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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Texas A&M University Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	August 2024 - Present
University of York - Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War Civil War Paths Fellow	July 2024 - July 2025
United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Minerva Peace and Security Scholar Fellow	June 2023 - June 2024

EDUCATION

The Pennsylvania State University Ph.D. in Political Science Dissertation: “Cooperation, Infighting, and Diffusion in Militant Group Networks” Committee: James Piazza (Chair), Cyanne Loyle, Douglas Lemke, Daniel DellaPosta	2024
Koc University M.A. in International Relations B.A. in International Relations	2018 2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive Political violence, conflict processes, socio-organizational aspects of rebellion
Methodological Quantitative analysis, network analysis, text-as-data, quasi-experiments

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [4] [How Civilian Loyalties Shape Rebel-led Victimization of Rebel Constituencies](#)
Journal of Conflict Resolution, Online First.
- [3] [The Legacies of Rebel Rule in Southeast Turkey](#) (with Cyanne E. Loyle)
Comparative Political Studies 57.11 (2024): 1771-1803.
- [2] [Target Hardening and Non-State Armed Groups’ Target Selection: Evidence from India](#)
Terrorism and Political Violence, Online First.
- [1] [Signaling Resolve through Credit-claiming](#)
International Interactions 49.5 (2023): 755-784.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- [3] Credit Claims and the Survival of Terrorist Organizations (with Nazli Avdan and Aaron Hoffman).
Revised & Resubmitted.
- [2] Commanders of the Mujahideen: Introducing the Jihadist Leaders Dataset (with Maria Amjad, Mark Berlin, Sara Daub, and Joshua Fawcett Weiner).
- [1] Caught Between Needs and Norms: Rebel Groups’ International Legitimacy-Seeking, Pre-War Social Origins, and Forced Recruitment.

IN PREPARATION FOR SUBMISSION

- [7] Statements of Denial of Responsibility by Armed Actors (with Mark Berlin). *Draft available.*
- [6] Constituencies and Recruitment Pools: Unpacking Militant Cooperation and Rivalry. *Draft available.*
- [5] More Conflict Actors, More Violence? A Long-Standing Argument Revisited. *Draft available.*
- [4] Beyond Outbidding: Insurgent Responses to Transnational Extremist Competition (with Mark Berlin). *Draft available.*
- [3] Promotion to Leadership Roles in Rebel Organizations. *Draft available.*
- [2] Arms, Words, and Expertise: Typologies of Militant Cooperation. *Draft available.*
- [1] Inter-Group Learning in Militant Alliance Networks. *Draft available.*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- [9] Historical Communal Dissidence, State Repression, and Rebel Recruitment. *Data collection completed.*
- [8] Credit-Claiming and Public Response to Terrorism (with James A. Piazza). *Data collection completed.*
- [7] Combatant Networks Within Rebel Organizations (with Jared Edgerton). *Data collection in progress.*
- [6] Performative Rebel Governance and Recruitment into Rebel Organizations. *Data collection in progress.*
- [5] Rebel Communication Strategies for Capitalizing on Women's Participation (with Lindsey Goldberg). *Data collection in progress.*
- [4] Rebel Kidnapping to Punish Tax Evasion? (with Mark Berlin and Timothy Jones). *Data collection in progress.*
- [3] Rebel Strategies for Managing Intra-Group Dissent. *Data collection begins Spring 2025.*
- [2] Joint Membership and Member Defections Across Rebel Organizations (with Finn Klebe). *Data collection begins Spring 2025.*
- [1] Subnational Variation in Insurgent Conscription (with Emily Myers). *Design stage.*

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2024	Lombra Outstanding Graduate Research Award, Penn State University	\$1,000
2023-2024	Minerva Peace and Security Scholar Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace	\$20,000
2020-2023	Summer Graduate Research Award, Penn State University	\$16,000
2022	Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student Award, Penn State University	\$1,500
2021	RGSO Dissertation Support, Penn State University	\$2,000
2021	Program in Empirical International Relations Fellowship, Penn State University	
2018	Jesse M. MacKnight Memorial Graduate Scholarship, Penn State University	\$2,000

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Fall 2024	Introduction to Political Science Research, Texas A&M University
Spring 2024	International Relations Theory, Penn State University
Fall 2023	Quantitative Political Analysis, Penn State University

Guest Lecturer

Fall 2022	Politics of Terrorism, Penn State University
Spring 2022	Multivariate Analysis for Political Research, Penn State University

Graduate Methods Preceptor

Spring 2022	Multivariate Analysis for Political Research, Penn State University
Fall 2021	Statistical Methods for Political Research, Penn State University
Fall 2021	Topics in Political Methodology, Penn State University

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, AND COLLOQUIUM PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference	2023, 2024
International Studies Association (ISA) Conference	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference	2019, 2023
Peace Science Society (International) Conference	2020, 2021, 2023
NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference	2024
Political Networks Online Colloquium	2023
Online Peace Science Colloquium	2021
Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop	2023

INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS, AND PRESENTATIONS

New Frontiers in Research on Terrorism and Civil Wars, University of Houston	June 2025
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SERVICE

Departmental Service

2024-Present	Graduate & Curriculum Committee (Texas A&M University)
2023-2024	Advisory Committee (Penn State University), Graduate Student Representative
2019-2022	Graduate Student Association of Political Science (Penn State University), Vice President

Service to the Discipline

2024-Present	Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop, Organizer
2023-2024	Junior Scholars in International Security Workshop, Organizer
2023	American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Panel Chair and Discussant
Reviewer	<i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i>

LANGUAGES

Turkish	Native professional, conversational, reading, and writing fluency
English	Professional, conversational, reading, and writing fluency

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

R	Advanced
STATA	Advanced
Python	Intermediate

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Peace Science Society (International)

REFERENCES

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