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## Academic Appointments, Positions, and Affiliations

Su. 2024- **Postdoctoral Research Associate**

*Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
Gender and Security Sector Lab*

AY 2023-24 **Peace Scholar Fellow**

*United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC*

AY 2023-24 **Predoctoral Research Fellow**

*Cornell University, Ithaca, NY  
Gender and Security Sector Lab*

## Education

May 2024 **Ph.D. Political Science**

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology  
Dissertation: The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping*

- Finalist for College-wide Distinguished Dissertation Award

*Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig*

May 2019 **B.A. Political Science**

*Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN*

## Research

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

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- \*†1. "Violence as a Condition: Structure, Composition, and the Use of Lethal Force" (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). Accepted, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 
- Requested by United States Congressional Research Service for distribution.
- †2. "Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: Dynamics of Peacekeeper Entry and Exit on Violence Against Civilians" (with Douglas B. Atkinson, Rebecca Dudley, and Zach Warner). Accepted, *International Political Science Review*. 

### In-Progress

1. "Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping." *R&R, International Studies Quarterly*. 
  - ISA Midwest Lynne Rienner Award
  - ISA IO Section Finkelstein Prize Special Mention
- \*†2. "What's in a Name? Implications of Overusing 'Sub-Saharan Africa.'" (with Mitushi Mukherjee). *R&R, International Studies Perspectives*.

- 3. "Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database." *Working Paper*. 
- 4. "All About that Base... No Trouble. The Gravity of Peacekeeping Bases." *Working Paper*. 
- \*†5. "Beyond Negative Peace: Do UN Peacekeepers decrease security and trust concerns?" (with Catalina Vega-Méndez). *Work in progress*.
- \*†6. "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.

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### **Fellowships and Grants**

#### **External (\$24993)**

- 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)**

- 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 (*Host:* 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 (*Host:* 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 (*Host:* 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 | **POL 430 - UN Peacekeeping**

Summer 21/22 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations**

### Teaching Assistant - Graduate Courses/Workshops

Summer 2024 | **CCSE Video Research Institute** (Dr. Bryce J. Dietrich)

Spring 2023 | **POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference** (Dr. Tara Grillos)

Fall 2022 | **POL 501 - Political Science Methodology** (Dr. Joan Timoneda)

Spring 2022 | **POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference** (Dr. Giancarlo Visconti)

### Teaching Assistant - Undergraduate Courses

Fall 2022 | **POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations** (Dr. Kyle Haynes)

Spring 2022 | **POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations** (Dr. Reed Kurtz)

Sp. 20/21/23, Fa. 20/21 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations** (Dr. Keith Shimko)

Summer 2020 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations** (Dr. Toby Lauterbach)

Fall 2019 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations** (Clinical Professor Melissa Will)

### Pedagogical Training

Summer 2021 | **Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching**  
*Foundations of College Teaching* Purdue University

## **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)

EGEN | 2023 (P)

PolMeth | 2022 (P), 2024 (P), 2025 (P)

Peace Science | 2022 (P), 2023 (P, Wp), 2024 (Wp), 2025 (P, Wp)

ISA | 2022 (P), 2023 (P), 2024 (O, P, R, Wp), 2025 (C, O, P), 2026 (P, Wo)

ISA Virtual | 2023 (D, P)

ISA-MW | 2023 (P)

BISA | 2023 (P)

MPSA | 2023 (D, P)

MapleMeth | 2023 (P)

## **Service**

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### **Department - Purdue**

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

### **University - Purdue**

Sp. 2023	<b>Queer Graduate Student Association</b> <i>Co-Founder, Inaugural President</i>
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AY 2021-2023	<b>LGBTQ+ Center</b> <i>Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Methods/Statistics, R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</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, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, Docker

*Learning Management Systems:* Blackboard, Brightspace