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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Government and Public Policy

exp. May 2023

University of Arizona

Dissertation: Concentrated Cruelty: Locating Concentration Camps within Governments' Repertoires of Repression

Advisor: Alex Braithwaite

M.A. Government and Public Policy

2020

Major in International Relations University of Arizona 4.0 GPA

B.A. Political Science 2018

Minor in Middle Eastern and North African Studies University of Arizona Summa Cum Laude with Honors

B.A. French 2018

University of Arizona Summa Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Student Researcher

August 2018 - Present

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

- Designed, implemented, and managed a multi-year dissertation project, involving advanced quantitative and qualitative research methods, time and project management, and coordination with a committee of 4 advisors.
- Took coursework and comprehensive examinations in inferential statistics, time-series analysis, causal inference, experimental methods, and network analysis, cumulating in a minor in research methods.

Research Assistant

August 2019 – May 2020; August 2022 - Present

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

Principal Investigator: Dr. Alex Braithwaite

- Created a comprehensive and novel database of concentration camp systems across a global sample.
- Relied on historical documents to compile data on characteristics of camps, violence used, and their purpose.
- Contributed to a successful NSF Security and Preparedness grant to collect individual camp-level data.
- Trained a team of undergraduate research assistants to conduct research.
- Wrote public facing pieces and academic journal articles.

Instructor January 2021 – May 2022

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

- Taught an introductory course on international relations (POL 202).
- Managed all course administration, grading, and communication with students.

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Research Assistant July 2020-December 2020

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

Vulnerable Populations Project

Principal Investigator: Dr. Faten Ghosn

- Collected data on vulnerability in human subjects' research across a global sample, using official government documents to gauge levels of protections in social science research.
- Continued a project which mapped instances of violence during the civil war in Lebanon from 1970 1990 using ArcGIS Online.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2018 – May 2019

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

- Graded papers, held office hours, and assisted with course administration for undergraduate courses.
 - o POL 203: Political Thought
 - o SGPP 300B: Politics, Policy, and Governance: Comparative and International Perspectives

Undergraduate Research Fellow

January 2018 – May 2018

School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona

Principal Investigator: Thomas Volgy

- Created a database of regional, inter-regional, and sub-regional IGOs to investigate the effect of regional and major powers on the formation of these institutions.

Accounting Assistant

January 2018 – May 2018

UA Presents

- General accounting duties for UA Presents, the University of Arizona College of Fine Arts, and the Hanson Film Institute.
- Reconciled and approved account transactions
- Submitted travel documentation for approval and reimbursement, conducted basic human resources, and ensured all finances were in order for each UA Presents show.
- Extensive use of Microsoft Excel, UAccess Financials, and UAccess Analytics.

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- R
- STATA
- Latex
- ArcGIS Online

- Data Collection
- Data Analysis and Regression
- French Intermediate spoken and written proficiency

PUBLICATIONS

Wielding the Gavel or Balancing the Scales? Domestic Legal Systems and Post-Conflict Justice

- Conducted a quantitative study of the determinants of post-conflict justice implementation based on type of domestic legal system.
- https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027221110581

"Regional Attitudes Toward the Liberal World Order." In Regions, Power, and Conflict: Constrained Capabilities, Hierarchy, and Rivalry.

- Gathered and processed data on United Nations voting data to assess descriptively whether different regions have different attitudes over time toward the U.S.-led liberal world order.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIP, AND AWARDS (selected)

Dissertation Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona, \$7,500, 2022.

Michael P. Sullivan Graduate Research Award in International Relations, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$750, 2021.

Summer Research Fellowship, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$2,800, 2019-2020.

Richard A. Harvill Graduate Fellowship, University of Arizona, \$12,000 and One Year of Funding, 2018.

Graduate Access Fellowship, University of Arizona, \$8,000, 2018.

International Scholarship, Benjamin A. Gilman Foundation, \$2,000, 2016.

Africana Studies Scholarship for Arizona in the French Caribbean, University of Arizona, \$6,000, 2016.

Global Award Fund Scholarship, School of International Languages, Literatures, & Cultures, University of Arizona, \$1,500, 2016.

Wildcat Excellence Scholarship, University of Arizona, \$5,500 per year, 2014 - 2018.