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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University, 2024 - Present

Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Arizona, 2023 - 2024

Education

Ph.D. Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona, 2023

Major in International Relations, Minor in Research Methods

M.A. Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona, 2020

B.A. Political Science and French, University of Arizona, 2018

Summa cum laude, Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. “Introducing the Concentration Camps (CCamps v1.0) Dataset” (2024) *Journal of Peace Research* (with Daniel Solomon and Alex Braithwaite)
2. “Wielding the Gavel or Balancing the Scales? Domestic Legal Systems and Post-Conflict Justice.” (2022) *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (with Joseph M. Cox)

Editor-Reviewed Publications

“Concentrating Minoritized Populations.” (Forthcoming: 2025) In the *Handbook on Political Control*, eds. Jessica Braithwaite and Jennifer Earl. De Gruyter.

“Regions and World Order Preferences.” (2022) In *Regions, Power and Conflict: Constrained Capabilities, Hierarchy, and Rivalry* (with Thomas Volgy)

Policy Reports

“Recommendations for Combating Concentration Camps Worldwide.” (2025)
Prepared for: “Preventing Mass Atrocities Beyond Mass Killing: Sexual Violence, Detention and Torture: A New Voices in National Security Workshop.” Sponsored by Bridging the Gap and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide.

Under Review

“Camps or Detention Centers? Public Responses to Framing and Labeling of Concentration”
(with Pearce Edwards)

“Race, railways, and the long-term legacy effects of concentration camps: Evidence from South Africa” (with Alex Braithwaite)

“Courts and Concentration Camps: Judicial Constraints on the Use of Repression”

Working Papers

“The Concentration and Contagion of Cruelty: How Government Use of Concentration Camps Diffuses Globally” (with Alex Braithwaite and Alex Bruens)

“Concentration without condemnation: Mass detention and the decline of norm accountability under the liberal international order” (with Alex Braithwaite and Daniel Solomon)

“Public Opinion and Genocide” (with Daniel Arnon and Rachel Schoner)

Data Projects

CCamp V.1: Global Data on Concentration Camp Systems (with Alex Braithwaite).

CCamp V.2: Camp-Level Data (with Alex Braithwaite and Daniel Solomon).
National Science Foundation (NSF) # 2213615.

Grants and Awards

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Manship Summer Research Fellowship, 2025
Louisiana State University.

Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, 2023
International Studies Association Human Rights Section.

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

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

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

Conference Paper Presentations

“Camps or Detention Centers? Public Responses to the Framing of Concentration” (with Pearce Edwards)

American Political Science Association: Vancouver, Canada, 2025

University of Houston: Terrorism and Civil Wars Workshop, 2025

“Race, railways, and the long-term legacy effects of concentration camps: Evidence from South Africa” (with Alex Braithwaite)

Remembering Spaces of Internment (ReSI) Symposium: Rivesaltes, France, 2025

International Studies Association: Chicago, IL, 2025

University of Rhode Island Human Rights Measurement Workshop, Providence, RI, 2024

“The Concentration and Contagion of Cruelty: How Government Use of Concentration Camps Diffuses Globally” (with Alex Braithwaite)

Remembering Spaces of Internment (ReSI) Symposium: Tucson, AZ, 2024

Four Corners Conflict Network: Albuquerque, NM, 2024

International Studies Association: San Francisco, CA, 2024

“Deterring Abuse with Gendered Justice? Women’s Role in Truth Commissions” (with P. DeAnne Roark and Matthew Rains)

Peace Science Society: St. Louis, MO, 2023

“Courts and Concentration Camps: Judicial Constraints on the Use of Repression”

American Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2022

International Studies Association, Nashville, TN, 2022

Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, 2022

“Introducing the Concentration Camps (CCamps v1.0) Dataset” (with Daniel Solomon and Alex Braithwaite)

American Political Science Association: Los Angeles, CA: 2023

Peace Science Society, Denver, CO, 2022

TransResearch Consortium, Claremont, CA, 2022

“Violence Against Refugees and the Role of Foreign Aid”

International Studies Association, Online, 2021

“Wielding the Gavel or Balancing the Scales? Domestic Legal Systems and Post-Conflict Justice.” (with Joseph M. Cox)

International Studies Association, *Cancelled due to COVID-19*

Invited Talks and Workshops

University of Rhode Island. Human Rights Measurement Workshop.	2024
Peace Science Society. Human Rights Measurement Workshop.	2023
Texas Tech University	2023
Louisiana State University	2023
Peace Science Society. Responsible Public Engagement Workshop.	2022

Teaching

Louisiana State University

Introduction to International Relations (Undergrad), Fall 2024

The Scientific Study of Civil Wars (Undergrad), Fall 2024

University of Arizona

Introduction to International Relations (Online, Instructor of Record) Spring 2021 - Summer 2022

Political Thought (with Suzanne Dovi, Teaching Assistant), Spring 2019

Politics, Policy, and Governance: Comparative and International Perspectives (with Thomas Volgy, Teaching Assistant), Fall 2018

Service

Discipline

Executive Committee Member. Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement (CRAM). 2025 - Present.

Reviewer: Journal of Peace Research, The British Journal of Politics and International Relations

Louisiana State University

Faculty Advisor for the Silver Wings Club.

Member. Graduate Committee.

University of Arizona

Grant Reviewer. Graduate and Professional Student Council.

Vice President. SGPP Graduate Student Association.

Search Committee Member. Human Rights in the Middle East.

Additional Training

Foundations of Open Science Skills. CyVerse.

ArcGIS Online Certificate Program. ESRI.

Graduate TA Online Teaching Bootcamp. University of Arizona.

Collaborative Teaching Workshop. University of Arizona.

L^AT_EX Crash Course. University of Arizona.

Professional Membership

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society (International)

American Political Science Association

Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement

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