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## Academic Appointments, Positions, and Affiliations

Su. 2024- | **Postdoctoral Research Associate**

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Gender and Security Sector Lab

AY 2023-24 | **Peace Scholar Fellow**

United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC

AY 2023-24 | **Predoctoral Research Fellow**

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Gender and Security Sector Lab

## Education

May 2024 | **Ph.D. Political Science**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology

Dissertation: *The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping*

Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig

May 2019 | **B.A. Political Science**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

## Research

\* indicates a graduate student co-author; † indicates an external co-author

### In-Progress

- \* 1. | "Violence as a Condition: From Russia to the CAR, the Global Impact of the Wagner Group" (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Under Review*. 📄
  - Requested by United States Congressional Research Service for distribution.
- † 2. | "The Dual Impact of Peacekeeping: Divergent Effects of Peacekeeping Operations on Rebel and Government Violence Against Civilians" (with Douglas B. Atkinson, Rebecca Dudley, and Zach Warner). *Under Review*. 📄
3. | "Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping." *Working Paper*. 📄
4. | "Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database." *Working Paper*. 📄
5. | "All About that Base... No Trouble. The Gravity of Peacekeeping Bases." *Work in progress*.
- \*6. | "Beyond Negative Peace: Do UN Peacekeepers decrease security and trust concerns?" (with Catalina Vega-Méndez). *Work in progress*.
- \*7. | "What's in a Name? Implications of Overusing 'Sub-Saharan Africa.'" (with Mitushi Mukherjee). *Work in progress*.

- \*8. | “Alexander or Ozymandias?: Russia’s PMC Driven Foreign Policy in Africa.” (with Matthew Kyle Ellis).  
| *Work in progress.*

### ***Non Peer-Reviewed Publications***

- \*†1. | “Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance: Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in UN Peace Operations.” Sabrina Karim, **Sky Kunkel**, DeAnne Roark, Angie Torres-Beltran, Cameron Mailhot, Sumin Lee, Radwa Saad, Priscilla Torres, Emily Jackson. *GSS Lab Policy Brief*.

## **Fellowships and Grants**

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### ***External***

- 2024 | PolMeth Travel Grant, \$1000  
2023 | USIP Peace Scholar Stipend, \$20,000 (declined)  
2023 | MapleMeth Travel Grant, \$500  
2023 | International Studies Association Midwest Travel Grant, \$250  
2023 | APSA Conflict Processes Section Travel Award, \$143  
2022/23 | American Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$300  
2022 | International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$700

### ***Internal***

- 2023-24 | Kruhe Fellow, \$28,000  
| *University-wide Kruhe Fellowship* (declined)  
2023 | Best Prospectus Award, \$1,000  
2022/23 | PROMISE Research/Travel Award, \$3,750  
2022/23 | Department Travel Grant, \$1,250  
2020-21 | Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, \$500

## **Invited Talks and Workshops**

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- Su. 2024 | University of Rhode Island Human Rights Measurement Workshop  
ISA 2024 | Contractors in Great Power Competition: Challenging World Order in an Age of Privatization  
PSSI 2023 | New Research about Preventing Mass Atrocities  
Spring 2023 | Junior Scholars in International Security Workshop  
Fall 2022 | Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science  
2021/22/23 | How to Research and Use the Purdue Libraries: Workshop and Presentation

## Teaching Experience, Training, and Awards

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### *Instructor of Record*

Summer 2023 | **POL 430 - UN Peacekeeping**  
Summer 21/22 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations**

### *Teaching Assistant - Graduate Courses*

Spring 2023 | **POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference** (Dr. Tara Grillos)  
Fall 2022 | **POL 501 - Political Science Methodology** (Dr. Joan Timoneda)  
Spring 2022 | **POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference** (Dr. Giancarlo Visconti)

### *Teaching Assistant - Undergraduate Courses*

Fall 2022 | **POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations** (Dr. Kyle Haynes)  
Spring 2022 | **POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations** (Dr. Reed Kurtz)  
Sp. 20/21/23, | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations** (Dr. Keith Shimko)  
Fa. 20/21 |  
Summer 2020 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations** (Dr. Toby Lauterbach)  
Fall 2019 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations** (Clinical Professor Melissa Will)

### *Pedagogical Training*

Summer 2021 | **Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching**  
*Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University*

### *Teaching Awards*

AY 2020-21 | **Outstanding Teaching Assistant**  
*Department-wide award*

## Conference Participation

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(C)=Chair, (D)=Discussant, (O)=Panel organizer, (P)=Panel participant, (R)=Roundtable.

APSA | 2022 (P), 2023 (D, P)  
EGEN | 2023 (P)  
PolMeth | 2022 (P)  
Peace Science | 2022 (P), 2023 (P)  
ISA | 2022 (P), 2023 (P), 2024 (O, P, R)  
ISA Virtual | 2023 (D, P)  
ISA-MW | 2023 (P)

BISA	2023 (P)
MPSA	2023 (D, P)
MapleMeth	2023 (P)

## Service

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### Department

AY 2020-24	<b>Political Science Mentorship Program</b> <i>First-year Graduate Student Mentor</i>
AY 2023-24	<b>Graduate Student Government</b> <i>Mentorship and Recruiting Chair</i>
Fall 2023	<b>First-Year Welcome Week Orientation</b> <i>Organizer</i>
AY 2022-23	<b>Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee</b> <i>Member</i>
AY 2022-23	<b>Graduate Student Government</b> <i>Social Science Mechanics Chair</i>
AY 2020-22	<b>Graduate Student Government</b> <i>Treasurer</i>
Fall 2019	<b>Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee</b> <i>Member</i>

### University

Sp. 2023	<b>Queer Graduate Student Association</b> <i>Co-Founder, Inaugural President</i>
AY 2021-2023	<b>LGBTQ+ Center</b> <i>Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Methods/Statistics, R, Stata, <del>ETX</del></i>
Summer 2022	<b>Liberal Arts Space Planning Committee</b> <i>Graduate Student Representative</i>
Fall 2021	<b>Undergraduate Research Conference</b> <i>Judge/Reviewer</i>
Fall 2021	<b>Interdisciplinary Symposium in Liberal Arts</b> <i>Reviewer</i>

### Discipline

AY 2022-24	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Executive Council Member</i>
Fall 2022	<b>International Studies Association - Northeast</b> <i>Panel Moderator</i>
Summer 2022	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Founding Member</i>

**Reviewer:** *International Studies Quarterly*

## **Skills**

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*Software:* R, Stata, Python, Git,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Qualtrics, Docker

*Learning Management Systems:* Blackboard, Brightspace