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Education

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of Kentucky (expected 2020)
 - Dissertation Project: “Political Instability and Coups D’état: The Importance of Location”
 - Dissertation Committee: Clayton Thyne (chair), Dan Morey, Horace Bartilow, Abby Cordova, Kathleen Montgomery
- M.A. Political Science – Marshall University, 2014
- B.A. Political Science – Marshall University, 2012
- B.A. Economics – Marshall University, 2012

Research Interests

- International Relations
- Comparative Politics
- Civil Conflict
- Civil-Military Relations
- Human Rights
- Political Economy

Conference Presentations

- 2019 – “Political Instability and Coups D’état: The Importance of Location” – Midwest Political Science Conference
- 2019 – “Follow the Money: Subnational Distributions of Foreign Aid and Civil War” – Kentucky Political Science Conference
- 2018 – “Follow the Money: Subnational Distributions of Foreign Aid and Civil War” – Kentucky Political Science Conference

Working Papers

- “Aid for Peace: The Deterrent and Restraining Effects of Foreign Aid in International Conflict”

- “Foreign Aid and Ethnic Conflict: Disaggregating Aid by Ethnic Group”
- “Rural vs. Urban Distributions of Foreign Aid and the Onset of Civil War”
- “The Influence of Trade Networks on Peace: Considering the Impact of Third-Party Trade Connections”

Teaching Experience

- Political Science 372 – Research Design
 - Solo Instructor, University of Kentucky, Fall 2018
- Political Science 230 – Intro to International Relations
 - Solo Instructor, University of Kentucky, Spring 2018
- Political Science 210 – Comparative Politics
 - Solo Instructor, University of Kentucky, Fall 2017
- Political Science 101 – American Government
 - Solo Instructor, University of Kentucky, Fall 2016
 - Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Spring 2016
- Political Science 230 – World Politics
 - Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky, Fall 2015
- Political Science 209 – Fundamentals of International Relations
 - Teaching Assistant, Marshall University, Fall 2014
- Political Science 207 – Comparative Politics
 - Teaching Assistant, Marshall University, Spring 2014
- Political Science 211 – Scope and Method in Political Science
 - Teaching Assistant, Marshall University, Fall 2013

Service

- 2018 – President, Graduate Student Council, Department of Political Science
- 2018 – Discussant, Poster Session, Midwest Political Science Conference
- 2017 - Graduate Student Congress Representative for the Department of Political Science
 - Member of the Professional Development Committee

Additional Training

Research Methods

- Social Network Analysis Workshop – Presented by Steve Borgatti and Dan Brass, LINKS Center
- Multilevel Modeling Workshop – Presented by John Poe, QIPSR
- Event History Models Workshop – Presented by David Strang, QIPSR

Teaching

- Diversity Statement Writing Workshop
- Identifying and Responding to Microaggressions
- Foundations of Inclusion for the 21st Century Classroom

Skills

- Statistical Modeling
 - Proficient with statistical programs such as Stata, R, and SPSS
- Spatial Analysis
 - Proficient with GIS program QGIS
- Network Analysis