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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA, USA
<i>PhD Candidate in Political Science</i>	2027 (Expected)
<i>M.A. in Political Science</i>	2025
Dissertation: Governing the Displaced: Essays on Refugees, Returnees, and IDPs During and After Civil War	
Committee: Burcu Savun (Chair), Rebecca Cordell, Jude Hays, William Spaniel, and Alex Braithwaite (External)	
Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)	Washington, D.C., USA
<i>M.A. in International Economics & International Political Economy</i>	2022
Tsinghua University	Beijing, China
<i>M.A. in Political Science</i>	2022
<i>B.A. in International Relations</i>	2019

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

- "Beyond the First Battle: Navigating Uncertainty in War's Later Stages" with [William Spaniel](#) and [Perisa Davutoglu](#), *Revise and Resubmit at the International Studies Quarterly*.
- "Refugee Policies, Foreign Aid, and Political Violence in the Global South"
- "Shared Suffering, Shared Peace? Refugee Return, Violent Displacement, and Communal Violence"
- "Beyond Violence: Manipulating Internal Displacement Through Selective Public Goods Provision During Civil War"
- "Strategic Sabotage and Crisis Bargaining" with [William Spaniel](#) and Christopher Hickey
- "Do Refugees Fuel Conflict, or Just Make It Visible?" with [Christopher Blair](#) and [Burcu Savun](#)
- "Liberal Refugee Policies and Political Violence" with [Christopher Blair](#) and [Burcu Savun](#)
- "Rebel Leaders and Civil War Alliances" with [Chong Chen](#), [Ruolin Su](#) and [Weiwen Ying](#)
- "FallacyBuster: A Vaccine to Combat Misinformation" with [Yuyang Pu](#) and Muyao Hang

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

University of Pittsburgh	
PhD student Fellowship	Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
International Studies Association	
Dina Zinnes Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Scientific Study of International Processes Section	Spring 2026
ISA annual conference travel grants travel grant	Spring 2025
Peace Science Society	
Peace Science annual conference travel grant	Fall 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Research Methods in Political Science, (Teaching Assistant). Instructor [Yuyang Pu](#), Spring 2024
International Relations, (Teaching Assistant). Instructor [William Spaniel](#), Fall 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

[Burcu Savun](#) (Summer 2023 & Fall 2023); [Michael Colaresi](#) (Fall 2023 & Spring 2025); [William Spaniel](#) (Summer 2024); [Rebecca Cordell](#) (Spring 2025).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025:

- APSA (Vancouver, Canada)
- ISA (Chicago, IL)
- Pitt-Penn State IR Workshop (Pittsburgh, PA)

2024:

- APSA (Philadelphia, PA)
- Peace Science Society (Ann Arbor, MI)
- MPSA (Chicago, IL)
- Formal Models of Conflict Conference (Pittsburgh, PA)
- SPSA (New Orleans, LA)
- Pitt-Penn State IR Workshop (Pittsburgh, PA)

ADDITIONAL METHODS TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods - Spatial Econometrics 2023

TECHNICAL AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Computational: Python (advanced), R (advanced), STATA (advanced)

GIS: QGIS (advanced), Arc GIS (advanced)

Language: Mandarin Chinese (native); English (fluent)

SELECTED SERVICE

Graduate Student Member, Political Methodology/Computational Social Science Search Committee, Fall 2024

Graduate Student Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, Spring 2025

Editorial Assistant, *International Interactions*, responsible for replication oversight, Summer/Fall 2023

REFERENCES

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