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Education

University of Missouri

Ph.D. Candidate (All But Dissertation), Political Science

Subfields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Areas of Interest: Civil conflict in the developing world, geospatial event data, research methods

Expected graduation in Spring 2022 | Columbia, Missouri

Notable Coursework: *Introductory Statistics for Political Science (Stata)*, *Geographic Information Systems for the Social Sciences (ArcGIS)*

Brunel University

M.A. Intelligence and Security Studies

Graduated with Merit 2013 | London, United Kingdom

Thesis: "Cycles of Progress: The Lack of Timely Self-Evaluation and Adaptation within the US Intelligence Community"

North Carolina State University

B.S. Aerospace Engineering

Graduated magna cum laude 2010 | Raleigh, North Carolina

Minor in Japanese Language

Peer Reviewed Publications

"US Strikes in Somalia and Targeted Civilian Killings by Al-Shabaab: An Empirical Investigation." Co-authored with Dr. Bryce Reeder. 2019. *Foreign Policy Analysis* 15(4): 589-603.

"Rebel Resource Efficiency and the Escalation of Civil Conflict." Co-authored with Dr. Bryce Reeder, Dongjin Kwak, and Michael Wales. 2021. Currently under review.

"Best Approaches to Using Event Data in Conflict Studies," Co-authored with Dr. Bryce Reeder and Yu Bin Kim. 2021. Working paper.

Conference Presentations

"Rebel Resource Efficiency and the Escalation of Civil Conflict." Co-authored with Dr. Bryce Reeder, Dongjin Kwak, and Michael Wales. Presented at the International Studies Association – Midwest Conference (2018).

"Instant Conflict, Just Add Resources! How Access to Resources Limits and Enables Intercommunal Conflict in the Developing World." Presented at the International Studies Association – Midwest Conference (2020).

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Introductory Statistics for Political Science. Instructor for Stata Lab, Spring 2020, University of Missouri.

Introduction to International Relations. Fall 2020, University of Missouri.

Politics and the Military. Spring 2021, University of Missouri.

Teaching Assistant

University of Missouri:

Introduction to Political Research (Writing Intensive). Fall 2018 (Dr. Jennifer Selin), Spring 2019 (Dr. Laron Williams).

Politics of War. Spring 2017, Dr. Stephen Quackenbush.

Genocide, Terrorism, and Civil War. Fall 2017, Dr. Christopher Patane.

Politics of the World Economy. Fall 2017, Dr. Christopher Patane.

North Carolina State University:

Introduction to Unity Computing. Fall 2008 – Spring 2012, Department of Computer Science.

Experiments in Aerodynamics Lab. Fall 2010, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.

Technical Skills

- Data Analysis: Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS, Excel
- Publication and Presentation: LaTeX Document/Presentation Preparation, Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat
- Web: HTML
- Video Editing: DaVinci Resolve, HandBrake, iMovie, YouTube channel management

Other Work Experience

UPS Store (January 2015 – May 2017)

- Customer relations, packing and shipping specialist
- Coordinate international and freight shipments
- Graphic design and document management in Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat, and Microsoft Office
- Printing specialist, including wide format and canvas printing
- Notary public

Common Cause NC (Intern, May 2011 – November 2011)

- Conduct policy research for Common Cause and NC legislators
- Interview NC legislators for multimedia news packages
- Communicate with press to spread updates on redistricting reform developments
- Manage teams for canvassing campaigns aimed at increasing voter turnout
- Design enhanced web presence for CCNC, including video editing and website design

Awards

Robin Remington Award (\$500, recognition for outstanding first-year student in International Relations), Spring 2018, University of Missouri.

Excellence in Japanese Language Study Award, Spring 2010, North Carolina State University

NC Space Grant Senior Design Research Grant Recipient, Fall 2009, North Carolina State University

NC Space Grant Undergraduate Research Grant Recipient, Summer 2009, North Carolina State University

NC Japan Center Scholarship Recipient for Study Abroad in Japan, Summer 2008, North Carolina State University

Dean's List (Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2010), North Carolina State University

West Carteret High School Valedictorian, Spring 2005