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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

PhD in Political Science and International Relations (degree expected 2020)
M.A. in Political Science and International Relations (2016)
Certificate in Research Methodology (2016)

Indiana University

B.A. in Political Science, Minor in Philosophy (2014)

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Indiana University, Visiting Scholar, Ostrom Workshop
Heterodox Academy

2018-2020
2017-present

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Data collection and wrangling
- Statistical modeling
- Survey experimentation
- Data visualization
- Qualitative research methods
- Social science research design
- Statistical training, instructing, mentoring
- Cross-functional communication, public outreach, translating scientific insights to policy, scientific communication
- Substantive areas: Political Science, International Relations, Human Rights, Nonprofit Management, Psychology, Economics, Effective Altruism
- Consulting, writing, editing

SKILLS

Tools and Software

- R, STATA
- RMarkdown, LaTeX, Git
- Qualtrics, Positly, Atlas.ti

Methodological

- Statistical computing
- Survey experiments
- Data visualization
- Qualitative research methods

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Title: Selling Virtue: How Human Rights NGOs and Their Donors Work Together to Create a Better World...for Themselves

Dissertation Committee: Wayne Sandholtz (USC), Patrick James (USC), Sofia Gruskin (USC), and Christopher Fariss (University of Michigan).

Description: My dissertation/book project investigates how social signaling motives among donors influence the behavior of human rights nongovernmental organizations. I argue that people donate to signal their socially desirable traits, and human rights NGOs meet this demand by seeking to benefit donor reputation rather than seeking to effectively advance human rights.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

PUBLISHED

“Productive Pacifists: The Rise of Production-Oriented States and Decline of Territorial Conquest” ([pre-print link](#)) with Jonathan Markowitz (USC), Benjamin A.T. Graham (USC), and Christopher J. Fariss (University of Michigan) – Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*

“Reserving Rights: Explaining Human Rights Treaty Reservations” ([pre-print link](#)) with Kelebogile Zvobgo (USC, William and Mary) and Wayne Sandholtz (USC) – Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*

UNDER REVIEW

“The Demand (or Lack Thereof) for Honest, Rigorous Impact Information in Charity” ([pre-print link](#))

“Do Human Rights Treaty Obligations Matter for Ratification?” ([pre-print link](#)) with Wayne Sandholtz (USC) and Kelebogile Zvobgo (USC, William and Mary)

“Young, Wild, and Academically Free: A Graduate Student Perspective on Academic Freedom,” special issue for Symposium on Academic Freedom and the University Campus: Global and Empirical Perspectives

WORKING PROJECTS

“Still Ineffective: Revisiting Research on the Conditional Effects of Human Rights NGOs”

“Aversion to the Use of Control Groups in Testing Philanthropic Programs” with Lucius Caviola (University of Oxford)

“Good Intentions or Good Deeds? Analyzing the Nobel Peace Prize’s Criteria for Rewarding International NGOs” with Barbara Koremenos (University of Michigan)

“Watching the Watchdogs: Analyzing Conflict Reporting by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the U.S. State Department” with Michael Spagat (Royal Holloway, University of London)

COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- “[Results of the Justin Amash Subreddit and Discord Survey](#),” GitHub, May 19, 2020.
- “[Amnesty International’s travel warning about the U.S. is a mistake](#),” *The Washington Post*, August 13, 2019.
- “[Fact Checkers Exposed Trump but also Exposed Human Rights Reporting](#),” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, May 29, 2019.
- “[The Virtue Economy](#),” *Quillette*, January 31, 2019.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Department of International Relations, Lehigh University – Efron Speaker Series	2019
“All Too Human: How Human Rights NGOs and Their Donors Work Together to Create a Better World...for Themselves” Graduate International Relations-International Law Workshop, University of Southern California	2018
“Human Rights Triage: Do Human Rights INGOs Advocate Where They Are Most Effective?” Comparative Sociology Workshop, University of California-Irvine	2016
“Unknown Victims: Amnesty International’s Strategic Incentives Against Reporting Human Rights Violations”	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association (canceled due to Covid-19)	2020
International Studies Association	2017, 2018, 2019
American Political Science Association	2016, 2018, 2019
International Studies Association-Midwest	2018, 2019
Behavioral Models of Politics, Penn State University	2019

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

World Politics Research Seminar, Indiana University	2019
Center for International Studies, University of Southern California	2017, 2018
Northern California International Law Scholars Workshop, University of California Berkeley	2017
Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, University of Southern California	2017

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Quantitative Research Assistant for Dr. Benjamin Graham, University of Southern California	2017-2018
Quantitative Research Assistant for the Security and Political Economy Lab, University of Southern California	2017
Quantitative Research Assistant for Dr. Wayne Sandholtz, University of Southern California	2016-2017
Qualitative Research Assistant for Dr. Lawrence Rubin and Dr. David Palkki, Georgia Institute of Technology	2016
Research Assistant for Dr. Nicholas Weller and Dr. Jeb Barnes, University of Southern California	2016
Research Assistant for Dr. Dina Spechler, Indiana University	2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR

Mathematics and Statistics Boot Camp for PhD Students

University of Southern California	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Co-designed curriculum for a four-day intensive PhD boot camp, including lectures, homework assignments, and R labs.Co-instructed PhD students on computation, data management, and data visualization in R as well as mathematical concepts relevant for social science research, including mathematical notation, scalar algebra, measures of central tendency, calculus, linear algebra, and measures of distribution.	

TEACHING WORKSHOPS

“Estimating the Effect of Human Rights Organizations” for PhD students (online via Zoom)	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction to Regression Analysis, University of Southern California.<i>Topic:</i> social science replication, interaction effects, marginal effects, multiple regression weights, leverage.	
“Data Management and Visualization in R” for undergraduate students	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Applied Data Science for International Relations, University of Southern California.<i>Topic:</i> data management and data visualization using R packages dplyr and ggplot2.	
“Humanitarian Intervention/Assistance” for undergraduate students	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">International Organizations, Occidental College.<i>Topic:</i> effectiveness and accountability of humanitarian intervention/assistance.	

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Mathematics and Statistics Boot Camp for PhD Students	2016
Historical Research Methods for undergraduate students	2015
Introduction to International Relations for undergraduate students	2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

STATISTICAL CONSULTANT

University of Southern California, The Security and Political Economy Lab	2017-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Led team of four to provide statistical consultation to the wider social science academic community, including honors undergraduate students and doctoral students.Consulted on topics including research design, data wrangling, data visualization, statistical modeling, replication, and general debugging in either R or STATA.<i>Key Experience:</i> Statistical consultation, mentoring, training; problem-solving under uncertainty; collaboration with diverse, multidisciplinary student body; troubleshooting in R and STATA under pressure; analysis of customer demographics; communication skills.	

PROJECT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT

Bristol-Myers Squibb, Global Manufacturing and Supply

2012-2013

- Increased department productivity by providing support for four project managers.
- Collaborated with clients in the following project areas: new product launches for international markets; manufacturing capacity expansion; new product development; product transfer between international manufacturing facilities.
- Prepared meeting agendas and summaries.
- Communicated and followed up with stakeholders on project progress.
- Organized and maintained web-based SharePoint document database.
- Developed new employee training guide.
- *Key Experience:* Global project management; real-time transcription of international client meetings; optimization of the information management process; balancing multiple projects and expectations of four project managers; corporate communication.

WRITING CONSULTANT

University of Evansville, Writing Center

2010-2011

- Guided international exchange students through the writing process.
- Counseled overseas, traditional, and adult university students in revision, organization, and editing of research essays and literary analyses.
- Improved essays in the following areas: assessed writing competence and provided appropriate feedback; taught students appropriate writing standards; guided the ordering and development of students' thought processes; recommended alternative grammar, sentence structure, and paragraph organization.
- Initiated and developed a special program to invite a published author to share his writing techniques and experiences.
- Scheduled student appointments and filed paperwork.
- Received training on the following topics: effective techniques for elevating international students' writing performance; effective tutor communication skills; Modern Language Association standards.
- *Key Experience:* Collaboration with diverse student body; writing and communication skills; innovation.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Lynne Rienner Award for Best Paper Presented by a Graduate Student	2020
Russell Endowed Fellowship, University of Southern California	2018-2019
School of International Relations summer research grants, University of Southern California	2015-2019
Jesse H. and Beulah Chanley Cox Legacy Scholarship, Indiana University	2013-2014
School of Public and Environmental Affairs Scholarship, Indiana University	2013
Wendell L. Willkie Scholarship, Indiana University	2013