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Education





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| Expected May 2024 | Ph.D. Political Science <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i> <i>Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology</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 | Peace Scholar Fellow <i>United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC</i> |
| AY 2023-24 | Predoctoral Research Fellow <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Sector Lab</i> |
| AY 2022-23 | Lab Affiliate <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Sector Lab</i> |

Research in Progress

* indicates a graduate student co-author

1. | **"Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping"** *Under review.* 
- * 2. | **"Violence as a Condition: the Threat Posed by Quasi-PMCs"** (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Working paper.* 
 - 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, Rebecca Dudley, and Zach Warner). *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, Grants, and Awards

External

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| AY 2023-24 | | 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

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| AY 2023-24 | | Kruhe Fellow, \$28,000 <i>University-wide Krueh Fellowship</i> (declined) |
| 2023 | | Best Prospectus Award, \$1,000 |
| 2022/23 | | PROMISE Research/Travel Award, \$3,750 |
| 2022/23 | | Department Travel Grant, \$1,250 |
| AY 2020-21 | | Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, \$500 |

Invited Talks and Workshops

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| 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

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| Summer 2023 | | POL 430 - UN Peacekeeping |
| Summer 21/22 | | POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations |

Teaching Assistant - Graduate Courses

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| 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

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| 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

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| Summer 2021 | Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching <i>Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University</i> |
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Teaching Awards

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| AY 2020-21 | Outstanding Teaching Assistant <i>Department-wide award</i> |
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Conference Participation

(C)=Chair, (D)=Discussant, (O)=Panel organizer, (P)=Panel participant, (R)=Roundtable.

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| 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

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| AY 2020-24 | Political Science Mentorship Program <i>First-year Graduate Student Mentor</i> |
| AY 2023-24 | Graduate Student Government <i>Mentorship and Recruiting Chair</i> |
| Fall 2023 | First-Year Welcome Week Orientation <i>Organizer</i> |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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> |

Skills

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