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EDUCATION

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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

- “Migration Opportunities and Civilian Protests 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

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| 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

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |

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| 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

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