editor & Replication Analyst, Foreign Policy Analysis Fall 2018 -

Collaboratory Manager Fall 2018

Responsibilities include managing and updating computers within the department’s computer lab, assisting graduate students and undergraduates in statistically related coursework.

Teaching Assistant Fall 2016 - Fall 2018

1. Foreign Policy Analysis - Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2018
2. International Relations - Fall 2017
3. Russian and Eurasian Politics - Spring 2017

Working Papers

Responding in Kind? When Democracies Repress as a Response to Civil Unrest

In this paper I show that democratic leaders are increasingly likely to use repression, especially in forms of censorship and violent repression, as the threat to public security increases. Democratic leaders need legitimacy in the form of a serious threat to public security before they can repress. Given the opportunity, democratic leaders will repress in order to increase security. This adds to the literature of findings that as the public perceives greater threats they are more willing to exchange civil liberties for security.

Conferences

Presenter Midwest Political Science Association (2019)

Attendee International Studies Association (2019)

Grants and Awards

University of Iowa >Conference Travel Grant (\$500), Department of Political Science (2018)

Additional Education

University of Iowa

ISRC Workshops

1. Introduction to Visualization in R 2018
2. Introduction to STATA 2016

References

Available upon request.