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Education

Expected 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*

Positions and Affiliations

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*
AY 2022-23	**Lab Affiliate** *Cornell University, Ithaca, NY* *Gender and Security Sector Lab*

Research in Progress

* indicates a graduate student co-author

1. **"Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database."** *Under Review*. 📄

* 2. **"Violence as a Condition: the Threat Posed by Quasi-PMCs"** (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Under Review*. 📄
   - Requested by United States Congressional Research Service for distribution.

3. **"Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave? An Exploration of Peacekeeper (In)Effectiveness"** (with Douglas B. Atkinson and Zach Warner). *Under Review*. 📄

4. **"Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping"** *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*.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

External

AY 2023-24	USIP Peace Scholar Stipend, *$20,000* (declined)
2023	MapleMeth Travel Grant, *$500*
2023	International Studies Association Midwest Travel Grant, *$250*
2022	International Studies Association Travel Grant, *$700*
2022/23	American Political Science Association Travel Grant, *$300*

Internal

AY 2023-24	Kruhe Fellow, *$28,000* *University-wide Kruhe Fellowship* (declined)
2022	PROMISE Research/Travel Award, *$2,250*
2022	Department Travel Grant, *$1,250*
AY 2020-21	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, *$500*

Invited Talks and Workshops

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

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, Fa. 20/21	**POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations** (Dr. Keith Shimko)
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*

Conference Participation

(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 (D, 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

Department

AY 2020-24	**Political Science Mentorship Program** *First-year Graduate Student Mentor*
AY 2023-24	**Graduate Student Government** *Mentorship and Recruiting Chair*
Fall 2023	**First-Year Welcome Week Orientation** *Organizer*
AY 2022-23	**Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee** *Member*
AY 2022-23	**Graduate Student Government** *Social Science Mechanics Chair*
AY 2020-22	**Graduate Student Government** *Treasurer*

Fall 2019	**Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee** *Member*

University

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

Discipline

AY 2022-24	**Junior IO Scholars Workshop** *Executive Council Member*
Fall 2022	**International Studies Association - Northeast** *Panel Moderator*
Summer 2022	**Junior IO Scholars Workshop** *Founding Member*

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Python, Git, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Docker
Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace