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## Education




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Expected May 2024 | **Ph.D. International Relations**  
*Minor: Methods*  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

May 2019 | **B.A. Political Science**  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN


## Academic Papers


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1. **"Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database"**   
*Working paper: How extensive is the UN's use of private security contractors (PSCs), and does that use have implications for the UN's authority? This paper constructs a novel database on the UN use of PSCs and develops the theory of the Double Delegation of Authority.*
2. **"Conflict Grids and Peacekeeping: When and Where Do Peacekeepers Keep the Peace?"**   
*Working paper: When, and more importantly where, do United Nations (UN) peacekeepers (PKs) keep the peace? Using the ACLED's violence data combined with the RADPKO data on UN peacekeeper movement, I employ a spatially disaggregated model analyzing when and where peacekeepers reduce violence against civilians.*
3. **"Peacekeeping Effectiveness - A Measure of All the Measurements"**   
*Working Paper: Are third-party peacekeepers effective at reducing violence and establishing peace producing regimes? My article examines the roots of these conflicting results through a methodological literature review of the available quantitative articles on United Nations peacekeeping operations.*

## Academic and Conference Presentations

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Spring 2022 | **Double Delegation: An Exploration and Construction of the UN Private Security Contractor Database**   
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION 2022

Fall 2021 | **How to Research and Use the Purdue Libraries: Workshop and Presentation**   
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT GRADUATE ORIENTATION

Fall 2018 | **Purdue Undergraduate Research Exposition**   
PURDUE UNIVERSITY, WEST LAFAYETTE, IN

## Teaching Experience

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Spring 2022 | **POL 605 - Advanced Causal Inference**  
*Teaching Assistant*

- Organized and held lab sections to instruct students on RStudio coding and interpretations.
- Created and distributed lab scripts based on class assignments.
- Answered student questions about problems sets and exams in both formal and informal settings.

Spring 2022	<p><b>POL 130 - Introduction to International Relations</b>  <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held weekly office hours to provide outside instruction and assist students.</li> <li>• Guest lectured to practice teaching skills.</li> <li>• Using rubrics, graded assignments and provided individual feedback for each student.</li> </ul>
Summer 2021	<p><b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations (Online)</b>  <i>Independent Instructor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed the course from top to bottom, including designing a syllabus.</li> <li>• Created and uploaded interesting and effective instructional lecture videos each week.</li> <li>• Created and graded assignments and rubrics, adding individual feedback for each student.</li> </ul>
Spring 2020/21, Fall 2020/21	<p><b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations - Professor Keith Shimko</b>  <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated class transition to online format in the middle of the semester during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>• Held office hours to instruct students in non-classroom setting.</li> <li>• Graded exams and provided individual, written feedback.</li> </ul>
Summer 2020	<p><b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations - Toby Lauterbach, Ph.D.</b>  <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graded and responded to discussion questions and essays</li> <li>• Assisted in online course development</li> <li>• Recorded and uploaded the lecture videos</li> </ul>
Fall 2019	<p><b>POL 237 - Modern Weapons and International Relations - Professor Melissa Will</b>  <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted in out-of-class learning.</li> <li>• Independently organized and ran exam review sessions for students.</li> <li>• Graded exams and provided individual feedback on essays.</li> </ul>

## Certificates and Awards

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Summer 2021	<p><b>Certificate in Foundations of College Teaching</b>  <i>Foundations of College Teaching Purdue University</i></p>
AY 2020-2021	<p><b>Outstanding Teaching Assistant</b>  <i>Political Science Department Purdue University</i></p>

## Service

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AY 2022-23	<p><b>Political Science Graduate Student Government - Purdue</b>  <i>Social Science Mechanics Chair</i></p>
AY 2021-2022	<p><b>LGBTQ+ Center - Purdue</b>  <i>Undergraduate Tutor - Political Science, Political Methods, R, Stata, <del>ETEX</del></i></p>
AY 2020-2022	<p><b>Political Science Graduate Student Government - Purdue</b>  <i>Treasurer</i></p>
Fall 2022	<p><b>Undergraduate Research Conference - Purdue</b>  <i>Judge/Reviewer</i></p>

Fall 2021 | **Interdisciplinary Symposium in Liberal Arts - Purdue**  
*Reviewer*

Fall 2019 | **Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee - Purdue**  
*Member*

## **Skills**

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*Software:* R, Stata, Git,  $\LaTeX$

*Learning Management Systems:* Blackboard, Brightspace