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Education





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

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. | “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

(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), 2023 (P)
ISA	2022 (P), 2023 (D, P)
ISA Virtual	2023 (D, P)
ISA-MW	2023 (P)
ISA-NE	2022 (C, P)
BISA	2023 (P)
MPSA	2023 (D, P)
MapleMeth	2023 (P)

Invited Talks and Workshops

ISA 2024	Contractors in Great Power Competition: Challenging World Order in an Age of Privatization WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT
PSSI 2023	New Research about Preventing Mass Atrocities WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT
Spring 2023	Junior Scholars in International Security Workshop WORKSHOP CO-PRESENTER
Fall 2022	Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science WORKSHOP PRESENTER
Fall 2021/22/23	How to Research and Use the Purdue Libraries: Workshop and Presentation WORKSHOP FOUNDER/PRESENTER

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

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

Teaching Assistant - Graduate Courses

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

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)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

External

2023	USIP Peace Scholar Stipend, \$20,000 (declined)
2023	MapleMeth Travel Grant, \$500
2023	International Studies Association Midwest Travel Grant, \$250
2022	International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$700
2022/2023	American Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$300

Internal

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

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 2020-24	Political Science Mentorship Program <i>First-year Graduate Student Mentor</i>
AY 2023-24	Political Science Graduate Student Government <i>Mentorship and Recruiting Chair</i>
Fall 2023	Political Science First-Year Welcome Week Orientation <i>Organizer</i>
AY 2022-23	Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee <i>Member</i>

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 2022-24	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, Git, \LaTeX , Qualtrics

Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace