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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science — Expected May 2019
Northeastern University, Boston, MA

- Dissertation: "The Resilient Terrorist: How Criminal Diversification Impacts the Longevity, Durability, and Target Selection of Terrorist Groups"
- Committee: Dr. Max Abrahms (primary advisor); Dr. Stephen Flynn; Dr. Lionel Beehner; and Major General Tracy Garrett

Masters of Arts, International Relations, *with honors* — May 2013
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

- Thesis: "Maritime Security Cooperation in the Gulf of Aden: An Assessment of the Ongoing International Naval Effort to Combat Somali Piracy"

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science, *cum laude* — May 2010
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Naval Postgraduate School — August 2018 – Present
Visiting Researcher, National Security Affairs Department

- Wrote fieldwork-based articles on crime-terror connections, special operations forces, and asymmetric conflict
- Assembled new dataset on the impact of criminal behavior on terrorist organization longevity and target selection
- Gave guest lectures on research agenda, focused on policy and military relevance

United States Department of Justice — June 2016 – Present
Graduate Honors Intern

- Served in Federal Bureau of Investigation's Global Unit of the Directorate of Intelligence, Boston Field Office, and San Francisco Field Office
- Prepared major counterterrorism trial materials, including preparing expert witness on terrorism and briefing Assistant United States Attorney team on the state of the field.
- Wrote strategic analytic information briefs utilizing wide ranging intelligence sources
- Conducted enterprise – wide strategic analyses to identify threats and trends emanating from state actors in the Asia – Pacific
- Built unique databases to track and analyze activity reports from assigned Area Of Responsibility
- Prepared briefings, reports, and intelligence products for both internal FBI and external dissemination

United States Department of State August 2017 – March 2018
Graduate Intern**,** Virtual Student Foreign Service

- Developed security briefing papers focused on Mexican security trends for deployed diplomats in the field
- Analyzed online open source information to write security assessments of each Mexican states
- Used Mexican governmental data to produce qualitative research assessments

Northeastern University October 2017 – March 2018
Graduate Research Assistant

- Researched under Dr. Nikos Passas in support of a forthcoming think tank report
- Investigated corruption in rare mineral exports in West Africa and Asia at the international, regional, national, and local level
- Developed theory of systematic corruption focused on integrity, participants, and motives using qualitative and primary source materials

United States Military Academy May 2017 – August 2017
PhD Research Intern**,** Modern War Institute

- Conducted qualitative research on strategic decisions and tactical evolution of insurgent groups, primarily focused on the case studies of Sri Lanka and Vietnam
- Built unique quantitative dataset of insurgency characteristics, designed to track strategic calculation and miscalculation over time

Hudson Institute September 2015 – December 2015
Graduate Research Intern

- Supported the Center for Political – Military Analysis under Dr. Richard Weitz
- Researched critical security issues focused on corruption and terrorism, built dossiers for distribution to senior staff and external stakeholders
- Assessed special operations counterterrorism deployments in Africa, focusing on Niger

Northeastern University May 2015 – September 2015
Research Assistant

- Researched under Dr. Nikos Passas in support of a forthcoming manuscript
- Investigated corruption in athletics at the international, regional, national, and local level
- Developed theory of systematic sports corruption focused on integrity, participants, and motives using qualitative and primary source materials

Freedom Observatory May 2013 – April 2015
Contributing Analyst

- Wrote articles analyzing international security for an independent online publication
- Analyzed modern global security context to provide insight on international relations
- Subject matter expert on Latin America, Africa, South Asia, and border community issues

Justice in Mexico Project, **Trans – Border Institute** May 2012 – August 2014
Graduate Researcher

- Documented and recorded homicide victims of cartel related violence utilizing open source information as a contribution to the only publicly accessible database of casualties of Mexico's drug conflict
- Compiled and synthesized Spanish language news items for daily national security and defense briefings for the Justice in Mexico Project news blog (WordPress platform)
- Quantitatively analyzed violence trend to create one-, three-, and six-month predictions
- Researched and drafted major security brief on status of drug cartel violence in Monterrey, MX
- Analyzed-spillover violence and the impact of narco – violence on the San Diego community

University of San Diego January 2009 – August 2009
Research Assistant
- Worked for Dr. Noelle Norton, Chair of the Department of Political Science
- Researched United States legislative participation on international women's rights and contributed independent analysis to the project "Voting Beyond Our Shores: International Women's Rights Legislation"
- Designed and entered data into a database of proposed international women's rights actions presented to Congress, including specific kinds of legislation, sponsor information, type of feminism expressed, and success/failure of each

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northeastern University May 2016 – Present
Instructor of Record
- Designed undergraduate level International Relations courses to teach complex problem-solving skills in an evolving and ambiguous international environment
- Delivered lectures, graded assignments, facilitated group discussions, and wrote evaluative assignments and exams

Northeastern University September 2014 – May 2016
Teaching Assistant
- Delivered lectures, graded assignments, facilitated group discussions, and provided one–on–one mentoring and advising
- Briefed professors on comprehension, inquiries, and progress of students
- Political Science Classes:
    - International Relations, Comparative Politics, American Politics, National Security, US Foreign Policy, Globalization

Northeastern University May 2015 – August 2016
Writing Tutor, Student Athlete Services
- Worked one–on–one with student athletes on academic writing assignments to better understand technical conventions of academic writing
- Taught research design, library research skills, and citation formats (MLA, APA, Chicago)
- Supported students in interpreting assignments, brainstorming paper ideas, discussing course readings, and planning for a paper
- Improved student editing and proofreading skills and expanded vocabularies

HONORS AND AWARDS

Northeastern University Provost Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Research Grant (2018-2019)
Northeastern University PhD Network Fieldwork Travel Grant (Summer 2018)
Northeastern University Graduate Student Research and Experiential Learning Grant (Summer 2018)
Cornell University - Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshop Travel Grant (March 2018)
Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop Funding (March 2018)
Northeastern University Graduate Student Research and Experiential Learning Grant (Summer 2017)
Northeastern University Graduate Student Government (GSG) Research Funding Award (December 2015, March 2017, August 2017)
Chapter Nominee, PEO Scholar Award (2015 – 2016)
Northeastern University Doctoral Funding (2014 – 2019)
University of San Diego Travel Grant (December 2013)
University of San Diego Dean's Graduate Merit Scholar (2011 – 2013)
Summer Business Institute Dean's Merit Scholar (2012)
Finalist for National Collegiate Athletic Association Post – Graduate Scholarship (2010)
West Coast Conference All Academic Team (2009, 2010)
Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association, National Scholar Athlete (Division I) (2008 – 2010)
University of San Diego Scholar Athlete (2007 – 2010)
West Coast Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll (2007 – 2010)
University of San Diego Presidential Scholarship (2006 – 2010)
University of San Diego Athletics Scholarship (2006 – 2010)
University of San Diego Dean's List (2006 – 2010)
National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2006 – Present)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Security Working Group. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (September 2018)
"The Resilient Terrorist: How diversification into transnational organized crime impacts longevity, durability, and target selection of terrorist groups." Cornell University - Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshop, Ithaca, NY (March 2018)
Bridging the Gap New Era Program. American University, Washington, D.C. (March 2018)
"Strategic Miscalculations: Why Do Insurgent Groups Seek to Shift to Conventional Tactics Despite Previous Success in Guerrilla Warfare." Boston International Security Graduate Conference. Boston, MA (February 2018)
International Security Working Group. American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (September 2017)
"Terrorism and Resilience: How Family Businesses Respond to Terrorist Activity" with Dr. Luis Dau, Dr. Max Abrahms, and Dr. Elizabeth Moore. Academy of International Business – Latin America Annual Meeting, Lima, Peru. (March 2017)
Research In Conflict Zones, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA. (February 2017)
"Developing a Methodology for Assessing and Countering Transnational Organized Crime." U.S. Army Peacekeeping and Stability Operations (PKSOI) Working Group, Rockville, Maryland. (April 2016)

“Battling the Hydra: The Role of Special Operations Forces in Countering the Hybridization of Terror." Presented to Annual Symposium of the Special Operations Research Association, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. (December 2015)

“Maritime Security Cooperation in the Gulf of Aden: An Assessment of the Ongoing International Naval Effort to Combat Somali Piracy.” Presented at the University of San Diego Department of Political Science MAIR Capstone Conference. (May 2013)

“Extremists in Forgotten Corners: Hezbollah in Latin America.” Presented to the International Center for Terrorism and Transnational Crime, Antalya, Turkey. (December 2012)

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Parliamentary Assembly, Prague, Czech Republic (November 2012)

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Parliamentary Assembly, Bucharest, Romania (October 2011)

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

President, Boston International Security Graduate Conference (2017 – Present)

Founder, Northeastern Women in Political Science (2017 – Present)

Founding Member, International Security Working Group, American Political Science Association (APSA) (2017 – Present)

Representative, Public Awareness Committee, Junior League of Boston (2017 – Present)

Founding Member, International Security Working Group, Northeastern University (2016 – Present)

PhD Peer Mentor, Northeastern University (2016 – Present)

Steering Committee, PhD Student Organization (PoliTea), Northeastern University (2015 – Present)

Graduate Representative, Political Science Chair Search Committee, Northeastern University (2015 – 2016)

President, Master of Arts in International Relations, University of San Diego (2012–2013)

MAIR Representative, Graduate Student Council, University of San Diego (2012 – 2013)

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, University of San Diego (2012–2013)

Captain, Women’s Rowing, University of San Diego (2009–2010)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Security; Escalation of Civil Conflicts; Non-state Actors; Terrorism; Transnational Crime; Emerging States

Regional focuses on developing states in South Asia, Horn of Africa, Latin America

LANGUAGES

Spanish (intermediate) and Swahili (beginner)