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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
Emphases: International Relations and the Middle East	
Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude	

Peer-Reviewed Publications

3. Amira Jadoon and Caleb Lucas (2023). Winning or Losing Hearts and Minds? Evidence from Afghanistan on how Leadership Decapitation affects Civilian Perceptions of Government Efficacy. Accepted at the *Journal of Politics*.
2. Caleb Lucas, Benjamin Appel, and Alyssa Prorok (2022). Not Too Distant: Opportunity, Grievance, and the Onset of Civil War. *Civil Wars* 24(4), 497–523.
1. 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.

Manuscripts in Progress

Revise and Resubmit

3. Mere Puffery or Convincing Claims? Rebel News and Civilian Perceptions of Group Strength
2. Deadly Dates: The Relationship Between Holy Days and Terrorism
1. Group Salience, Inflammatory Rhetoric, and the Persistence of Hate Against Religious Minorities (with Will Hobbs, Nazita Lajevardi, and Xinyi Li)

In Preparation

2. ‘We know where you are hiding’: Identifying the Attitudinal Effects of Information Operations
1. Rethinking the Study of Civil War: A Quantitative Assessment

Software

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

Skills

Formal Arabic, ~~La~~TeX, Python, R, Web Scraping

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

Fieldwork

Beirut, Lebanon	2019
Affiliated with CAMES at the American University of Beirut	

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 <i>Social Media Mining in R: Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data</i> , ² <i>Cleaning Messy Text Using R: How to Get Your Data Ready for Analysis</i> , ³ <i>Computational Text Analysis: An Introduction using R</i> , ⁴ <i>Building Static Websites Using GitHub Pages</i>	

Grants & Awards

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)	
Summer Fellowship, Advanced Formal Arabic, Morocco (\$8,500)	2017
Michigan State University	
University Distinguished Fellowship	2016–2021
Cloud Computing Fellowship	2019–2020

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

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)	

References

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