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## EDUCATION

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| 2018 | M.A. in Global Policy Studies<br><i>LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin</i> |
| 2017 | Semester Exchange<br><i>Centro de Investigación y Docencias Económicas (México)</i>                       |
| 2016 | B.A. in Anthropology and International Politics, <i>Cum Laude</i><br><i>Trinity University</i>            |
| 2014 | Semester Exchange<br><i>Universidad de Buenos Aires (Argentina)</i>                                       |

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## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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| 2019 | Yates, Caitlyn and Stephanie Leutert. "A Gendered Perspective on Migrant Kidnapping in Mexico." <i>Victims and Offenders</i> .  |
| 2019 | Yates, Caitlyn, and Douglas Farah. (2019). "El Salvador's Recognition of the People's Republic of China: A Regional Context." <i>Strategic Perspectives</i> , (30): 1-27. |

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## BOOK CHAPTERS

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| 2019 | Yates Caitlyn and Douglas Farah. "El Salvador and Honduras" chapter in <i>Conflict in the 21st Century: Statelessness, Criminality, and Civilian Victimization</i> . Ed. Francesca Grandi: International Institute for Strategic Studies.                                 |
| 2019 | Yates, Caitlyn and Stephanie Leutert. "Migrant Smuggling along Mexico's Highway System" chapter in <i>Critical Insights on Irregular Migration Facilitation: Global Perspectives</i> . Eds. Gabriella Sanchez and Luigi Achilli. Florence: European University Institute. |

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## POLICY REPORT PUBLICATIONS

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| 2019 | Yates, Caitlyn and Luigi Achilli. "The Missing Nexus between Migrant Smuggling and Organized Crime" <i>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Forum</i> . Forthcoming.   |
| 2019 | Yates, Caitlyn. "As More Migrants from Africa and Asia Arrive in Latin America, Governments Seek Orderly and Controlled Pathways." <i>Migration Policy Institute</i> .     |
| 2019 | Yates, Caitlyn and Douglas Farah. "Maduros Last Stand: Venezuela's Survival through the Bolivarian Joint Criminal Enterprise. <i>IBI Consultants</i> .                     |
| 2018 | Yates, Caitlyn, et. al. "Asylum Processing and Waitlists at the U.S.-Mexico Border. <i>Strauss Center for International Security and Law and Migration Policy Centre</i> . |

- 2018 Yates, Caitlyn and Stephanie Leutert. "Migrant Kidnapping in Mexico: Regional Divergences." *Strauss Center for International Security and Law*.
- 2018 Yates, Caitlyn, et. al. "Regulating the Private Security Sector in Mexico." *Strauss Center for International Security and Law*.
- 2017 Yates, Caitlyn and Stephanie Leutert. "Migrant Smuggling along Mexico's Highway System." *Strauss Center for International Security and Law*.
- 2017 Yates, Caitlyn. "Mexico's Penitentiary System Reform." *Strauss Center for International Security and Law*.
- 2014 Yates, Caitlyn. "The Growth of Drug Trafficking in Rosario: Disciplined Violence and the Social Resistance to Confront this System. *School for International Training*.

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#### **MAGAZINE AND BLOG PUBLICATIONS**

- 2019 Yates Caitlyn. "A Case Study in the Outsourcing of U.S. Border Control." *Lawfare Blog*.
- 2018 Yates Caitlyn. "Venezuela: A Refugee Crisis in for the Long Haul." *Lawfare Blog*.
- 2018 Yates, Caitlyn and Stephanie Leutert. "A 'Safe Third Country' Agreement with Mexico Won't Fix U.S. Migratory Challenges." *Lawfare Blog*.
- 2018 Yates, Caitlyn. "The Most Dangerous Crossing Point to the U.S. is Actually in Panama." *Time Magazine*.
- 2018 Yates, Caitlyn and Stephanie Leutert. "What Are the Legal Pathways for Central Americans to Enter the U.S.?" *Lawfare Blog*.
- 2018 Yates, Caitlyn. "New Migrant Routes, the Same Policy Responses: African Migration to Mexico. *Strauss Center for International Security and Law*.

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#### **HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2018 LBJ School of Public Affairs Professional Development Fund
- 2017 Clements Center Student Professional Development Fund
- 2013 - 2016 Trinity University President's Scholarship

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#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2019 "Migration across the Region." U.S. Southern Combatant Command (USSOUTHCOM). Miami, Florida.
- 2019 "Building a Strategic Vision for Venezuela's Transition." Center for Strategic and International Studies roundtable. Washington DC.
- 2019 "Trends in Migrant Kidnapping Across Mexico." Global Perspectives on Kidnapping & Crimes of (Im)mobility Workshop. El Paso, Texas.

2018	“Trends and Drivers of Migration from the Northern Triangle.” United States Department of State round table. Washington DC.
2018	“Asylum Processing and Waitlists at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Senate of Mexico. Mexico City, Mexico.
2018	“A Gendered Approach to Migrant Kidnapping in Mexico.” <i>UNODC</i> and the <i>Migration Policy Centre</i> . Florence, Italy.
2017	“Migrant Smuggling along Mexico’s Highway System.” <i>UNODC</i> and the <i>Migration Policy Centre</i> . Florence, Italy.
2015	“The Growth of Drug Trafficking in Rosario”. University of Notre Dame Human Development Conference. Sound Bend, IN.
2015	“The Growth of Drug Trafficking in Rosario”. Trinity University Student Research Conference. Poster Presentation San Antonio, TX.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2018	<i>Teaching Assistant in the School of Public Affairs</i> University of Texas at Austin
2017	<i>Teaching Assistant in the Department of Anthropology</i> University of Texas at Austin
2016	<i>Teaching Assistant in the Department of Anthropology</i> Trinity University

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

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2019	Interviews with local community leaders, border patrol and security professionals, and transit migrants in the Darien Jungle in Panama
2018	Interviews with migration experts, organized crime experts, and migrants on the expansion of the MS-13 in Mexico from Tapachula, Mexico City and Guadalajara
2018	Interviews with migration experts, migrants, and migrant smuggling facilitators on African and Asian migration in the Darien Jungle in Colombia
2017	Interviews with migration experts, Mexican law enforcement, and migrants on human smuggling in Mexico
2017	Interviews and fieldwork in the State of Mexico on municipal level police reform and changing perceptions of community security
2017	Interviews with prison officials and security authorities on penitentiary reform in Mexico City and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico
2015	In depth interviews and community engagement with Latinx arts organizations in San Antonio, Texas

2014	Participation in resistance marches, in depth interviews, and focus groups on drug violence in Rosario, Argentina
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2018 - Present	Research Coordinator at IBI Consultants and the National Defense University
2016 – 2018	Research Associate for the Mexico Security Initiative
Summer 2017	Research Fellow at <i>Instituto Mexicano para la Competitividad</i> (IMCO)
2013 – 2017	Department Manager for the Packard Law Firm
2015 – 2016	Legal Assistant for Cote and Gonzalez
Summer 2015	Consular Affairs Intern at the Department of State

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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2018	<i>RAICES Legal Assistant</i> I volunteer as a legal assistant inside immigrant detention centers in Karnes City, Texas to prepare women for their asylum claims
2017	<i>Sin Fronteras Legal Assistant</i> I work with migrants, primarily from African countries of origin to assist in navigating the Mexican immigration system
2017	<i>Barbara Jordan Elementary School Teaching Mentor</i> I work with Latina children of low income backgrounds to socially and academically engage
2017	<i>CARA Pro-Bono Project Legal Assistant</i> I worked with attorneys and legal professionals to prepare Central American women to proceed with their asylum applications from migrant detention centers
2017-2018	<i>Student Leadership Conference Team Leader</i> I led classes, hosted a team, and prepared undergraduate students to better improve their leadership skills

## OTHER SKILLS

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Language	English (Native), Spanish (Fluent), Portuguese (Beginner)
Software	Stata, SPSS, Law Logix, Smart Advocate, Lexis Nexus
Security Clearance	Secret (Expired Dec. 2015)