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Professional Positions

RAND Corporation
    Associate Political Scientist — 2022–
    Summer Associate — 2021

Michigan State University
    Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute For Public Policy and Social Research — 2021–2022
    Assistant Professor (Fixed-Term), Department of Political Science — 2021–2022

Education

Michigan State University
    Ph.D., Political Science — 2021
    M.A., Political Science — 2018
    Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling — 2018

University of Kentucky
    B.A., International Studies — 2012
    Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude

Publications

2. Kevin Greene and Caleb Lucas (2020). Once More, with Feeling: Using Sentiment Analysis to Improve Models of Relationships between Non-State Actors. *International Interactions* 46(1), 150–162.

1. Caleb Lucas, Benjamin Appel, and Alyssa Prorok. Not Too Distant: Opportunity, Grievance, and the Onset of Civil War. Accepted at *Civil Wars*.

Submitted Manuscripts

Revise and Resubmit

3. Tactics, Targets and State Legitimacy in Afghanistan (with Amira Jadoon)

2. Mere Puffery or Convincing Claims? Rebel News and Civilian Perceptions of Group Strength

1. Deadly Dates: The Relationship Between Holy Days and Terrorism

Under Review

1. Group Salience, Inflammatory Rhetoric, and the Persistence of Hate Against Religious Minorities (with Will Hobbs, Nazita Lajevardi, and Xinyi Li)

Software

cspp and csppData: R Packages for the Correlates of State Policy Project Data (with Josh McCrain)
    Associated Web App for the Correlates of State Policy Project Dataset (link)
congress and congressData: R Packages for CongressData
    Associated Web App for the CongressData Dataset (link))

Skills

Formal Arabic, LaTeX, Python, R, Web Scraping/Social Media APIs

Additional Training

ICPSR Summer Program: Applied Bayesian Models for Social Scientists Workshop	2020
Beirut Politics Exchange Annual Workshop (Beirut, Lebanon)	2019
Academic Research on Conflict and Contention Workshop (London School of Economics)	2018
Formal Arabic: Morocco	2011, 2017
Syria	2009, 2010

Grants & Awards

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)

Summer Fellowship, Advanced Formal Arabic, Morocco ($8,500)	2017

University

University Distinguished Fellowship	2016–2021
Cloud Computing Fellowship	2019-2020

Department

Dissertation Research Grants	2019, 2020, 2021
Conference Travel Grants	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Summer Performance Fellowships	2017, 2018, 2019

Fieldwork

Beirut, Lebanon	2019

Teaching

Instructor (Graduate)

PLS 801: Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science	2021
Programming in R for Political Scientists Summer Course (Co-instructor)	2020, 2021

Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)

PLS 202: Introduction to Data Science	2020
PLS 100: Introduction to American Politics	2017

Workshops: [1]*Social Media Mining in R: Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data*, [2]*Cleaning Messy Text Using R: How to Get Your Data Ready for Analysis*, [3]*Computational Text Analysis: An Introduction using R*, [4]*Building Static Websites Using GitHub Pages*

Service

University

Steering Committee, Graduate Student Representative	2016–2017
University Council, Graduate Student Representative	2016–2017

Department

Workshop on Social Science Methods, Co-founder & Co-organizer	2017–2019
Graduate Student Association, Vice President	2017–2018
Workshop on Conflict, Co-organizer	2017

Conference Organization

Arabic Studies Conference, Michigan State University	2017
Conference Assistant (with Camelia Suleiman and Marc Bernstein)	

Conference & Workshop Presentations

International Studies Association	2020[†], 2021, 2022
American Political Science Association	2019, 2021
Muslim Studies Conference on Global Islamophobia in the Media (MSU)	2021
Political Networks Conference	2021
Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference	2019, 2020

Midwest Political Science Association	2017, 2018, 2019
Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium	2018, 2019
International Studies Association - Midwest	2019
Boston International Security Graduate Student Conference	2018

†Canceled due to COVID-19

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