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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 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

PUBLICATIONS

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).

Works in Progress

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”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia

Department of International Affairs Graduate Research Assistant:

- Supervisor: Jeffrey Berejikian: Spring 2025; Fall 2024; Summer 2024; Spring 2024; Fall 2023; Fall 2022

Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS) Graduate Research Assistant:

- Supervisor: K. Chad Clay: Spring 2025; Fall 2024; Spring 2024; Fall 2023; Summer 2023; Spring 2023

Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI)

Civil & Political Rights Research Assistant:

- Supervisor: K. Chad Clay: Spring 2025; Fall 2024; Summer 2024; Spring 2024; Fall 2023; Summer 2023; Spring 2023

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
 - ◊ Guest Lecture: Topic TBD
- 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

GLOBIS Graduate Assistant:

- GLOBIS: Study Abroad in Morocco
 - Summer 2025 (June 2-22)

CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION

- 2025** **Session Convener/Moderator**, Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium, University of Georgia, April 7-8.
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.
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** **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)
- 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 , University of Georgia Full Tuition Scholarship , 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.
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- 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 R, L^AT_EX, Lighthouse Studio, Stata (Beginner)
Languages Arabic (Beginner)

PROFESSIONAL AND HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- 2024** **International Studies Association (ISA)**
Sections: 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

SERVICE

University of Georgia
To the University

- 2024** **Judge**, Intrasociety Debate, Phi Kappa Literary Society, April 25.

To the School of Public and International Affairs

- 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.

EVENT ATTENDANCE

- 2025** **International Studies Association Annual Convention**, Chicago, IL, March 2-5.
SouthEastern Rights Network Spring Workshop, University of Georgia, February 7.
- 2024** **International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Conference**, St. Louis, MO,
November 22-24.
SouthEastern Rights Network Spring Workshop, Georgia State University, May 3.
Conference on Measuring and Predicting Political Violence, University of Georgia,
April 24-25.
HRMI Spring 2024 Team Retreat, University of Georgia, February 25-28.
- 2023** **SouthEastern Rights Network Fall Workshop**, Emory University, December 1.
Data Visualization and Presentation Workshop, University of Georgia, May 15.
SouthEastern Rights Network Spring Workshop, University of Georgia, May 5.