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Education



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>

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

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

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

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Summer 2021/22	POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations (Online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed the course from top to bottom, including designing a syllabus. Created and uploaded interesting and effective instructional lecture videos each week. Created and graded assignments and rubrics, adding individual feedback for each student.
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Teaching Assistant

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

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

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

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Git, \LaTeX

Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace