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## Academic Appointments, Positions, and Affiliations

Su. 2024-	<b>Postdoctoral Research Associate</b> <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Sector Lab</i>
AY 2023-24	<b>Peace Scholar Fellow</b> <i>United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC</i>
AY 2023-24	<b>Predoctoral Research Fellow</b> <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Sector Lab</i>

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## Education


May 2024	<b>Ph.D. Political Science</b> <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i> <i>Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology</i> <i>Dissertation: The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finalist for College-wide Distinguished Dissertation Award</li></ul> <i>Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig</i>
May 2019	<b>B.A. Political Science</b> <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i>

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## Research



\* indicates a graduate student co-author; † indicates an external co-author

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles



- †1. "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Dynamics of Peacekeeper Entry and Exit on Violence Against Civilians" (with Douglas B. Atkinson, Rebecca Dudley, and Zach Warner). *Accepted at the International Political Science Review*. 

### In-Progress

- \*†2. "Violence as a Condition: From Russia to the CAR, the Global Impact of the Wagner Group" (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *R&R at the Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 
  - Requested by United States Congressional Research Service for distribution.
- \*†3. "What's in a Name? Implications of Overusing 'Sub-Saharan Africa.'" (with Mitushi Mukherjee). *R&R at International Studies Perspectives*.
4. "Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping." *Under Review*. 
  - ISA Midwest Lynne Rienner Award
  - ISA IO Section Finkelstein Prize Special Mention

5. | “Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database.” *Working Paper*. 
6. | “All About that Base... No Trouble. The Gravity of Peacekeeping Bases.” *Working Paper*. 
- \*†7. | “Beyond Negative Peace: Do UN Peacekeepers decrease security and trust concerns?” (with Catalina Vega-Méndez). *Work in progress*.
- \*†8. | “Alexander or Ozymandias?: Russia’s PMC Driven Foreign Policy in Africa.” (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Work in progress*.

### Non Peer-Reviewed Publications

- \*†1. | “Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance: Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in UN Peace Operations,” 2024. Sabrina Karim, **Sky Kunkel**, DeAnne Roark, Angie Torres-Beltran, Cameron Mailhot, Sumin Lee, Radwa Saad, Priscilla Torres, and Emily Jackson. *GSS Lab Policy Brief*. 
- \*†2. | “The Transition Home: Key Challenges for African UN Peacekeepers Upon Return,” 2024. Sabrina Karim, Maggie Dwyer, Addison Barton, T. Debey Sayndee, **Sky Kunkel**, Mike Kriner, and Clair MacDougall. *GSS Lab Policy Brief*. 

### Other Publications

1. | “Women, Peace, and Participation,” in the *Handbook on Gender and Development: Critical Engagements with Gender and Social Justice*, Edited by Nitya Rao, Jasmine Gideon, Ulrike Theuerkauf, Shannon Philip. Forthcoming 2027, Palgrave Macmillan London.
2. | “More Than Presence: Gendered Dynamics of Interpreting and Negotiating Trust,” (with DeAnne Roark and Hatti Sellers) in the *Oxford Handbook of Interpreting UN Peacekeeping*, Edited by Vanessa Newby and Chiara Ruffa. Forthcoming 2027, Oxford University Press.

## Fellowships and Grants

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### External (\$24993)

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| 2024/25 |  | PolMeth Travel Grant, \$1500                   |
| 2024    |  | URI Human Rights Workshop Honorarium, \$1000   |
| 2023    |  | USIP Peace Scholar Stipend (declined), \$20000 |
| 2023    |  | MapleMeth Travel Grant, \$500                  |
| 2023    |  | ISA Midwest Travel Grant, \$250                |
| 2023    |  | APSA Conflict Processes Award, \$143           |
| 2022/23 |  | APSA Travel Grant, \$300                       |
| 2022/25 |  | ISA Travel Grant, \$1300                       |

### Internal - Purdue University (\$34500)

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| 2023-24 |  | Kruhe Fellow (declined), \$28000 |
| 2023    |  | Best Prospectus Award, \$1000    |

2022/23	PROMISE Research/Travel Award, \$3750
2022/23	Department Travel Grant, \$1250
2020-21	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, \$500

## Invited Talks and Workshops

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Fall 2024	Gender and Peace Operations Conference ( <i>Host:</i> International Peace Institute)
Fall 2024	Online Peace Science Colloquium
PSS(I) 24/25	Consortium for Human Rights Analysis and Measurement
2024/2025	Human Rights Measurement Workshop ( <i>Host:</i> University of Rhode Island Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement)
ISA 2024	Contractors in Great Power Competition: Challenging World Order in an Age of Privatization
PSS(I) 2023	New Research about Preventing Mass Atrocities ( <i>Host:</i> United States Holocaust Memorial Museum)
Spring 2023	Junior Scholars in International Security Workshop
Fall 2022	Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science
2021/22/23	How to Research and Use the Purdue Libraries: Workshop and Presentation

## Teaching Experience, Training, and Awards

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### *Instructor of Record*

Summer 2023	<b>POL 430 - UN Peacekeeping</b>
Summer 21/22	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations</b>

### *Teaching Assistant - Graduate Courses/Workshops*

Summer 2024	<b>CCSE Video Research Institute</b> (Dr. Bryce J. Dietrich)
Spring 2023	<b>POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference</b> (Dr. Tara Grillos)
Fall 2022	<b>POL 501 - Political Science Methodology</b> (Dr. Joan Timoneda)
Spring 2022	<b>POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference</b> (Dr. Giancarlo Visconti)

### *Teaching Assistant - Undergraduate Courses*

Fall 2022	<b>POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations</b> (Dr. Kyle Haynes)
Spring 2022	<b>POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations</b> (Dr. Reed Kurtz)
Sp. 20/21/23, Fa. 20/21	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations</b> (Dr. Keith Shimko)
Summer 2020	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations</b> (Dr. Toby Lauterbach)
Fall 2019	<b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations</b> (Clinical Professor Melissa Will)

## ***Pedagogical Training***

Summer 2021	<b>Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching</b> <i>Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University</i>
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## ***Teaching Awards***

AY 2020-21	<b>Outstanding Teaching Assistant</b> <i>Department-wide award</i>
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## **Conference Participation**

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(C)=Chair, (D)=Discussant, (O)=Panel organizer, (P)=Panel participant, (R)=Roundtable, (Wo)=Workshop Organizer, (Wp)=Workshop Participant.

APSA	2022 (P), 2023 (D, P), 2024 (P, C), 2025 (P)
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EGEN	2023 (P)
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PolMeth	2022 (P), 2024 (P), 2025 (P)
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Peace Science	2022 (P), 2023 (P, Wp), 2024 (Wp), 2025 (P, Wp)
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ISA	2022 (P), 2023 (P), 2024 (O, P, R, Wp), 2025 (C, O, P), 2026 (P, Wo)
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ISA Virtual	2023 (D, P)
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ISA-MW	2023 (P)
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BISA	2023 (P)
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MPSA	2023 (D, P)
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## **Service**

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### **Department - Purdue**

AY 2020-24	<b>Political Science Mentorship Program</b> <i>First-year Graduate Student Mentor</i>
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AY 2023-24	<b>Graduate Student Government</b> <i>Mentorship and Recruiting Chair</i>
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Fall 2023	<b>First-Year Welcome Week Orientation</b> <i>Organizer</i>
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AY 2022-23	<b>Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee</b> <i>Member</i>
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AY 2022-23	<b>Graduate Student Government</b> <i>Social Science Mechanics Chair</i>
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AY 2020-22	<b>Graduate Student Government</b> <i>Treasurer</i>
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Fall 2019	<b>Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee</b> <i>Member</i>
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## University - Purdue

Sp. 2023	<b>Queer Graduate Student Association</b> <i>Co-Founder, Inaugural President</i>
AY 2021-2023	<b>LGBTQ+ Center</b> <i>Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Methods/Statistics, R, Stata, <math>\LaTeX</math></i>
Summer 2022	<b>Liberal Arts Space Planning Committee</b> <i>Graduate Student Representative</i>
Fall 2021	<b>Undergraduate Research Conference</b> <i>Judge/Reviewer</i>
Fall 2021	<b>Interdisciplinary Symposium in Liberal Arts</b> <i>Reviewer</i>

## Discipline

Su. 2022-2025	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Executive Council Member</i>
Fall 2022	<b>International Studies Association - Northeast</b> <i>Panel Moderator</i>
Summer 2022	<b>Junior IO Scholars Workshop</b> <i>Founding Member</i>

**Reviewer:** *The Journal of Politics, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Interactions, International Peacekeeping*

## Skills and Experiences

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*Fieldwork:* Fiji (2025)

*Software:* R, Stata, Python, Git,  $\LaTeX$ , Qualtrics, Docker

*Learning Management Systems:* Blackboard, Brightspace