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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** **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.
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.
- 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.