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Education

University of Georgia, 2020-Present
PhD International Affairs

University of Georgia, 2018-2020
M.A International Affairs

University of Georgia, 2016-2018
B.A. International Affairs (Granted w/ Major Honors)
CURO Graduate Distinction: Center for Undergraduate Research
Opportunities, studied honors undergraduate research classes for two
years, focusing on violent conflict and terrorism.

Research Interests

Civil Conflict, Cyber Security, Cyber Espionage, Repression, Terrorism, Guerrilla Warfare,
Insurgency, Militant Organizations, Information Warfare, Strategic Communication,

Working Papers

Deen, Thomas. 2018. "Paramilitaries and War: A Study of Conflict and Rebellion in Eastern
Ukraine."

Deen, Thomas & LaVelle, Meridith. 2018. "How Terror Attacks Influence Public Perceptions on
Torture."

Deen, Thomas. 2019 "Autocrats, Terrorism, and Technology: How Internet Communication
Technologies promote Terrorism in Autocracies."

Publications

Deen, Thomas. 2018. "Terrorism, Conflict, and the International Drug Trade: How Narcotics
Production & Trafficking Escalates Conflict." University of Georgia.

Deen, Thomas. 2019. "Cartel Wars: How A Border Wall Will Increase Drug Cartel Violence."
HRMI Human Rights Measurement Initiative. September 19.
<https://humanrightsmeasurement.org/cartel-wars-how-a-border-wall-will-increase-drug-cartel-violence/>.

Under Review

Deen, Thomas 2019. "Russian Expansion and the Development of Information Warfare." United States Army War College; Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute.

Honors and Awards

Recipient, Graduate Research Assistantship, University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs, 2019.

Recipient, Senior Undergraduate Best Paper Award, University of Georgia Libraries (\$1,000), 2018.

Recipient, W. Tapley Bennett Jr. Scholarship, SPIA University of Georgia (\$5,000), 2018.

Research Fellowship, University of Georgia, Center for Undergraduate Research (\$1,000), 2018.

Grants

Clute-Nigro Fund

Funding provided to help finance a project that is measuring the impact of terrorist attacks upon the American population. This study systematically analyzes the relationship between fatalities resulting from a terror attack and individual preferences for the use of torture, specifically, when taking into consideration the type of group that carries out such violence.

Skills

I am familiar with different statistical regression applications including ordinary least squares and maximum likelihood estimators. I have learned how to use to scrap web data, analyze social media data, use text analysis, and create threat assessment modules. I have a background in coding using R and Stata. I have been trained to implement surveys, experimental design, and survey experiments. I have experience working with geo-spatial location systems and geographic information systems.

Software & Programming

LaTeX, R, STATA, Qualtrics, Excel, PowerPoint, Nationbuilder, Groundgame, Strikelist, Callfire, Esri GIS, Tableau.

Languages

Russian, Two Years: Intermediate Written and Oral Capabilities

Current Projects

Violent Conflict Data Center

Developing a non-profit organization with other graduate students to promote research into expanding data collection and mid-level theory that can help understand and mitigate violent conflict. Another focus of the center is to help promote funding for future research into terrorism, human rights, and violent conflict studies for graduate students.

Presentations

2019. Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI) United States Army War College. Deen, Thomas. 2019. "Russian Expansion and the Development of Information Warfare."

2019. GAHRNET, Georgia State University: Deen, Thomas & LaVelle, Meridith. 2018. "How Terror Attacks Influence Public Perceptions on Torture."

2018. UGA Research Symposium; Deen, Thomas. 2018. "Terrorism, Conflict, and the International Drug Trade: How Narcotics Production & Trafficking Escalates Conflict." University of Georgia.

Research Positions

State Department, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations: August 2019 – Present

Working on a team to analyze the impact and reaction of foreign heads of governments, their constituencies, and delegates to international organizations to CSO analytical products using qualitative measurements

Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute, United States Army War College: March 2019 – August 2019

Examined potential implications of leveraging a dynamic and responsive counter-narrative strategy through synergistic information and cover operations campaign through cyberspace, while mitigating the potentiality for politicization in this process

Sub National Analysis of Repression Project, January-May, 2019

Event coding for human rights abuses

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs, January 2019- Present.

Dr. Andy Owisak- Researching dyadic claims for the Correlates of War Project, assessing if official government representatives are concerned with the treatment of shared ethnic groups.

Dr. Robert Grafstein- Researching political corruption and how it positively effects economic growth when the interaction between corrupt government officials and economic actors reduces expropriation.

Employment

Student Assistant, Carl Vinson Institute of Government: April-August 2018.

SPIA Research Center, University of Georgia, 2017- April 2018.

Investigator, U.S. Investigations and Surveillance: 2015-2017.

Senior Data Analyst, Political Solutions INC. January 2016-December 2016.

Congressional Contractor, 2016

Conferences

2019. GAHRNET, Georgia State University

2019. GAHRNET, University of Georgia

2019. Conference on Technology and Terrorism, Georgia Tech

2018. GAHRNET, Emory University

2017. Georgia Election Training

2016. Georgia Election Training

2015. Security & Counter-Intelligence Seminar

Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, 2018.

International Studies Association, 2018.