

# KYLIE N. SMITH

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX** 2022–Present

Ph.D. Candidate, Government

*Subfields:* International Relations, Political Methodology

*Committee:* Michael Findley (chair), Scott Wolford, Max Goplerud, Sabine Carey (external)

**University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX** May 2024

M.A., Government

*Committee:* Michael Findley (chair), Scott Wolford

Thesis: *Pro-Government Militia Termination: Mitigating Agency Slack in the Principal-Agent Relationship*

**Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, UK** December 2022

M.A., Violence, Terrorism, and Security

*Advisor:* Ronit Berger-Hobson

Thesis: *Mediated States as Resilient Statebuilding: Ethnic Armed Organizations in Myanmar following the 2021 Coup D'état*

**Baylor University, Waco, TX** December 2022

B.A., Political Science and International Relations

*Advisor:* David Corey

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Violent Non-State Actors; Post-Conflict State-Building; Demobilization, Disarmament, and Reintegration; Security Sector Reform

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Smith, Kylie N. *The End of Pro-Government Militia Relationships: Agency Slack and the Breakdown of Delegation*

## PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

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**Terrorism and Civil Wars Conference**

*Pro-Government Militia Termination: Mitigating Agency Slack in the Principal-Agent Relationship*

University of Houston. February 2025.

**Conflict Research Society Conference**

*The Mediated State: Multi-Layered Rebel Governance in Ethnic Armed Organizations in Myanmar*

Queen's University Belfast. September 2022.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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**Clements Center for National Security**

Graduate Fellow. Fall 2024 - Present.

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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### University of Texas at Austin - Department of Government

Fieldwork Grant (\$2,500), 2024

ICPSR Sponsorship (\$2,500), 2024

Dept. of Government Summer Fellowship (\$5,000), 2024

Dept. of Government Summer Research Fellowship (\$4,000), 2024

Dept. of Government Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$4,000), 2023

Dept. of Government Fellowship Supplement (\$5,000), 2022, 2023, 2024

### University of Texas at Austin - External

Graduate School Continuing Excellence Fellowship (\$12,500), Spring 2026

British, Irish, & Empire Studies (BIES) Fellowship (\$3,000), Summer 2023

College of Liberal Arts Deans Office Academic Excellence in Research Fellowship 2025-2026 (\$500)

### Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research

Scholarship for Political Science Research (\$2,600), 2024

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Texas at Austin

#### Instructor of Record

Nationalism and Violence, Fall 2025

Political Internship, Summer 2025

#### Guest Lecture

Terrorism and Counter-terrorism, Spring 2025

Ethnic Politics of China, Taiwan, and Asia, Spring 2025

#### Teaching Assistant

Terrorism and Counter-terrorism, Spring 2025

The Military and U.S. Politics, Fall 2024

Civil Wars and Ethnic Violence, Spring 2024

Comprehensive Notions of European Security, Fall 2023

Politics of Poverty, Spring 2023

Comparative Legal Systems, Fall 2022

## RELEVANT TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

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**Armed Conflict & Location Event Data Project (ACLED)** 2022 - Present  
Researcher

**Inter-university Consortium for Political & Social Research** Summer 2024  
*Courses in Bayesian Modeling, Casual Inference, & Time Series and Panel Data*

## SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

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**College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Advisory Council** AY 2025 - 2026  
*Department of Government Representative*

**Department of Government Graduate Student Organization** AY 2024 - 2025  
*Co-President*

**UT Austin Graduate Student Assembly** AY 2024 - 2025  
*Department of Government Alternate Representative*

**International Relations Job Search Committee** Fall 2024  
*Graduate Student Representative*

## MEMBERSHIPS

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Peace Science Society (*Member*) AY 2022 - Present  
Conflict Research Society (*Member*) AY 2022 - Present  
Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society (*Member*) AY 2019 - Present  
Sigma Iota Rho - International Studies Honor Society (*Member*) AY 2017 - Present

## FIELDWORK & INTERVIEWS

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Guatemala - Guatemala City & Quetzaltenango Summer 2025  
Northern Ireland - Belfast Summer 2023

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Spanish *Intermediate*, Mandarin Chinese *Intermediate*  
**Programs/Technologies:** Excel, Git, Markdown, Qualtrics, R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X