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Positions and Affiliations





AY 2023-24	Peace Scholar Fellow <i>United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC</i>
AY 2023-24	Predoctoral Research Fellow <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Sector Lab</i>
AY 2022-23	Lab Affiliate <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Sector Lab</i>

Education

Expected May 2024	Ph.D. Political Science <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i> <i>Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology</i> <i>Dissertation: The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping</i> <i>Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig</i>
May 2019	B.A. Political Science <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i>

Research in Progress

* indicates a graduate student co-author

1. | **"Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping"** *Under review.* 
- * 2. | **"Violence as a Condition: the Threat Posed by Quasi-PMCs"** (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Working paper.* 
 - Requested by United States Congressional Research Service for distribution.
3. | **"Does Peace Remain After the Peacekeepers Leave? An Exploration of Peacekeeper (In)Effectiveness"** (with Douglas B. Atkinson, Rebecca Dudley, and Zach Warner). *Working paper.* 
4. | **"Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database."** *Working Paper.* 
5. | **"All About that Base... No Trouble. The Gravity of Peacekeeping Bases."** *Work in progress.*
- *6. | **"Beyond Negative Peace: Do UN Peacekeepers decrease security and trust concerns?"** (with Catalina Vega-Méndez). *Work in progress.*
- *7. | **"What's in a Name? Implications of Overusing 'Sub-Saharan Africa'"** (with Mitushi Mukherjee). *Work in progress.*

- *8. | **“Alexander or Ozymandias?: Russia’s PMC Driven Foreign Policy in Africa”** (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Work in progress.*

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

External

- AY 2023-24 | USIP Peace Scholar Stipend, \$20,000 (declined)
2023 | MapleMeth Travel Grant, \$500
2023 | International Studies Association Midwest Travel Grant, \$250
2023 | APSA Conflict Processes Section Travel Award, \$143
2022/23 | American Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$300
2022 | International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$700

Internal

- AY 2023-24 | Kruhe Fellow, \$28,000
| *University-wide Kruhe Fellowship* (declined)
2023 | Best Prospectus Award, \$1,000
2022/23 | PROMISE Research/Travel Award, \$3,750
2022/23 | Department Travel Grant, \$1,250
AY 2020-21 | Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, \$500

Invited Talks and Workshops

- ISA 2024 | **Contractors in Great Power Competition: Challenging World Order in an Age of Privatization**
PSSI 2023 | **New Research about Preventing Mass Atrocities**
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

Instructor of Record

- Summer 2023 | **POL 430 - UN Peacekeeping**
Summer 21/22 | **POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations**

Teaching Assistant - Graduate Courses

- 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 <i>Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University</i>
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Teaching Awards

AY 2020-21		Outstanding Teaching Assistant <i>Department-wide award</i>
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Conference Participation

(C)=Chair, (D)=Discussant, (O)=Panel organizer, (P)=Panel participant, (R)=Roundtable.

APSA		2022 (P), 2023 (D, P)
EGEN		2023 (P)
PolMeth		2022 (P)
Peace Science		2022 (P), 2023 (P)
ISA		2022 (P), 2023 (D, P), 2024 (O, P, R)
ISA Virtual		2023 (D, P)
ISA-MW		2023 (P)
BISA		2023 (P)
MPSA		2023 (D, P)
MapleMeth		2023 (P)

Service

Department

AY 2020-24		Political Science Mentorship Program <i>First-year Graduate Student Mentor</i>
AY 2023-24		Graduate Student Government <i>Mentorship and Recruiting Chair</i>
Fall 2023		First-Year Welcome Week Orientation <i>Organizer</i>

AY 2022-23	Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee <i>Member</i>
AY 2022-23	Graduate Student Government <i>Social Science Mechanics Chair</i>
AY 2020-22	Graduate Student Government <i>Treasurer</i>
Fall 2019	Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee <i>Member</i>

University

Sp. 2023	Queer Graduate Student Association <i>Co-Founder, Inaugural President</i>
AY 2021-2023	LGBTQ+ Center <i>Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Methods/Statistics, R, Stata, TeX</i>
Summer 2022	Liberal Arts Space Planning Committee <i>Graduate Student Representative</i>
Fall 2021	Undergraduate Research Conference <i>Judge/Reviewer</i>
Fall 2021	Interdisciplinary Symposium in Liberal Arts <i>Reviewer</i>

Discipline

AY 2022-24	Junior IO Scholars Workshop <i>Executive Council Member</i>
Fall 2022	International Studies Association - Northeast <i>Panel Moderator</i>
Summer 2022	Junior IO Scholars Workshop <i>Founding Member</i>

Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly*

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Python, Git, ~~TeX~~, Qualtrics, Docker
Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace