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Education

University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

PhD, Political Science

2016 - Present

- Fields: International Relations and Political Methods
- Dissertation Committee: Tanisha Fazal (Chair), John Freeman, Mark Bell, Jessica Stanton

University of North Dakota

Grand Forks, ND

2013

BA, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ECONOMICS

• Magna Cum Laude

Dissertation

THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF CIVIL WARS

My dissertation explores the causal relationship between the dynamics of civil war and the outbreak of disease within these environments.
 It examines how certain classes of conflict produce differential civilian strategic responses which yield different disease outbreak outcomes.
 Cross-national and sub-national dynamic spatial models demonstrate theoretical generalizability while detailed case analysis of the Syrian civil war illuminates causal mechanisms.

Publications

Forthcoming

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SPACE: ASSESSING THE EXTERNAL VALIDITY OF MACHINE GEO-CODED VS. HUMAN GEO-CODED

2021

DATA. ACCEPTED BY Political Analysis

• (with Benjamin Bagozzi, John Freeman, and Jennifer Holmes)

Working papers

DISEASE AND WAR: WHY CONFLICT CONTEXT MATTERS AND HOW IT SHAPES DISEASE OUTCOMES

ISA 2021

Mapping US and Chinese Health Diplomacy

ISA 2021; APSA 2021

· (with Tanisha Fazal)

GEOSTATISTICAL ANALYSIS IN SPACE AND TIME

APSA 2021

• (with John Freeman and Benjamin Bagozzi)

COMPUTATIONALLY EFFICIENT SPATIAL AND SPATIOTEMPORAL MODELS ESTIMATED WITH NON-LINEAR LEAST SQUARES

HETEROGENEOUS SPATIAL AND SPATIOTEMPORAL DYNAMIC MODELS

REBEL PREDATION AND FOREIGN AID

MPSA 2019

Non-academic writing

"Measles, Ukraine, and Civil War: The Missing Links" (with Tanisha Fazal). Political Violence @ A Glance

March 2019

Awards, Grants, & Fellowships _____

Political Science, Teaching Assistant Fellowship	2017-Present
Political Science, Summer Fellowship	2017-Present
National Science Foundation, GRFP Honorable Mention	2018
Graduate Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship	2017
Larson Graduate Research Fellowship in Political Economy	2016-17
EITM Certification / Fellowship - ICPSR (NSF Funded)	2017
PolMeth Travel Grant, Madison, WI (NSF Funded)	2017
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship	2009-13

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Teaching and Research Experience _____

TEACHING ASSISTANT

• POL 1025: Global Politics; POL 1026: Foreign Policy; POL 3085: Quantitative Analysis; POL 4810: The Politics of Nuclear Weapons; POL 4991: Capstone

ICPSR Graduate Student Instructor 2020, 2021

• (Empirical Modeling with Robert Franzese)

ICPSR Workshop, Guest Lecturer 2020, 2021

• (Spatial Econometrics with Robert Franzese)

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD Summer 2019

• POL 3085: Quantitative Analisys

Research Assistantships

Tanisha Fazal	2021 - present
John Freeman	2018 - present
Ron Krebs	Fall 2019
Jessica Stanton	Summer 2018

Conference & Workshop Participation _____

Annual Meetings

APSA	2021
Polmeth	2017, 2019
ISA	2021
Midwest Political Science Association	2019
Upper Midwest International Relations Conference	2018, 2019

Workshops

Mapping US and Chinese Health Diplomacy	2021
BIGCSS Summer School in Computational Social Science (Breman, Germany)	Summer 2018
ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	Summer 2017

Service_____

Minnesota Political Methods Colloquium, Co-Chair	2018-2021
McNair Program: Student Mentor	2017-2021
Minnesota Graduate Student Methods Conference, Organizer	2018-2020
Graduate Student Life Committee, Co-Chair	2018-19
TRIO Program - Upward Bound: Mentor	2016

Affiliations _____

American Political Science Association Society for Political Methodology Midwest Political Science Association International Studies Association



Research Interests

International Relations: Disease outbreaks, civil wars, political violence/conflict processes, humanitarian crises

Methodology: spatial models, diffusion and contagion processes, Bayesian analsysis, simulation

Data Analysis

Spatial Econometrics, Mapping, Time Series, Bayesian Analysis, Visualisation, Data Cleaning, Surveys

Programming

R, Python, SQL, Stan, LaTeX, Git, Javascript

Awards & Achievements _____

Awards

UMN, Thank a Teacher Award

2018, 2019

References

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