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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science & International Affairs

Expected May 2027

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia USA

Major Field: International Relations

Minor Field: Political Methodology

Dissertation: ‘They Not Like Us’: Ethnocentrism and Public Opinion on Humanitarian Intervention

Dissertation Committee: Daniel Hill Jr. (Chair), K. Chad Clay, Jeffrey Berejikian, Ryan Powers

M.A., Political Science

May 2018

San Diego State University, San Diego, California USA

Emphases: International Relations and Comparative Politics

B.A., International Security and Conflict Resolution (ISCOR)

May 2014

San Diego State University, San Diego, California USA

cum laude, ΦBK

Specialization: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Minor: Islamic and Arabic Studies

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. Justwan, Florian, Jeffrey Berejikian, and **Shawn Mazdeyasnan**. 2025. “Deserving Special Treatment? The Effect of Psychological Entitlement on Support for International Law.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* (21)2. doi: [10.1093/fpa/oraf004](https://doi.org/10.1093/fpa/oraf004).

Working Papers

3. “‘Peace’ After Peacekeeping: Post-Peacekeeping Periods and One-Sided Violence”
2. “Do Ethnic Civil Wars Produce More Indiscriminate Violence?: An Analysis”
1. “Disaggregating Forms of Election Violence: Elections and the Use of Torture and Ill-Treatment”

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS):

2023-Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, Supervisor: K. Chad Clay.

Department of International Affairs:

2025 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Supervisor: Jeffrey Berejikian (Summer, Spring).

- 2024** **Graduate Research Assistant**, Supervisor: Jeffrey Berejikian (Fall, Summer, Spring).
- 2023** **Graduate Research Assistant**, Supervisor: Jeffrey Berejikian (Fall).
- 2022** **Graduate Research Assistant**, Supervisor: Jeffrey Berejikian (Fall).

Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI)

Civil and Political Rights Team:

- 2023-Present** **Research Assistant**, Supervisor: K. Chad Clay.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

Department of International Affairs Instructor of Record:

- INTL 4295 War and Human Security (Undergraduate)
 - Fall 2025

Department of International Affairs Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- INTL 3200 Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)
 - Maryann Gallagher: Fall 2023; Spring 2023; Fall 2022
 - ◊ Guest Lecture: Humanitarian Intervention (April 19, 2023)
 - Gulçan Saglam: Spring 2023
- INTL 4250 American Foreign Policy (Undergraduate)
 - Maryann Gallagher: Spring 2025
- INTL 4370 Middle Eastern Politics (Undergraduate)
 - Eli Sperling: Summer 2025
- INTL 4620 Human Rights (Undergraduate)
 - K. Chad Clay: Spring 2026
- INTL 4630 Population, Immigration, and Politics (Undergraduate)
 - Gulçan Saglam: Spring 2023
- INTL 4960R Faculty-Mentored Undergraduate Research I (Undergraduate)
 - Eli Sperling: Summer 2025

University of Michigan

ICPSR Summer Program Teaching Assistant:

- Maximum Likelihood Estimation II: Advanced Topics
 - Desmond Wallace: Summer 2024

San Diego State University

Department of ISCOR Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- ISCOR 200 Introduction to ISCOR (Undergraduate)
 - G. Allen Greb: Fall 2016; Fall 2014
- ISCOR 300 Global Systems (Undergraduate)
 - G. Allen Greb: Spring 2015
- ISCOR 310 Our Global Future (Undergraduate)
 - David Larom: Spring 2017
- ISCOR 320 International Security in the Nuclear Age (Undergraduate)

- G. Allen Greb: Spring 2018; Fall 2017; Spring 2017; Spring 2016; Fall 2015; Spring 2014; Spring 2013

Department of Political Science Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Assistant:

- POLS 101 Introduction to American Politics in Global Perspective (Undergraduate)
 - J.T. Smith: Fall 2017; Spring 2017
 - John Mercurio: Spring 2017; Fall 2016
- POLS 102 Introduction to American and California Government and Politics (Undergraduate)
 - J.T. Smith: Spring 2018; Fall 2017
 - John Mercurio: Spring 2017; Fall 2016; Spring 2016; Fall 2015
 - Carole Kennedy: Spring 2016; Fall 2015
- POLS 375 Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)
 - G. Allen Greb: Fall 2013; Fall 2012

STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS):

2025 **Graduate Assistant**, GLOBIS: Study Abroad in Morocco, June 2-22.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025**
- Presenter**, “When “Never Again” Depends on Who: Ethnocentrism and Support for Humanitarian Intervention”, International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 21-23.
- Presenter**, “Hearing Hate: Experimental Evidence on Dehumanization, Ethnocentrism, and Humanitarian Intervention”, International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 21-23.
- Poster Presenter**, “Disaggregating Forms of Election Violence: Elections and the Use of Torture and Ill-Treatment”, Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 13-15.
- Presenter**, “Disaggregating Forms of Election Violence: Elections and the Use of Torture and Ill-Treatment”, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, March 2-5.
- Presenter**, “Do Ethnic Civil Wars Produce More Indiscriminate Violence?: An Analysis”, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, March 2-5.
- 2024**
- Presenter**, “Disaggregating Forms of Election Violence: Elections and the Use of Torture and Ill-Treatment”, International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 22-24.
- Presenter**, “Do Ethnic Civil Wars Produce More Indiscriminate Violence?: An Analysis”, International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 22-24.

OTHER CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION

- 2025** **Participant**, Emerging Scholars Forum, International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 22-24.
Participant, Rising Scholars Workshop, Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 13-15.
Panel Chair, "National Image: Identity, Language, Power and Perception", School of Public & International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium, University of Georgia, April 25.
Session Convener/Moderator, Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium, University of Georgia, April 7-8.
- 2024** **Panel Discussant**, "Terrorism and Conflict: Strategies and Mitigating Factors," School of Public & International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium, University of Georgia, April 19.
- 2023** **Panel Discussant**, "Contemporary Security Issues: Sanctions, Immigration, and Sexual Violence in Conflict," School of Public & International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium, University of Georgia, April 14.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2025** **Conference Travel Grant**, Graduate School, University of Georgia (\$800)
Emerging Scholar Forum Conference Travel Grant, International Studies Association-Midwest (\$250)
SPIA Graduate Student Conference Travel Award, School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$1000)
Small Research Grant, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$2800)
SPIA Dean's Professional Experience Fund Scholarship, School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$950)
Small Research Grant, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$3000)
Dr. Rodney Bennett Scholarship, University Health Center, University of Georgia (\$1500)
Convention Travel Grant, International Studies Association (\$600)
- 2024** **Conference Travel Grant**, International Studies Association-Midwest (\$250)
Small Research Grant, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$2000)
SPIA Graduate Student Conference Travel Award, School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$1000)
Academic Grant, Sawtooth Software, Inc. (\$4900); *renewed in 2025*
- 2023** **Scholarship for Political Science Research**, ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan (\$2600)
- 2022** **Small Research Grant**, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$2500)

2022-2023	Earl F. Ziemke Graduate Fellowship , School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$3000)
2022-2027	University Graduate Assistantship , Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia Full Tuition Scholarship , Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia
2015-2016	Terhune Fellowship , Department of Political Science, San Diego State University (\$3000)
2012	John and Jane Adams Endowment for the Humanities Scholarship , College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University (\$500)
2011-2013	Dean's List Honors , College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

University of Georgia

Department of Political Science

2024	Computational Data Analysis; Applied Bayesian Modeling; Survey Research Methods
2023	Ordinary Least Squares; Text as Data; Maximum Likelihood Estimation
2022	Introduction to Political Methodology; Research Design

University of Michigan

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program

2024	Bayesian Modeling II; Causal Inference II; Maximum Likelihood Estimation II; Time Series Analysis II
2023	Machine Learning; Multilevel Models I; Regression Analysis III; Time Series Analysis I

San Diego State University

Department of Political Science

2016	Research Design and Analysis
2015	Scope and Methods of Political Science

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2025	Assessing the Impact of Active Learning in Higher Education , 3rd Annual Active Learning Summit, University of Georgia, February 27-28.
2024	Shaping the Future of Learning: Active Learning in Higher Education , 2nd Annual Active Learning Summit, University of Georgia, February 15-16.
2023	Early Career Scholar Training in Active Learning Strategies , Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia, May 10.

SKILLS

Software Languages	R, L ^A T _E X, Lighthouse Studio, Stata (Beginner) Arabic (Beginner)
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SERVICE

To the Profession

2025-Present	Referee , <i>International Interactions</i> .
2025	Member , Best Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, International Studies Association-Midwest.

To the University of Georgia

2024	Judge , Intrasociety Debate, Phi Kappa Literary Society, April 25.
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To the School of Public and International Affairs, University of Georgia

2025	Participant , "Ask a Current Graduate Student" Panel, Department of Political Science and Department of International Affairs Visit Day, March 21.
2024	Participant , "Ask a Current Graduate Student" Panel, Department of Political Science and Department of International Affairs Visit Day, March 1.

PROFESSIONAL AND HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

2026	American Political Science Association (APSA) <i>Sections:</i> Experimental Research; Foreign Policy; Human Rights; Nationalism and Politics, Political Science Education
2024	International Studies Association (ISA) <i>Sections:</i> Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies; Human Rights; Peace Studies; Scientific Study of International Processes
2023	Peace Science Society (International)

SouthEastern Rights Network (SERN), *formerly Georgia Area Human Rights Network (GAHRNet)*

- 2014** **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**, San Diego State University
- 2012** **Golden Key International Honour Society**, San Diego State University
- 2011** **Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization**,
San Diego State University