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Education





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| Expected May 2024 | Ph.D. International Relations <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i> <i>Minor: Methods</i> <i>Dissertation: The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping</i> <i>Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig</i> |
| May 2019 | B.A. Political Science <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i> |

Positions and Affiliations

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| AY 2023-24 | Kruhe Fellow <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i> <i>University-wide Kruhe Fellowship</i> |
| AY 2022-23 | Lab Affiliate <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Studies Lab</i> |

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. "Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping" Working paper. 
4. "Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave? An Exploration of Peacekeeper (In)Effectiveness" (with Douglas B. Atkinson and Zach Warner). Working paper. 
5. "All About that Base... No Trouble. The Gravity of Peacekeeping Bases." 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.

Conference Presentations

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| APSA | 2022, 2023 |
| PolMeth | 2022 |
| Peace Science | 2022 |
| ISA | 2022, 2023 |
| ISANE | 2022 |
| BISA | 2023 |
| JSISE | 2023 |
| MPSA | 2023 |
| MWEPS | 2022 |

Conference Discussant Roles

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| APSA | 2023 |
| MPSA | 2023 |
| ISA | 2023 |

Invited Presentations/Talks

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| Fall 2021/22 | How to Research and Use the Purdue Libraries: Workshop and Presentation  |
| | POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT GRADUATE ORIENTATION |

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

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| Summer 2021/22 | POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations |
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Teaching Assistant

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| Spring 2023 | POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference (Dr. Tara Grillos) |
| | POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations (Dr. Keith Shimko) |
| Fall 2022 | POL 501 - Political Science Methodology (Dr. Joan Timoneda) |
| | POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations (Dr. Kyle Haynes) |
| Spring 2022 | POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference (Dr. Giancarlo Visconti) |
| | POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations (Dr. Reed Kurtz) |
| Sp. 2020/21, Fa. 2020/21 | 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) |

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

External

- 2022 | International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$700
- 2022 | American Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$150

Internal

- 2022 | PROMISE Research/Travel Award, \$2,250
- 2022 | Department Travel Grant, \$1250

Certificates and Awards

- Summer 2021 | **Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching**
Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University
- AY 2020-2021 | **Outstanding Teaching Assistant**
Political Science Department Purdue University

Service

Department

- AY 2022-23 | **Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee**
- AY 2022-23 | **Political Science Graduate Student Government**
Social Science Mechanics Chair
- AY 2020-22 | **Political Science 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, ~~HT~~~~X~~
- 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

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| AY 2022-23 | 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> |

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Git, \LaTeX , Qualtrics

Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace