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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. "All About that Base... No Trouble. The Gravity of Peacekeeping Bases." *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	Alexander or Ozymandias?: Russia's PMC Driven Foreign Policy in Africa INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION NORTHEAST 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)
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Teaching Assistant

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)

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