

Sky Kunkel

May 22, 2024

✉ sk3386@cornell.edu

🌐 LinkedIn: skytheacademic

📍 214 White Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853

🗎 pronouns: they/them

🐦 Twitter: @skytheacademic

🌐 www.skytheacademic.com

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	Predocctoral 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: <i>The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping</i> Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig
May 2019	B.A. Political Science Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Research in Progress

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

- * 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.*

Fellowships and Grants

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

- 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

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

(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

Department

AY 2020-24 | **Political Science Mentorship Program**
First-year Graduate Student Mentor

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

University

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

Discipline

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

Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly*

Skills

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