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Education



Expected May 2024	Ph.D. International Relations Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN Minor: Methods 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

Positions and Affiliations

AY 2022-23	Lab Affiliate Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Gender and Security Studies Lab
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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. "Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping" Working paper. 
3. "Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave? An Exploration of Peacekeeper (In)Effectiveness" (with Douglas B. Atkinson and Zach Warner). *Work in progress.*
4. "All About that Base... No Trouble. The Gravity of Peacekeeping Bases." *Work in progress.*
- * 5. "Violence as a Condition: the Threat Posed by Quasi-PMCs" (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.*

Conference Presentations

APSA	2022
PolMeth	2022
Peace Science	2022

ISA		2022, 2023
ISANE		2022
BISA		2023
JSISE		2023
MPSA		2023
MWEPS		2022

Invited Presentations/Talks

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

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

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

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

Service

Department

AY 2022-23	Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee
AY 2022-23	Political Science Graduate Student Government <i>Social Science Mechanics Chair</i>
AY 2020-22	Political Science 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 2022-23	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