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Professional Positions

RAND Corporation

Associate Political Scientist	2022–
Adjunct Researcher	2021–2022

Carnegie Mellon University

Lecturer, Institute for Security and Technology	2024

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
Summa Cum Laude, Departmental Honors	

Peer-Reviewed Publications

4. 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.*

3. Will Hobbs, Nazita Lajevardi, Xinyi Li, and Caleb Lucas (2023). From Anti-Muslim to Anti-Jewish: Target Substitution on Fringe Social Media Platforms and the Persistence of Online and Offline Hate. Accepted at *Political Behavior.*

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

6. Mere Puffery or Convincing Claims? Rebel News and Civilian Perceptions of Group Strength (*Revised and Resubmitted to International Studies Quarterly*)

5. Deadly Dates: The Relationship Between Holy Days and Terrorism (*Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Conflict Resolution*)

4. AI and Bioweaponry: The Operational Risks of Illicit Knowledge Acquisition (with Christopher Mouton and Ella Guest)

3. Propaganda Detection and Analysis Using LLMs: A Capability Analysis (with Christopher Mouton)

2. 'We know where you are hiding': Identifying the Attitudinal Effects of Information Operations

1. Rethinking the Study of Civil War: A Quantitative Assessment

Other Publications

The Measure-Countermeasure Dynamic: Large Language Models and National Security, *National Interest*, September 2023 (with Christopher Mouton)

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, LaTeX, Python, R

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

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*

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

Fieldwork
Lebanon: Affiliated with CAMES at the American University of Beirut	2019

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

Jakana Thomas	Benjamin Appel	Shahryar Minhas
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