

PHD CANDIDATE

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Education

University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN

PhD, Political Science

2016 - Present

- Fields: International Relations and Political Methods
- · Advisors: John Freeman, Tanisha Fazal

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.

Working Papers_

EVENT DATA IN SPACE: SPATIAL MODELS OF MACHINE CODED VS. HUMAN CODED DATA

• (with Benjamin Bagozzi, John Freeman, and Jennifer Holmes), Presented at PolMeth 2019

REBEL PREDATION AND FOREIGN AID

Presented at MPSA 2019

Non-academic writing _____

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

March 22, 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

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

Course Instructor

• POL 3085: Quantitative Analysis; Summer 2019

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- John Freeman: Summer 2018 present
- Ron Krebs: Fall 2019
- Jessica Stanton: Summer 2018

Conference & Workshop Participation

Annual Meetings

Polmeth 2019, 2017
Midwest Political Science Association 2020,2019
Upper Midwest International Relations Conference 2019, 2018

Workshops

BIGCSS Summer School in Computational Social Science (Breman, Germany)

ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Summer 2017

Service

Minnesota Graduate Student Methods Conference, Organizer2018-PresentMinnesota Political Methods Colloquium, Co-Chair2018-PresentMcNair Program: Student Mentor2017-PresentGraduate Student Life Committee, Co-Chair2018-19TRIO Program - Upward Bound: Mentor2016

Affiliations _____

Society for Political Methodology Midwest Political Science Association International Studies Association

Relevant Skills

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

2019, 2018

References

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