

# Shawn S. Mazdeyasnan

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Political Science and International Affairs** Expected May 2027

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia USA

Major Field: International Relations

Minor Field: Political Methodology

Third Field: Comparative Politics

**M.A., Political Science** May 2018

San Diego State University, San Diego, California USA

Emphasis: 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*,  $\Phi$ BK

Specialization: Cooperation, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution

Minor: Islamic and Arabic Studies

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### University of Georgia

*Department of International Affairs Graduate Research Assistant:*

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

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

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

### Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI)

*Research Assistant:*

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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Michigan

*ICPSR Summer Program Teaching Assistant:*

- Maximum Likelihood Estimation II: Advanced topics
  - Dr. Desmond Wallace: Summer 2024

### University of Georgia

*Department of International Affairs Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

- INTL 3200 Introduction to International Relations (Undergraduate)
  - Dr. Maryann Gallagher: Fall 2023; Spring 2023; Fall 2022
  - Dr. Gulçan Saglam: Spring 2023
- INTL 4630 Population, Immigration, and Politics (Undergraduate)
  - Dr. Gulçan Saglam: Spring 2023

## San Diego State University

### *Department of Political Science Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

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

### *Department of ISCOR Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Assistant:*

- ISCOR 200 Introduction to ISCOR (Undergraduate)
  - Dr. G. Allen Greb: Fall 2016; Fall 2014
- ISCOR 300 Global Systems (Undergraduate)
  - Dr. G. Allen Greb: Spring 2015
- ISCOR 310 Our Global Future (Undergraduate)
  - Dr. David Larom: Spring 2017
- ISCOR 320 International Security in the Nuclear Age (Undergraduate)
  - Dr. G. Allen Greb: Spring 2018; Fall 2017; Spring 2017; Spring 2016; Fall 2015; Spring 2014; Spring 2013

## CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>Panel Discussant</b> , "Terrorism and Conflict: Strategies and Mitigating Factors," School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium, University of Georgia, April 19.                             |
| <b>2023</b> | <b>Panel Discussant</b> , "Contemporary Security Issues: Sanctions, Immigration, and Sexual Violence in Conflict," School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium, University of Georgia, April 14. |

## HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| <b>2024</b>      | <b>Academic Grant</b> , Sawtooth Software (\$4900)   |
| <b>2023</b>      | <b>Scholarship for Political Science Research</b> , ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan (\$2600)    |
| <b>2022-2023</b> | <b>Graduate Student Research Grant</b> , Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia (\$2500) |
| <b>2022-2027</b> | <b>University Graduate Assistantship</b> , University of Georgia   |
| <b>2022-2027</b> | <b>Full Tuition Scholarship</b> , University of Georgia  |
| <b>2022-2023</b> | <b>Earl F. Ziemke Graduate Fellowship</b> , University of Georgia (\$3000)                                   |
| <b>2015-2016</b> | <b>Terhune Fellowship</b> , Department of Political Science, San Diego State University (\$3000)             |
| <b>2012</b>      | <b>John and Jane Adams Endowment for the Humanities Scholarship</b> , San Diego State University (\$500)     |
| <b>2011-2013</b> | <b>Dean's List Honors</b> , College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University                          |

## METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

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### University of Georgia

- 2024: Computational Data Analysis; Applied Bayesian Modeling
- 2023: Ordinary Least Squares (OLS); Text as Data; Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)
- 2022: Research Design; Introduction to Political Methodology

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

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

### San Diego State University

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

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>Shaping the Future of Learning: Active Learning in Higher Education</b> , 2nd Annual Active Learning Summit, University of Georgia, February 15-16. |
| <b>2023</b> | <b>Early Career Scholar Training in Active Learning Strategies</b> , Department of International Affairs, University of Georgia, May 10.               |

## SKILLS

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| <b>Software</b>  | R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Stata (beginner) |
| <b>Languages</b> | Arabic (beginner)                                    |

## PROFESSIONAL AND HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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| <b>2023</b> | <b>Peace Science Society (International)</b>  |
| <b>2023</b> | <b>SouthEastern Rights Network (SERN)</b> , <i>formerly Georgia Area Human Rights Network (GAHRNet)</i> |
| <b>2014</b> | <b>Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society</b> , San Diego State University  |
| <b>2012</b> | <b>Golden Key International Honour Society</b> , San Diego State University                             |
| <b>2011</b> | <b>Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization</b> , 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 Grad Student" Panel, Departments of Political Science and International Affairs Visit Day, March 1.

## EVENT ATTENDANCE

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- 2024**      **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.