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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University	Aug. 2021 – present
Ph.D. in Political Science (ABD)	
M.A. in Political Science	
Uppsala University	Aug. 2017 – June 2019
MSSc. in Peace and Conflict Studies	
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University	Sep. 2012 – Sep. 2016
BSSc. in International Relations and Peace Studies	

PUBLICATIONS

- “Domains of dominance: Political territorial control and conflict-related violence in postwar Abidjan” (with Sebastian van Baalen) *Political Geography* (2025)
- “The urban-rural divide in police trust: insights from Kenya” (with Emma Elfverson and Kristine Höglund) *Policing and Society* (2022)
- “Resentment, Status Dissatisfaction and the Emotional Underpinnings of the Japanese Conservatives’ Security Policy Agendas” (with Linus Hagström) *International Relations in the Asia Pacific* (2022)
- “Geocoding as a Method for Mapping Conflict-Related Violence” (with Elfverson, Emma, Ivan Gusic, Marie-Therese Meyre). In *The Palgrave Encyclopaedia of Peace and Conflict Studies*, edited by Oliver Richmond and Gëzim Visoka. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan
- “Everyday Perspectives on Security and Insecurity in Japan: A Survey of Three Women’s Organizations” (with Linus Hagström and Dan Öberg). “ *Social Science Japan Journal* (2021)

WORKING PAPERS

- “Territorial Competition, Civilian Protests and Displacement in Civil Wars” (presented at ISA2024, APSA2024, Peace Science Society International 2024, MPSA2025)
- “How Ceasefires Aggravate Violence in Highly Competitive Civil Conflicts”
- “Undercutting Protest by Lowering Its Cost” (with Brenton Kenkel)
- “Networked Peace? The Role of Peacekeepers in Complex Conflict Systems” (with Cassy Dorff and Shahryar Minhas)
- “Cycles of Political Violence: Examining the Layered Relationship between Repression and Civil Conflict” (with Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Chaelin Kwon, and Emily Hencken Ritter) *book chapter in De Gruyter Handbook of Political Control*
- “Measuring Conflict Salience with Google Trends Data” (with Erin York)

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIP

Vanderbilt University with Brenton Kenkel	May – July 2025
Vanderbilt University with Cassy Dorff	May – July 2025
Vanderbilt University with Erin York	Dec 2022 – May 2023
Vanderbilt University with Emily H. Ritter	May – July 2022
Uppsala University with Kristine Höglund, Emma Elfverson	May 2021 – Aug. 2021
Project “Urban-rural dynamics of community-based conflict management”	
Uppsala University with Emma Elfverson and Ivan Gusic	Sep. 2020 – Aug. 2021
Project “The Continuation of Conflict-related Violence in Postwar Cities: Mapping violence at the street level”	
Uppsala University with Lisa Hultman and Deniz Cil	Feb. 2020 – Dec. 2020
Project: “The Geocoded Peacekeeping Operations (Geo-PKO) Dataset”	

Uppsala University with Isak Svensson

Sep. – Dec. 2019

Project “Resolving Jihadist Conflicts”

Swedish Defence University with Linus Hagström

Sep. 2018 – Aug. 2019

Various projects on Japanese security policies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND ASSISTANTSHIP

Quantitative Political Science I: Computing	Fall 2024
US Military	Spring 2024
Math Camp for Political Science	2023, 2024
Causes of War	Fall 2022
Intro to International Politics	Fall 2021, Spring 2022
English Language Courses	Apr. 2015 – July 2016
Global Issues and Politics	Apr. 2016 – May 2016
Intro to Japanese Tutor Sessions	Sep. 2015 – Apr. 2016

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models - University of Michigan	Aug. 2025
Bridging the Gap - NEW ERA	Oct 2024
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	June 2024
Open-pool applicant	
Comparative Analyses Using Multi-Source Databases Workshop - Ohio State University	May 2023
Short workshop on multilevel modeling	
Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis	August 2022
Workshop on time-series cross-sectional models	
ICPSR - Michigan University	June 2022
Workshop on Spatial Econometrics	
Göttingen University	Aug. 2018
Summer School in Data Science	
Central European University	July 2018
Summer School in “The Biological and the Social between 1900 and Today”	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Vanderbilt International Researchers Alliance, Symposium Organizing Team	Spring 2025 Co-president,
Political Science Graduate Student Association	2023-2025
Student Experiences Survey Team, Vanderbilt Graduate Student Council	2022-2024
Department Co-representative, Vanderbilt Graduate Student Council	2022-2023

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

APSA Conflict Section Travel Award	Sep. 2024, Sep. 2025
Graduate School Conference Travel Grant	Feb. 2024
Tennessee Language Center - Rasmussen Scholarship	Jan. 2024
Vanderbilt University A&S Summer Training Grant	June 2022
Vanderbilt University	from Jan. 2021
College of Arts & Science Fellowship for PhD Study	
Russell G. Hamilton Scholarship	
Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation Scholarship	Jan. 2019
Research grant within the project “Power Shift in East Asia” - SEK35,000	
Central European University Summer School (tuition & accommodation)	July 2018
Uppsala University IPK Tuition Scholarship	Aug. 2017 – Aug. 2019

Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Excellence in Academic Achievement	Sep. 2016
Consulate General of Vietnam in Fukuoka Recognized for contributions to Vietnamese cultural exchange activities in Japan.	Sep. 2016
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University , 100% tuition scholarship	2012 – 2016

SKILLS

Languages	Vietnamese (native), English (fluent), Japanese (working proficiency), Spanish (intermediate), Swedish (intermediate), German (beginner)
Computer	R, Python, QGIS, Git, Qualtrics