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## Education

Expected May  
2024

### Ph.D. International Relations

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Minor: Methods

Dissertation: *The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping*

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

May 2019

### B.A. Political Science



Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

## Research in Progress

1. "Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database" *Under Review.* 📄
2. "Conflict Grids and Peacekeeping: When and Where Do Peacekeepers Keep the Peace?" *Working paper.* 📄
3. "Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave?" (with Douglas B. Atkinson and Zach Warner). *Work in progress.*
4. "Pacifying through Place: The Role of Visual Deterrence in Keeping the Peace" *Work in progress.*
5. "The Wagner Group and Violence: Russia's Re-Entry Into Cold War African Politics" (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Work in progress.*
6. "Peacekeeping and Public Opinion - How UN Peacekeepers Affect Violence Perception" (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.*

## Academic and Conference Presentations

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| Fall 2022   | <b>The Wagner Group and Violence: Russia's Re-Entry Into Cold War African Politics</b><br>PEACE SCIENCE SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022                                 |
| Fall 2022   | <b>Conflict Grids and Peacekeeping: When and Where Do Peacekeepers Keep the Peace?</b><br>AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022                |
| Summer 2022 | <b>What Happens After Peacekeepers Leave?</b><br>POLITICAL METHODOLOGY ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022 📄  |
| Spring 2022 | <b>Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database</b> 📄<br>INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022 |

Fall 2021	<b>How to Research and Use the Purdue Libraries: Workshop and Presentation</b>  POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT GRADUATE ORIENTATION
Fall 2018	<b>Purdue Undergraduate Research Exposition</b>  PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WEST LAFAYETTE, IN

## Teaching Experience

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Spring 2022	<b>POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organized and held lab sections to instruct students on RStudio coding and interpretations.</li> <li>Created and distributed lab scripts based on class assignments.</li> <li>Answered student questions about problems sets and exams in both formal and informal settings.</li> </ul>
Spring 2022	<b>POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held weekly office hours to provide outside instruction and assist students.</li> <li>Guest lectured to practice teaching skills.</li> <li>Using rubrics, graded assignments and provided individual feedback for each student.</li> </ul>
Summer 2021/22	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations (Online)</b> <i>Independent Instructor</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designed the course from top to bottom, including designing a syllabus.</li> <li>Created and uploaded interesting and effective instructional lecture videos each week.</li> <li>Created and graded assignments and rubrics, adding individual feedback for each student.</li> </ul>
Spring 2020/21, Fall 2020/21	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations - Professor Keith Shimko</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitated class transition to online format in the middle of the semester during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Held office hours to instruct students in non-classroom setting.</li> <li>Graded exams and provided individual, written feedback.</li> </ul>
Summer 2020	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations - Toby Lauterbach, Ph.D.</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graded and responded to discussion questions and essays</li> <li>Assisted in online course development</li> <li>Recorded and uploaded the lecture videos</li> </ul>
Fall 2019	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations - Professor Melissa Will</b> <i>Teaching Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted in out-of-class learning.</li> <li>Independently organized and ran exam review sessions for students.</li> <li>Graded exams and provided individual feedback on essays.</li> </ul>

## Certificates and Awards

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Summer 2021	<b>Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching</b> <i>Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University</i>
AY 2020-2021	<b>Outstanding Teaching Assistant</b> <i>Political Science Department Purdue University</i>

## Service

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AY 2022-23	<b>Political Science Graduate Student Government - Purdue</b> <i>Social Science Mechanics Chair</i>
AY 2021-2023	<b>LGBTQ+ Center - Purdue</b> <i>Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Political Methods, R, Stata, <math>\LaTeX</math></i>
Fall 2022	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Executive Council Member</i>
Summer 2022	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Founding Member</i>
Summer 2022	<b>Liberal Arts Space Planning Committee</b> <i>Graduate Student Representative</i>
AY 2020-2022	<b>Political Science Graduate Student Government - Purdue</b> <i>Treasurer</i>
Fall 2021	<b>Undergraduate Research Conference - Purdue</b> <i>Judge/Reviewer</i>
Fall 2021	<b>Interdisciplinary Symposium in Liberal Arts - Purdue</b> <i>Reviewer</i>
Fall 2019	<b>Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee - Purdue</b> <i>Member</i>

## Skills

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*Software:* R, Stata, Git,  $\LaTeX$

*Learning Management Systems:* Blackboard, Brightspace