

# Michael Kriner, PhD

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY **2018 – 2024**  
PhD in Government, International Relations (major) and Comparative Politics (minor)  
Dissertation: *Autocrats Keeping Peace? An Analysis of the Impact of Autocratic Contributions to UN Peace Operations*

- International Relations (major), Comparative Politics (minor)  
Committee: Sarah E. Kreps (chair), Sabrina M. Karim, Christopher R. Way

**New York University**, New York, NY **2016 – 2018**  
MS in Global Affairs, Peacebuilding Concentration, *Distinction*

**Providence College**, Providence, RI **2007 – 2011**  
BA in Global Studies; Liberal Arts Honors Program, *Summa Cum Laude*, *Dean's List*

- Summa Cum Laude, Dean's List, Liberal Arts Honors Certificate

## PAPERS

### Publications

- Kriner, Michael and Christopher Way (2025) "The Adoption of Paid Sick Leave in US States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 2(2): 190-211 <https://doi.org/10.1017/spq.2024.33>
- Karim, Sabrina, Maggie Dwyer, T. Debey Sayndee, Sky Kunkel, Addison Barton, **Michael Kriner**, and Clair MacDougall (2024) "The Transition Home: Key Challenges for African UN Peacekeepers Upon Return" Gender and Security Sector Lab <https://www.sabrinamkarim.com/policy>
- Biswas, Niloy Ranjan, Lailufar Yasmin, Sabrina Karim, Roya Izadi, Sara Fox, Cameron Mailhot, **Michael Kriner**, Priscilla Torres, Zinab Attai, Heather Huhtanen (2023) "Bangladesh Armed Forces MOWIP Report" Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance <https://www.dcaf.ch/bangladesh-armed-forces-mowip-report>
- Mailhot, Cameron, **Michael Kriner**, and Sabrina Karim (2022) "International Involvement in (re-)building police forces: a comparison of US and UN police assistance programs around the world." *Small Wars and Insurgencies* 33(4-5): 819-845 <https://doi.org/10.1080/09592318.2022.2041367>.
- Olsson, Louise, Megan Shannon, Anna Marie Obermeier, Birthe Einen, Ida Rødningen, Nora Stai, Emily Jackson, and Andreas Forø Tollefsen, Sabrina Karim, Taylor Vincent, Cameron Mailhot, Priscilla Torres, **Michael Kriner** (2022) "Norwegian Armed Forces MOWIP Report" Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance <https://www.dcaf.ch/norwegian-armed-forces-mowip-report>.

### Revise and Resubmit

- "Regime Type and Civilian Protection in UN Peace Operations"

### In Progress

- "When International Actors Build Police Institutions: Explaining the Determinants of International Police Assistance" with Cameron Mailhot and Sabrina Karim
- "The Domestic Benefits of UN Peacekeeping Homecoming: How Deployment Diffuses Norms" with Cameron Mailhot, Roya Izadi, Lindsey Pruett, Laura Huber, Priscilla Torres, Sara Fox, and Sabrina Karim
- "Crossing the Wall of Silence: Explaining Tolerance for Misconduct in the Security Forces" with Roya Izadi, Lindsey Pruett, Cameron Mailhot, Laura Huber, Priscilla Torres, Sara Fox, and Sabrina Karim

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**GOVT 1101: Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding**, Cornell University  
Instructor of Record

**Spring 2022**

**GOVT 2274: Global Studies Gateway**, Cornell University  
Teaching Assistant; Instructor: Professor Rachel Beatty Riedl

**Fall 2020**

**GOVT 2041: Electoral (mal)practice**, Cornell University  
Teaching Assistant; Instructor: Professor Bryce Corrigan

**Spring 2020**

**GOVT 1817: Making Sense of World Politics**, Cornell University  
Teaching Assistant; Instructor: Professor Sarah E. Kreps

**Fall 2019**

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**SAMHSA, Health & Human Services**, Rockville, MD  
Statistician (impacted by reduction in force)

**November 2024 – Present**

- Collaborate with 3 colleagues using national behavioral health facility data to examine downstream determinants of health and spatial-temporal changes in state mental health facilities resulting in a draft manuscript and short report
- Support a large-scale data project with statistical analyses and visualizations in R to update the annual report on substance use and mental health facilities
- Develop numerous R functions to fulfill timely data requests with data visualizations and robust analyses
- Support efforts to improve usability of FindTreatment.gov
- Review, edit, and approve survey materials, including questionnaire design and outreach materials

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY  
Researcher- Political Science

**August 2018 – October 2024**

- Advanced PhD training in statistical techniques and methodology, quantitative and qualitative research methods, and survey and experimental research
- Developed, executed, and analyzed survey experiment of 400+ police officers in the Zambia Police Service to examine the impacts of training for a dissertation chapter and manuscript
- Conducted statistical analyses and qualitative case studies to study the impact of UN peacekeepers on violence in UN peacekeeping operations for my dissertation and manuscript under review
- Collected data on US foreign police assistance by reviewing Congressional records from 1960-2020 that resulted in a co-authored publication
- Designed and effectively performed statistical studies for data analysis, including collecting and processing data, creating data visualizations, and conducting analyses including regressions, ANOVA, and t-tests

**Gender and Security Sector Lab**, Ithaca, NY  
Graduate Fellow

**January 2021 – October 2024**

- Developed and programmed surveys in Qualtrics, including experiments, display and skip logics, and quality control testing to conduct a cross-national survey of over 1,000 security personnel, Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations (MOWIP), in 3 countries with a team of 6
- Led training for in-country partners on survey and interview procedures, including developing sampling strategies, ethical research, and localizing research instruments to carry out the MOWIP
- Wrote three country reports and a policy brief with colleagues using visualizations and analyses from MOWIP data for country partners, the UN, NGOs, and public use

**RAND Corporation**, Pittsburgh, PA  
Summer Associate

**May – August 2021**

- Authored a literature review and a force structure for a project with USSOCOM
- Developed skills to translate academic research into policy-relevant findings and recommendations

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY

**April – December 2020**

Research Assistant to Professor Sabrina M. Karim

- Conducted research on U.S. assistance to foreign police by reviewing Congressional records from 1960-2020
- Compiled a dataset of instances of U.S. foreign police assistance from 1960-2020

**New York University**, New York, NY

**September 2017 – May 2018**

Research Assistant to Professor John V. Kane

- Researched graduate student theses' methodologies to aid in the development of future thesis workshops at NYU
- Systematically analyzed published articles for evidence of supplemental appendices in political science research

## PRESENTATIONS

### **American Political Science Association**

Annual Conference- Philadelphia, PA, September 2024

- "Who Trains Peacekeepers? Measuring the Effects of Foreign Police Training"
- "The Domestic Benefits of UN Peacekeeping Homecoming: How Deployment Diffuses Norms"

Annual Conference- Los Angeles, CA, September 2023

- "Autocrats Keeping Peace? An Analysis of the Impact of Autocratic TPCCs on Peace Operations"

### **International Studies Association**

Annual Conference- San Francisco, CA, April 2024

- "Who Trains Peacekeepers? Measuring the Effects of Foreign Police Training"

Annual Conference- Nashville, TN, March-April 2022

- "Bringing Peace Home: Peace Operations as a Socialization Factor for Restraint"
- "When Foreigners Build States: International Police Assistance"

Annual Conference, 2021 (Accepted 2020, cancelled due to COVID-19)

- "After Cooperation: The Rise and Fall of United Nations Peace Operations"

### **Academic Council on the United Nations System**

Annual Conference- Washington, D.C., June 2023

- "Autocrats Keeping Peace? An Analysis of the Impact of Autocratic TPCCs on Peace Operations"

### **Conflict and Change PhD Workshop**

Annual Workshop- London, UK, February 2023

- "Autocrats Keeping Peace? An Analysis of the Impact of Autocratic TPCCs on Peace Operations"

### **Peace Science Society**

Annual Meeting- Denver, CO, November 2022

- "When International Actors Build Police Institutions: Explaining the Determinants of International Police Assistance"

### **Midwest Political Science Association**

Annual Conference, Online, March 2021

- "I've got a fever, and the only prescription is more paid sick leave: An analysis of the spread of paid sick leave across the US"

FELLOWSHIPS &  
AWARDS

**Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War**  
Civil War Paths Fellow, 2023-24

**United States Institute of Peace**  
USIP-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar, 2022-23

**American Political Science Association**  
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2022-23

**Cornell President's Travel Fund for the Humanities**  
Spring 2023

**Cornell University Research Travel Grant**  
Fall 2022

**Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies**  
Graduate Fellow, 2018-2021

**Cornell University Conference Travel Grant**  
2020, 2021

SERVICE

**Graduate Student Editor**, Cornell International Affairs Review  
Spring 2020- Spring 2021

**Graduate Student Representative**, Cornell University Government Department  
Fall 2019- Spring 2020

PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

**Cornell University Government Department**, Ithaca, NY **September 2021 – May 2023**  
Politics, Sandwiches, and Conversations Graduate Coordinator

- Coordinated visits for external speakers for the Cornell Government Department's PSAC speaker series

**Institute for Economics and Peace**, New York, NY **June 2017 – June 2018**  
Graduate Student Consultant

- Developed materials including presentations and scripts in support of the Institute's research including the Global Peace Index and Positive Peace Index
- Assisted in the construction of a course curriculum and materials for the production of an online Positive Peace Learning Academy

**CT Corporation, a Wolters Kluwer Business**, New York, NY **April 2015 – June 2017**  
Customer Specialist

- Provided exceptional customer service to clients interested in maintaining compliance for their business entities
- Acted as a liaison between Secretaries of State and clients with regard to various business entity-related matters

**Corsearch, a Wolters Kluwer Business**, New York, NY **November 2013 – March 2015**  
Client Support Professional

- Responded to support inquiries from clients working with Corsearch's product offerings including Corsearch's online Screening, Search and Watch platform, Online Brand Protection, Trademark Clearinghouse, and Domain Management
- Led classroom training sessions as well as online and in-person training sessions for internal and external clients

Senior Trademark Researcher

**June 2011 – November 2013**

- Performed multiple research projects for clients interested in clearing potential trade or service marks
- Effectively analyzed relevant trademark and copyright data

SKILLS

**Computer:** Google Suite- Docs, Sheets, and Slides; Microsoft Suite- Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, and Outlook; Salesforce; Slack; Tableau; Zoom

**Programming:** R, LaTeX, Stata, Python, Git, SQL, Survey Monkey, Qualtrics

**Language:** German (conversational), Russian (beginner)