






# Sky Kunkel

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## Education





Expected May 2024	<b>Ph.D. International Relations</b> <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>B.A. Political Science</b> <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i>

## Positions and Affiliations

AY 2023-24	<b>Peace Scholar Fellow</b> <i>United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC</i>
AY 2023-24	<b>Predoctoral Research Fellow</b> <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Studies Lab</i>
AY 2022-23	<b>Lab Affiliate</b> <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. | “Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave? An Exploration of Peacekeeper (In)Effectiveness” (with Douglas B. Atkinson and Zach Warner). *Under Review.* 
4. | “Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping” *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.*

## Conference Participation


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

APSA	2022 (P), 2023 (D, P)
PolMeth	2022 (P)
Peace Science	2022 (P)
ISA	2022 (P), 2023 (D, P)
ISA Virtual	2023 (D, O, P, R)
ISANE	2022 (C, P)
BISA	2023 (P)
JSISE	2023 (P)
MPSA	2023 (D, P)
MWEPS	2022 (P)
MapleMeth	2023 (P)

## Invited Presentations/Talks

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

## Teaching Experience

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### *Instructor of Record*

Summer 2023	<b>POL 430 - UN Peacekeeping</b>
Summer 2021/22	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations</b>

### *Teaching Assistant - Graduate Courses*

Spring 2023	<b>POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference</b> (Dr. Tara Grillos)
Fall 2022	<b>POL 501 - Political Science Methodology</b> (Dr. Joan Timoneda)
Spring 2022	<b>POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference</b> (Dr. Giancarlo Visconti)

### *Teaching Assistant - Undergraduate Courses*

Fall 2022	<b>POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations</b> (Dr. Kyle Haynes)
Spring 2022	<b>POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations</b> (Dr. Reed Kurtz)
Sp. 20/21/23, Fa. 20/21	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations</b> (Dr. Keith Shimko)
Summer 2020	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations</b> (Dr. Toby Lauterbach)

## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

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### External

- 2023 | MapleMeth Travel Grant, \$500
- 2022 | International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$700
- 2022 | American Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$150

### Internal

- AY 2023-24 | Kruhe Fellow, \$28,000  
*University-wide Kruhe Fellowship* (declined)
- 2022 | PROMISE Research/Travel Award, \$2,250
- 2022 | Department Travel Grant, \$1,250

## Certificates and Awards

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- 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

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### 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, ~~AT&T~~*
- Summer 2022 | **Liberal Arts Space Planning Committee**  
*Graduate Student Representative*
- Fall 2021 | **Undergraduate Research Conference**  
*Judge/Reviewer*

Fall 2021	<b>Interdisciplinary Symposium in Liberal Arts</b> <i>Reviewer</i>
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## Discipline

AY 2022-23	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Executive Council Member</i>
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Fall 2022	<b>International Studies Association - Northeast</b> <i>Panel Moderator</i>
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Summer 2022	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Founding Member</i>
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## Skills

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*Software:* R, Stata, Git,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Qualtrics

*Learning Management Systems:* Blackboard, Brightspace