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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

Information and influence operations; technology and future warfare; open source intelligence; strategic communications; terrorism; violent non state actors; insurgency, intra-state conflict.

Publications

Deen, Thomas 2020. "Russian Expansion and the Development of Information Warfare." United States Army War College; Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute.

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/>.

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

Working Papers

Deen, Thomas & Martin, Shannon. 2021 "Hezbollah and Social Service Provision."

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

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

Honors and Awards

Recipient, Graduate Research Assistantship, University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs, 2019-2021.

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

Fellowships

RAND Corporation Summer Associate. May-August 2021. Conducted research on a Zero-Based Review (ZBR) of positions and personnel performing cyber and information technology missions across multiple Department of Defense Units.

STATT INC. Research Fellow. May 2020- August 2020. Provided research support, conducted analysis, and coding to create a database that would provide a user based service covering public policy.

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

Languages

Russian, Two Years: Intermediate Written and Oral Capabilities

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

U.S. Army, Cyber Command: August 2020 – May 2021

Working on a team to code and update cyber attacks for an Army project in response to Congress’s 2019 Solarium Commission that seeks to establish objectives to enhance research and understanding of cyber incidents and information warfare

State Department, Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations: August 2019 – August 2020

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.

Conferences

2020. Military Operations Conference

2019. GAHRNET, University of Georgia

2019. GAHRNET, Georgia State University

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