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## EDUCATION

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### 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

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### 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

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### 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)

*Research Assistant:*

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Georgia

*Department of International Affairs Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

- INTL 3200 Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)
  - Maryann Gallagher: Fall 2023; Spring 2023; Fall 2022
  - Gulçan Saglam: Spring 2023
- INTL 4250 American Foreign Policy (Undergraduate)
  - Maryann Gallagher: Spring 2025
- INTL 4630 Population, Immigration, and Politics (Undergraduate)
  - Gulçan Saglam: Spring 2023

### 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

## CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION

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**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

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**2025** **Dr. Rodney Bennett Scholarship**, University Health Center, University of Georgia (\$1500)

**Convention Travel Grant**, International Studies Association (\$600)

**2024-2025** **Small Research Grant**, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$2000)

**2024** **Conference Travel Grant**, International Studies Association-Midwest (\$250)

**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)

**2022-2023** **Small Research Grant**, Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$2500)

**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

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### 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

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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

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- Software** R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Lighthouse Studio, Stata (Beginner)
- Languages** Arabic (Beginner)

## PROFESSIONAL AND HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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- 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

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### University of Georgia

*To the University*

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

*To the School of Public and International Affairs*

**2024**            **Participant**, "Ask a Graduate Student" Panel, Departments of Political Science and International Affairs Visit Day, March 1.

## EVENT ATTENDANCE

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**2025**            **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.