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Education





Expected May 2024	Ph.D. International Relations <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i> <i>Minor: Methods</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>

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 Studies Lab</i>
AY 2022-23	Lab Affiliate <i>Cornell University, Ithaca, NY</i> <i>Gender and Security Studies Lab</i>

Research in Progress

* indicates a graduate student co-author

1. | “Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database” *Under Review.* 
- * 2. | “Violence as a Condition: the Threat Posed by Quasi-PMCs” (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Under Review.* 
 - 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 and Zach Warner). *Under Review.* 
4. | “Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping” *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.*

Conference Participation

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

APSA		2022 (P), 2023 (D, P)
PolMeth		2022 (P)
Peace Science		2022 (P)
ISA		2022 (P), 2023 (D, P)
ISA Virtual		2023 (D, O, P, R)
ISANE		2022 (C, P)
BISA		2023 (P)
JSISE		2023 (P)
MPSA		2023 (D, P)
MWEPS		2022 (P)
MapleMeth		2023 (P)

Invited Presentations/Talks

Fall		How to Research and Use the Purdue Libraries: Workshop and Presentation 
2021/22/23		POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT GRADUATE ORIENTATION

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Summer 2023		POL 430 - UN Peacekeeping
Summer 2021/22		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)

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

External

- 2023 | USIP Peace Scholar Stipend, \$20,000 (declined)
- 2023 | MapleMeth Travel Grant, \$500
- 2022 | International Studies Association Travel Grant, \$700
- 2022 | American Political Science Association Travel Grant, \$150

Internal

- AY 2023-24 | Kruhe Fellow, \$28,000
University-wide Kruhe Fellowship (declined)
- 2022 | PROMISE Research/Travel Award, \$2,250
- 2022 | Department Travel Grant, \$1,250

Certificates and Awards

- Summer 2021 | **Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching**
Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University
- AY 2020-2021 | **Outstanding Teaching Assistant**
Political Science Department Purdue University

Service

Department

- AY 2020-24 | **Political Science Mentorship Program**
First-year Graduate Student Mentor
- AY 2023-24 | **Political Science Graduate Student Government**
Mentorship and Recruiting Chair
- AY 2022-23 | **Technology and Politics Faculty Search Committee**
Member
- AY 2022-23 | **Political Science Graduate Student Government**
Social Science Mechanics Chair
- AY 2020-22 | **Political Science Graduate Student Government**
Treasurer
- Fall 2019 | **Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee**
Member

University

- Sp. 2023 | **Queer Graduate Student Association**
Co-Founder, Inaugural President

AY 2021-2023	LGBTQ+ Center <i>Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Methods/Statistics, R, Stata, \LaTeX</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>

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Git, \LaTeX , Qualtrics

Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace