

# Michael Kriner

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

International relations, comparative politics, international security, United Nations, peace operations, security assistance, political violence

## EDUCATION

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY **2018 – Present**  
PhD Candidate- Government; Expected May 2025  
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

- “Paid Sick Leave and the States: An analysis of the adoption of paid sick leave provisions at the state level in the US” (forthcoming) with Christopher Way, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*
- 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) DOI: 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>.

### Under Review

- “Autocrats Keeping Peace? An Analysis of the Impact of Autocratic T/PCCs on 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 **Spring 2022**  
Instructor of Record
- GOVT 2274: Global Studies Gateway**, Cornell University **Fall 2020**  
Teaching Assistant; Instructor: Professor Rachel Beatty Riedl
- GOVT 2041: Electoral (mal)practice**, Cornell University **Spring 2020**  
Teaching Assistant; Instructor: Professor Bryce Corrigan
- GOVT 1817: Making Sense of World Politics**, Cornell University **Fall 2019**  
Teaching Assistant; Instructor: Professor Sarah E. Kreps

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

- SAMHSA, Health & Human Services**, Rockville, MD **November 2024 – Present**  
Statistician
- Manage data analysis projects related to SAMHSA's Behavioral Health Services Information System (BHSIS), including the National Substance Use and Mental Health Services Survey (N-SUMHSS)
  - Completed a large-scale data project to redesign the N-SUMHSS annual report, including data tables, figures, and maps
  - Review, edit, and approve N-SUMHSS survey materials, including outreach materials to facilities and state mental health and substance use agencies
  - Develop numerous R functions to complete timely and robust data requests
- Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY **August 2018 – October 2024**  
Researcher- Political Science
- Advanced PhD training in statistical techniques, methodology, research methods, international relations, comparative politics, and writing reports, papers, and presentations
  - Design and effectively perform statistical studies for data analysis, including collecting and processing data, creating data visualizations, and reporting findings
  - Develop, execute, and analyze survey experiment of 400+ police officers in the Zambia Police Service
- Gender and the Security Sector Lab**, Ithaca, NY **Spring, Fall 2021; August 2024 – Present**  
Graduate Fellow
- Conduct a cross-national survey of over 1,000 security personnel, the Measuring Opportunities for Women in Peace Operations (MOWIP) Methodology, in 3 countries with a team of 6
  - Assist in developing and programming survey instruments, sampling strategies, and training materials for in-country use
  - Write policy reports for country partners, the United Nations, and other outlets
- RAND Corporation**, Pittsburgh, PA **May – August 2021**  
Summer Associate
- 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  
Research Assistant to Professor John V. Kane

**September 2017 – May 2018**

- 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; LaTeX; Microsoft Suite- Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook; Salesforce; Statistical Software- R, Stata, and Python; Qualtrics
- Language: German (conversational), Russian (beginner)