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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

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: Summer 2025; 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: Fall 2025; Summer 2025; 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: Fall 2025; Summer 2025; 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
- 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

GLOBALIS Graduate Assistant:

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

CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATION

- 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.
 - Participant**, Rising Scholars Workshop, Peace Science Society (International) Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 13-15.
 - 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.
 - 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	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)
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
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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

To the Profession

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.

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.