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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
Assistant Professor (Fixed-Term), Department of Political Science
2021–2022

Education

Michigan State University

Ph.D., Political Science

M.A., Political Science

2018

Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling

2018

University of Kentucky

B.A., International Studies

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. From Anti-Muslim to Anti-Jewish: Target Substitution on Fringe Social Media Platforms and the Persistence of Online and Offline Hate (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)

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Skills

Formal Arabic, LTEX, 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

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

Teaching

Instructor (Graduate)

PLS 801: Quantitative Techniques in Public Policy and Political Science
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: ¹Social Media Mining in R: Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data, ²Cleaning Messy Text Using R: How to Get Your Data Ready for Analysis, ³Computational Text Analysis: An Introduction using R, ⁴Building Static Websites Using GitHub Pages

Grants & Awards

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)

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

2017

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Michigan State University

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

Conference & Workshop Presentations

International Studies Association	$2020^{\dagger}, 2021, 2022$
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

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

2017

References

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