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Education

Expected May 2024	**Ph.D. International Relations** *Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN* *Minor: Methods* *Dissertation: The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping* *Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig*
May 2019	**B.A. Political Science** *Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN*

Positions and Affiliations

Fall 2022	**Lab Affiliate** *Cornell University, Ithaca, NY* *Gender and Security Studies Lab*

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. "**Conflict Grids and Peacekeeping: Which Peacekeepers Keep the Peace?**" *Working paper*. 📄

3. "**Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave? An Exploration of Peacekeeper (In)Effectiveness**" (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. "**Violence as a Condition: The CAR and Wagner's Tragic Partnership**" (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	**Violence as a Condition: The CAR and Wagner's Tragic Partnership** 📄 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	**Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave? An Exploration of Peacekeeper (In)Effectiveness** 🗎 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 2021/22	**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)**

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)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

External

2022	International Studies Association Travel Grant, *$700*
2022	American Political Science Association Travel Grant, *$150*

Internal

2022	PROMISE Research/Travel Award, *$1,500*
2022	Department Travel Grant, *$750*
2022	Department Travel Grant, *$500*

Certificates and Awards

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

Department

AY 2022	**Technology and Politics 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

AY 2021-2023	**LGBTQ+ Center** *Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Methods/Statistics, R, Stata, LaTeX*
Summer 2022	**Liberal Arts Space Planning Committee** *Graduate Student Representative*
Fall 2021	**Undergraduate Research Conference** *Judge/Reviewer*
Fall 2021	**Interdisciplinary Symposium in Liberal Arts** *Reviewer*

Discipline

AY 2022-23	**Junior IO Scholars Workshop** *Executive Council Member*
Fall 2022	**International Studies Association - Northeast** *Panel Moderator*
Summer 2022	**Junior IO Scholars Workshop** *Founding Member*

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Git, LaTeX
Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace