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Department of Political Science

West Lafayette, Indiana

Education

Purdue University (2023-Present)

Ph.D. Political Science Candidate

Purdue University Honors College (2020-2023)

Major: B.A. Global Studies, Magna Cum Laude

Major: B.S. Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Minor: Asian Studies

Minor: Islamic Studies

Carroll Community College (2018-2020)

A.A. Arts & Sciences, Magna Cum Laude

Research Experience

Purdue University

Asian American and Asian Resources Cultural Center Research Assistant (2022-2023)

Assessed and advised the cultural center on the efficacy of their programming

Purdue FORCES Junior Fellow (2022-Present)

Research Chinese and American Navies, assist in conducting simulations and wargames of potential conflicts in the South China Sea

create course materials for graduate and professional classes.

Test and create wargames focusing on strategic-level

Purdue Behavioral Psychology Lab Assistant (2022-2023)

Assist in conducting tests and data analysis regarding passive avoidance in rats

Presentations

Kuczajda, M.T. (December 4, 2024). Need for SIA (Poster Presentation). John Hopkins APL Cislunar Security Conference. John's Hopkins Applied Physics Lab. Laurel, Maryland

Kuczajda, M.T. (April 12, 2024). CIA or SIA?: Policy and Organizational Implications for a Spatial Intelligence Agency (PowerPoint Presentation). United States Space Command Academic Engagement Enterprise Spring Symposium. National Cybersecurity Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Kuczajda, M. T., Reyna, K., Riley, R., Thrasher, S. (April 5, 2021). Neural mechanisms associated with context-dependent pain tolerance (Poster Presentation). Office of Undergraduate Research Conference. Purdue University, West Lafayette Indiana

Kuczajda, M.T. (November 14, 2022). Efficacy of the Pedagogical, Cultural, and Advocacy Programming at the Purdue University Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (Poster Presentation). Office of Undergraduate Research Conference. Purdue University, West Lafayette Indiana

Publications

Ferrara, N., Kuczajda, M., Trask, S., The lifetime impact of stress on fear regulation and cortical function (Available online December 1 2022)

McGowan, Bethany S. et al., "Identifying Dis/Misinformation on Social Media: A Policy Report for the Diplomacy Lab Strategies for Identifying Mis/Disinformation Project" (2022). Libraries Faculty and Staff Scholarship and Research. Paper 266. https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/lib_fsdocs/266

Teaching Experience

Purdue University

2023: Teaching Assistant for POL 130: Introduction to International Relations (Teacher: Melissa Will)

2024: Teaching Assistant for POL 237: Modern Weapons and International Relations (Teacher: Keith Shimko); Learning Manager for SCLA 507: Defense Engineering (Teacher: Richard T. Whitman); Learning Manager for SCLA 506: Space Strategy (Teacher: Lamont

Colucci); Learning Manager for SCLA 530: Strategic Defense
Foresight (Teacher: Kira Graves)

Service

Purdue University

Crystal Ball Workshop AFOSR/US Space Force Student Notetaker

Disrupt Innovation Game and Student Notetaker

Honors & Recognitions

Purdue University

National Society for Leadership & Success

Phi Kappa Phi International Honors Society

Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society

Psi Chi International Psychology Honors Society

Carroll Community College

Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society

Psi Beta National Psychology Honors Society

References

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