

# TRAVIS CURTICE

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Drexel University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics  
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Public Policy

September 2021 - Present  
April 2022 - Present

### Dartmouth College

Niehaus Postdoctoral Fellow  
The John Sloan Dickey Center

September 2020 - July 2021

U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security Fellow  
The John Sloan Dickey Center

September 2020 - July 2021

### United States Institute of Peace

Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Predoctoral Fellow

September 2019 - June 2020

### The Carter Center and Emory University

Predoctoral Fellow  
Institute for Developing Countries and Democracy Program

July 2017 - May 2018

## EDUCATION

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### Emory University, Ph.D., Political Science

2020

- Winner of the Laney Graduate School's 2019-2020 Political Science Pursuit of Excellence Award, Emory University

### University of Arkansas, M.A., Political Science

2012

### Missouri Southern State University, B.A. with honors, International Studies

2009

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Articles

10. "Public Perceptions of Wartime Atrocities: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment." with Meg K. Guliford and Bailee Donahue (Online First, *Political Research Quarterly*).
9. "Democratic Erosion, Partisanship, and Election Observers: Evidence from a Survey Experiment" with Charles Crabtree (Online First, *International Interactions*).
8. "The Politics of Human Rights Trade Sanctions: Evidence from the African Growth and Opportunity Act" with Eric Reinhardt (Online First, *European Journal of International Relations*).
7. **Curtice, Travis B.** "Co-ethnic Bias and Policing in an Electoral Authoritarian Regime: Experimental Evidence from Uganda." *Journal of Peace Research*. 60.3 (2023): 395-409.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221078051>.
  - Winner of the Lynne Rienner Award for best graduate student paper presented at *International Studies Association-Midwest*.

6. Blair, Robert, **Travis B. Curtice**, David Dow, and Guy Grossman. “Public Trust, Policing, and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from an Electoral Authoritarian Regime.” *Social Science and Medicine*. 305 (July 2022).  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115045>.
5. Grasse, Donald, Melissa Pavlik, Hilary Matfess and **Travis B. Curtice**. “Opportunistic Repression: Patterns of civilian targeting by the state in response to COVID-19.” *International Security*. 46 (2): (Fall 2021): 130 – 165. [https://doi.org/10.1162/isec\\_a\\_00419](https://doi.org/10.1162/isec_a_00419).
  - Research featured on Public Radio International/The World, October 27, 2021.
4. **Curtice, Travis B.** “How Repression Affects Public Perception of Police: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Uganda.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(10) (November 2021): 1680-1708.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027211013097>.
  - Research featured on Ufahamu Africa: Ep. 104: Looking back on 2020 and forward to 2021.
3. **Curtice, Travis B.**, “Rebels and the Regime: The Politics of Civilian Victimization.” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(2) (June 2021): <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogaa025>.
2. **Curtice, Travis B.**, and Brandon Behlendorf. “Street-Level Repression: Protest, Policing, and Dissent in Uganda.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(1) (January 2021): 166-195.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002720939304>.
1. **Curtice, Travis B.**, and Daniel Arnon. “Deterring Threats and Settling Scores: How Coups Influence Respect for Physical Integrity Rights.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 37(6) (November 2020): 655673. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894219843240>.

### **Editor Reviewed Articles and Book Reviews**

2. **Curtice, Travis B.** Arbitrary State: Social Control and Modern Authoritarianism in Museveni’s Uganda. By Rebecca Tapscott. *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*.
1. **Curtice, Travis B.** “Autocrat’s Dilemma: The Politics of Ethnic Policing.” Spring 2018. *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association*, 28(1): 24–29.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

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“Who Makes the State? National Ownership and International Statebuilding: Evidence from an Electoral Authoritarian Regime” with Yolande Bouka and Susanna Campbell

“Public Opinion and Civilian Victimization: How Americans want their leaders to respond when United States’ partners violate human rights” with Meg K. Guliford

“Political Violence, Incumbent Support, and Trust in Police.”

“How Rock Climbers Navigate Access Concerns: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Oregon” with David Paul Carter, John Flynn, and Leandra H Hernández

### **BOOK PROJECTS**

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“*The Repression Dilemma: The Politics of Policing*” (Book manuscript under review at Cambridge University Press).

“*Understanding Political Violence: A Comparative Analysis*” with Emily Gade and Daniel Arnon.” (Textbook manuscript in preparation).

“*Wild Places: How outdoor recreation and nature scapes shape political engagement*” with Kaitlin Curtice.” (Manuscript in early preparation).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“The Politics of National Parks and Protected Lands: A Global Analysis”

“How Partisanship and Insecurity Shape Trust in Coercive Security Institutions: Evidence from Northern Uganda.”

## RESEARCH REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS

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Blair, Rob, **Travis Curtice**, David Dow, and Guy Grossman. “*Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP): COVID-19 Governance Series*” interview with Matthew Lisiecki.

Campbell, Susanna P., Yolande Bouka, **Travis B. Curtice**, Raymond Blaise Habonimana, and Guillaume Ndayikengurutse. “*Third Portfolio Evaluation of the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund Support to Burundi (2014-2020)*.” New York: UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), August 15, 2021.

## FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

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### Fellowships

Peace Scholar Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, September 2019-June 2020	\$20,000
Fellow, The Carter Center and the Institute of Developing Nations, July 2017-May 2018	\$34,000
Laney Graduate School Fellow, Emory University, 2014-2020	
King Fahd Fellow, University of Arkansas, 2010-2012	

### Research Grants

PI, Antelo Devereux Award for Junior Faculty, Drexel University, 2022-2023	\$10,000
PI, Folke Bernadotte Academy (DNR 20-00255), 2020-2022 (with Jason Lyall, Hilary Matfess, and Mara Revkin)	SEK 396,000
Co-PI, UN Peacebuilding Fund in Burundi, Evaluation of \$29 Million UN Program (with Susanna Campbell (PI) and Yolande Bouka)	\$87,500
Co-PI, The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), CVI Program, 2020 (with Guy Grossman, Robert Blair, and David Dow)	\$39,900
PI, Institute for Developing Nations and The Carter Center, 2018	\$3,000
PI, Andrew W. Mellon Humanities PhD Intervention, 2018	\$2,000
PI, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2018	\$5,500
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Co-PI, McCaleb Initiative for Peace Grant (with Kaitlin Curtice), 2009	\$5,000

### Travel Grants

International Studies Association Travel Grant, Spring 2017, Fall 2015	\$430
Conference Travel Grants (Emory University)	\$2,500
Conference Travel Grants (University of Arkansas)	\$2,725

### **Research Awards**

Lynne Rienner Award, <i>ISA-Midwest</i>	\$250
Political Science Pursuit of Excellence Award (by faculty vote), Emory University, 2019-2020	\$1,000

### **Teaching Awards**

New Faculty Commendation for Teaching Commitment, Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center, University of Arkansas, 2013

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## **SELECTED MEDIA PUBLICATIONS**

“Nigeria’s harsh police culture grew from colonial abuses,” *Washington Post* (July 29, 2022).

“Soldiers and police are on the streets as Ugandans prepare to vote,” *Washington Post* (January 14, 2021).

“Democracy in Crisis: Do Americans Support Deploying Election Monitors?” with Charles Crabtree, *Political Violence at A Glance* (November 3, 2020).

“Autocratic governments are using coronavirus as a pretext to clamp down on opponents,” with Don Grasse, Melissa Pavlik, and Hilary Matfess, *Washington Post* (July 31, 2020).

“The Political Backlash of Repressive Policing,” *Political Violence at A Glance* (June 10, 2020).

“Trump wants to pull Cameroon’s preferential trade status. Here’s what you need to know,” *Washington Post* (November 29, 2019).

“Ugandan police are attacking protesters. Here’s how that backfires” with Brandon Behlendorf, *Washington Post* (January 16, 2019).

“Do coups improve human rights in countries like Gabon?” with Daniel Arnon, *Democracy in Africa* (January 2019).

“The Curse of Doing Nothing for Aleppo,” with Tobias Winright, *Sojourners* (December 2016).

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## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks/Workshops**

Crime and Policing in Comparative Perspective, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 2023.

Building trust in public health measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Jan. 2023.

Political Violence Workshop, Marquette University, Oct. 2022.

Peace Science Online Colloquium, Oct. 2022.

International Relations Journal Club, Emory University, Apr. 2022.

Conflict Studies and Human Rights, Current Problems in International Human Rights Seminar, University of Ottawa, Mar. 2022.

School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, Washington State University, Feb. 2022.

Police Militarization in Comparative Perspective Virtual Roundtable at the School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona. 2021

Research Workshop on the Pursuit of Peaceful Policing, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden (Virtual due to Covid19). 2020

African Politics Conference Group Online Colloquium on Racism, Policing, & Protests (with Mai Hassan, Alcinda Honwana, Otsieno Namwaya, and Zachariah Mampilly). 2020

Research Workshop on Governance, Justice and the Rule of Law in Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy, London, UK (Virtual due to Covid19). 2020

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting Series: Technology, Fragility and Development. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (Virtual due to Covid19). 2020

Global Studies Department, Colby College, Waterville, ME. 2019

Sié Research Seminar Series, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Korbel School, University of Denver, Denver, CO. 2019

Peace Scholar Workshop, U.S. Institute of Peace and Minerva Research Initiative, Washington DC, 2019

Research Workshop on Security Sector Reform in Fragile and Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy and New York University, New York City, NY, 2019

Duke-Emory-Rochester Graduate Research Workshop, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2019

Georgia Human Rights Network Workshop, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2019

Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2019

Research Workshop and Policy Dialogue on Elections in Emerging Democracies, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, 2018

### **Conferences/Paper Presentations**

African Studies Association (2021)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025)

Conflict Consortiums Virtual Series/The Politics of Policing Conference (2019)

International Studies Association Annual Conference (2016, 2017, 2021)

Midwest Meeting of the International Studies Association (2015, 2018)

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (2017, 2021)

Peace Science Society (2020, 2021)

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012, 2014)

Western Political Science Association Annual Conference/Mini-Conference on Policing (2018)

## **TEACHING**

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### **Drexel University**

PSCI T380: Authoritarian Politics,	Fall 23, Fall 25
PSCI T380: Politics of Policing,	Spring 22, Fall 22, Fall 24
PSCI 240: Comparative Politics II,	Winter 23, Winter 24
PSCI 140: Comparative Politics I,	Spring 22, Winter 22, Winter 23, Fall 23, Winter 24, Fall 25

### **Emory University**

Lab-Instructor, QTM 100: Introduction to Statistical Inference Lab (Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods)	Spring 2019
Instructor, Workshops on Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis (The Institute for Developing Nations and The Carter Center)	2017-2018
Co-Instructor, POLS 385: Repression and Control in Dictatorships, (with Professor Jennifer Gandhi)	Spring 2017
Teaching Assistant, POLS 110: Introduction to International Relations, (Professor Eric Reinhardt)	Fall 2017
Grader, POLS 210: Intermediate International Relations, (Professor Danielle Jung)	Spring 2016

### **Duke University, Summer College and Academy**

Instructor, Introduction to Global Diplomacy (2 sections)	Summer 2015, 2016
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### **University of Arkansas**

Lecturer, Department of Political Science	Fall 2012 - Summer 2014
PLSC 2813: Introduction to International Relations (1 Section)	
PLSC 2013: Introduction to Comparative Politics (9 Sections)	
Instructor, PLSC 2013: Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 Sections)	Fall 2010 - Spring 2012

## **ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS**

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### **The Carter Center's Democracy Program**

· National Elections in Nepal (Data Analyst)	December 2017
· National Elections in Liberia (Data Analyst)	Fall 2017
· National Elections in Kenya (Data Analyst)	Fall 2017
· Cherokee Nation Special Election for Principal Chief (Observer)	Fall 2011

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/SERVICE**

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### **Discipline**

Division Co-Chair, African Politics Conference Group (APSA Section), Philadelphia, PA 2024

Executive Board Member, Communication Chair, African Politics Conference Group (APSA Section), 2021-2023

Member of the Research Working Groups (RWG), Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm Sweden, 2019-2023

Member, African Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Peace Science Society, Midwest Political Science Association, and International Studies Association.

Reviewer

*African Affairs*

*American Journal of Political Science*

*American Political Science Review*

*British Journal of Political Science*

*Comparative Political Studies*

*Conflict Management and Peace Science*

*Democratization*

*Human Rights Review*

*International Interactions*

*International Studies Perspectives*

*International Studies Quarterly*

*Journal of Comparative Politics*

*Journal of Criminal Justice*

*Journal of Global Security Studies*

*Journal of Experimental Criminology*

*Journal of Peace Research*

*Journal of Politics*

*Perspectives on Politics*

*Political Behavior*

*Political Psychology*

*Policing & Society*

*Social Movements Studies*

Discussant

Borders & Boundaries Conference, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, 2023

American Political Science Association, 2022, 2023

International Borders in a Globalizing World, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, 2022

Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS VI), 2021

Pursuit of Peaceful Polling, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden (Virtual due to Covid19), 2020

Governance, Justice and the Rule of Law in Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy, London, UK (Virtual due to Covid19), 2020

Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series, 2020

Security Sector Reform in Fragile and Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy and New York University Research-Policy Dialogue, 2019

Experiences with Democracy in Africa, SPSA, 2014

## **Drexel University**

Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor, 2021-Present

Truman Scholarship Selection Committee, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Fulbright Selection Committee, Summer 2023

Sociology Department Head Search Committee, Summer 2023

Politics Department Head Search Committee, Winter 2024

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Politics, Spring 2023-Present

STAR (Students Tackling Advanced Research) Scholars Program Advisor

Zane Furat Al-Saleem, Summer 2024

Shrayaa Jayapal, Summer 2024

Jemima Oduwole, Summer 2025

### **Community and Policy Engagement**

United Nations Peacebuilding Fund Briefing, Fall 2021

Expert Testimony, Ugandan Political Asylum Cases, Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Spring 2025