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Education

Ph.D, Political Science and International Affairs, University of Georgia (Expected May 2025)
M.A., 2020 Political Science and International Affairs, University of Georgia
B.A., 2016, International Affairs, University of Georgia, *cum laude*
B.A., 2015, German Language, University of Georgia, *cum laude*

Research

Research in Progress

"Going off the grid: how shutting down the internet disrupts transnational advocacy network shaming"
"Under the Radar: Bureaucratic Repression and Avoiding International Attention" with Matt Rains
"It Only Takes One: Elections and Human Rights Decline" with Stephen Bagwell and Matt Rains
"Information Into Advocacy: How Different Human Rights Information Impacts Perceptions of Performance" with K. Chad Clay, Mennah Abdelwahab, Morgan Barney, and Matt Rains
"Communications Breakdown: When and Why States Resort to Shutting Down the Internet"
"How Terror Attacks Influence Public Perceptions on Torture" with Thomas Deen
"Human Rights Abuses as an Unintended Consequence of the ICC"

Conferences and Workshops

Atlanta-area Computational Social Science Workshop. Participant. 9-11 August 2021.
"How Terror Attacks Influence Public Perceptions on Torture." Poster Presentation at the Georgia Area Human Rights Network Workshop, Georgia State University. 25 October 2019.

Grants and Awards

Graduate Assistantship. August 2019 - Present. University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs - GLOBIS
Thomas P. and M. Jean Lauth Graduate Fellowship. 2020-2021. University of Georgia, School of Public and International of Affairs
Clute Nigro Grant. 2019. University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs
Graduate Assistantship. August 2018 - May 2019. University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs

Research Experience

Director, GLOBIS Human Rights Labs, August 2021 - Present
Civil and Political Rights Metrics Team, Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI), August 2019-Present
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Georgia Department of International Relations

- o Dr. K Chad Clay, August 2019 - Present
- o GLOBIS Center for the Study of Global Issues, August 2019 - Present
- o Dr. Amanda Murdie, January 2019 - May 2019
- o Dr. Rongbin Han, August 2018 - May 2019
- o Dr. Laura Zimmerman, August 2018 - December 2018

Research Advisor, Grace Family Foundation, November 2017-June 2018

- o Researched funding categories, functions, and tax information of various non-profits
- o Coordinated interviews with foundation members to develop funding goals
- o Presented findings to board and incorporated feedback to develop year end giving goals

Undergraduate Research Assistant and Assistant Editor, Spring 2016

- Working draft of *Propaganda and American Politics*
 - Under the supervision of Dr. Audrey Haynes
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Fall 2015
- Sub-Analysis of Repression Project (SNARP)
 - Under the supervision of Dr. K. Chad Clay

Methodology Training and Technical Skills

Ordinary Least Squares (OLS), Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Python (working knowledge), Qualtrics, Microsoft Office, WordPress

Research Interests

Human Rights, International Human Rights Law, Contentious Politics, Political Violence, Political Economy, Experimental Research Methodology, Quantitative Methodologies

Academic Associations

American Political Science Association

- Human Rights Section
- Conflict Processes Section
- Comparative Democratization Section
- Experimental Research Section

International Studies Association

- Human Rights Section
- International Law Section
- Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section
- International Securities Studies Section

Peace Science Society

Language Skills and Certifications

Languages

German (intermediate), French (beginner), Spanish (beginner)

Certifications

- Social and Behavioral Research (CITI) Training. 2020. University of Georgia.
- TEFL/TESOL International Certification. 2016. Uni Training International (UniTEFL) in Chiang Mai, Thailand

Service

2020-2021

- Young Dawg Advisor/Mentor, School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia. August 2020 - Present
- Member, SPIA Graduate Student Government Association. School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia. March 2021-Present.
- Discussant, School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium. University of Georgia. 23 April 2021.