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Academic Appointments, Positions, and Affiliations

- Su. 2024- | **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Gender and Security Sector Lab
- AY 2023-24 | **Peace Scholar Fellow**
United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC
- AY 2023-24 | **Predoctoral Research Fellow**
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Gender and Security Sector Lab






Education

- May 2024 | **Ph.D. Political Science**
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology
Dissertation: The Local Effects of UN Peacekeeping
 - Finalist for College-wide Distinguished Dissertation Award*Committee Members: Kyle Haynes (Chair), Liana Eustacia Reyes, Giancarlo Visconti, Michael Greig*
- May 2019 | **B.A. Political Science**
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Research


* indicates a graduate student co-author; † indicates an external co-author

In-Progress

- *† 1. "Violence as a Condition: From Russia to the CAR, the Global Impact of the Wagner Group" (with Matthew Kyle Ellis). *Under Review*. 
 - Requested by United States Congressional Research Service for distribution.
- † 2. "The Dual Impact of Peacekeeping: Divergent Effects of Peacekeeping Operations on Rebel and Government Violence Against Civilians" (with Douglas B. Atkinson, Rebecca Dudley, and Zach Warner). *Under Review*. 
3. "Who Keeps the Peace? Gendered Effects in UN Peacekeeping." *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." *Working Paper*. 
- *† 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*.

Non Peer-Reviewed Publications

- *† 1. | “Moving Beyond Zero Tolerance: Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment in UN Peace Operations.” 2024. Sabrina Karim, **Sky Kunkel**, DeAnne Roark, Angie Torres-Beltran, Cameron Mailhot, Sumin Lee, Radwa Saad, Priscilla Torres, Emily Jackson. *GSS Lab Policy Brief*. 

Fellowships and Grants

External (\$23,893)

- 2024 | PolMeth Travel Grant, \$1000
- 2024 | URI Human Rights Workshop Honorarium, \$1000
- 2023 | 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 - Purdue University (\$34,500)

- 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
- 2020-21 | Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, \$500

Invited Talks and Workshops

- PSS(I) 2024 | Consortium for Human Rights Analysis and Measurement
- Su. 2024 | University of Rhode Island Human Rights Measurement Workshop
- ISA 2024 | Contractors in Great Power Competition: Challenging World Order in an Age of Privatization
- PSS(I) 2023 | New Research about Preventing Mass Atrocities
| *Hosted by: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum*
- Spring 2023 | Junior Scholars in International Security Workshop
- Fall 2022 | Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science

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/Workshops

- Summer 2024 | **CCSE Video Research Institute** (Dr. Bryce J. Dietrich)
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**
Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University

Teaching Awards

- AY 2020-21 | **Outstanding Teaching Assistant**
Department-wide award

Conference Participation

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

- APSA | 2022 (P), 2023 (D, P), 2024 (P)
EGEN | 2023 (P)
PolMeth | 2022 (P), 2024 (P)
Peace Science | 2022 (P), 2023 (P, W), 2024 (W)
ISA | 2022 (P), 2023 (P), 2024 (O, P, R, W)
ISA Virtual | 2023 (D, P)
ISA-MW | 2023 (P)

BISA | 2023 (P)

MPSA | 2023 (D, P)

MapleMeth | 2023 (P)

Service

Department - Purdue

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

University - Purdue

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

Discipline

- AY 2022- | **Junior IO Scholars Workshop**
Executive Council Member
- Fall 2022 | **International Studies Association - Northeast**
Panel Moderator
- Summer 2022 | **Junior IO Scholars Workshop**
Founding Member

Reviewer: *International Studies Quarterly, International Peacekeeping*

Skills

Software: R, Stata, Python, Git, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, Docker

Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Brightspace