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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles   **Los Angeles, CA**

Ph.D., Political Science *In Progress*
M.Sc., Statistics *In Progress*
M.A., Political Science 2022

University of Chicago   **Chicago, IL**
M.A., International Relations 2019

Tufts University   **Medford, MA**
B.A., International Relations; Arabic Language and Literature 2014

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Mexico (2023), Colombia (2023), Nigeria (2022), Jordan (2013, 2012), Nicaragua (2013), Israel (2012)

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Social Impact   **Arlington, VA**
Research Consultant (PIs: Drs. Posner, Hazlett and Mousa, Political Science)   *2/2022 - Present*
- Wrote and implemented algorithmic site selection in two regions of Mali
- Mapping, geospatial interpolation, statistical analysis, HFCs in R

University of California, Los Angeles   **Los Angeles, CA**
Graduate Student Researcher (Dr. Graeme Blair, Political Science)   *2020 - Present*
- Identify psycho-social interventions, affect scales and localized measures used in NE Nigeria
Graduate Student Researcher (Dr. Art Stein, Political Science)   *2020 - 2022*
- Develop novel direct measure of bilateral state relations from events-based data (ICEWS)
Graduate Student Researcher (Dr. Chad Hazlett, Political Science)   *2021*
- Wrote code to scrape ~1.5M Tanzanian student exam records; data cleaning

University of Illinois, Chicago   **Chicago, IL**
Research Assistant (Dr. Rebecca Littman, Psychology)   *2021*
- Systematically reviewed literature on effects of violence research on participants

United Nations University   **New York, NY**
Research Consultant, Centre for Policy Research - Managing Exits from Armed Conflict   *2020*
- Co-developed six surveys (SurveyCTO) for implementation in Borno State, Nigeria

Euromonitor International   **Chicago, IL**
Research Consultant   2019 – 2022
Global Market Research Intern   2019

University of Chicago   **Chicago, IL**
Research Assistant (Dr. Ben Lessing, Political Science)   2018 – 2019
- Criminal Governance in Latin America Project, Program on Political Violence
Junior Research Assistant (Dr. Paul Staniland, Political Science)   2017 – 2018
- Armed Orders of South Asia Project, Program on Political Violence

Harvard University   **Boston, MA**
Research Team Member, The Middle East Negotiation Project at Harvard Kennedy School   2016

Tufts University
Research Assistant (Dr. Sulmaan Khan, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy)   2015
Research Team Member, New Initiative for Middle East Peace at the   2013 – 2014
Institute for Global Leadership

TEACHING POSITIONS

University of California, Los Angeles

Teaching Associate
- PS200B: Regression Analysis for Social Science
Teaching Assistant
- PS156A: Government and Politics of Russia
- PS179: Randomized Trials for Social Change
- PS129: War and Diplomacy

PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers
Uribe, A., Lessing, B., Schouela, N., and **Stecher, E.**, *Criminal Governance in Latin America: An Initial Assessment of its Extent and Correlates* (December 14, 2022).

Invited Contributions
E. Stecher, "Iraq: Finding Peace Again in Dar as-Salam," in Eileen Babbitt, Arvid Bell, Alain Lempereur, Brian Mandell, and Dana Wolf. *Negotiating Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa: A System Analysis after the Arab Spring, the Iran Nuclear Deal, and the Rise of ISIS*, Harvard Kennedy School Negotiation Project, Cambridge, MA, pp. 232 – 241. (2017)

Translations
With Chris Prejean. "The Story of Arab Islamic Civilization," Museum Exhibit, Al-Faisal Museum of Arab and Islamic Art, Saudi Arabia. (2021)

With Herman Adney, Molly Courtney, Aidan Kaplan, Cara Piraino, Taha Poonawala and Chris PreJean. [“Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2020: Digitization of Culture [تقرير الحالة الثقافية في المملكة العربية السعودية 2020: رقمنة الثقافة واستهلاكه [”](#) Ministry of Culture, Saudi Arabia. (2021)

With Chris PreJean. Rasheed Al-Khayoon, [“An Iranian Jurisprudential Campaign To Silence Grand Ayatollah al-Haydari [حملة فقهيَّة ايرانيَّة.. لاسكات المرجع كمال الحيدري [”](#) King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Saudi Arabia. (2020)

With Herman Adney, Molly Courtney, Aidan Kaplan, and Chris PreJean. “Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2019 [تقرير الحالة الثقافية في المملكة العربية السعودية 2019م [,” Ministry of Culture, Saudi Arabia. (2020)

G R A N T S, F E L L O W S H I P S & A W A R D S

2023	Department nominee for Charles E. & Sue K. Young Graduate Student Fellowship
2022 - 2024	Innovations for Poverty Action, co-PI with Graeme Blair, Hannah Baron, Rebecca Littman, Lauren Young, Sandra Ley, Mohammed Bukar, Andres Moya, and Vivian Khedari DePierro ($129,955)
2022 - 2023	Institute to Study Hate research grant, University of California, Los Angeles ($14,480)
2022	Swarr Prize for Best 2022 Unpublished Paper by a UCLA Graduate Student
2022	Graduate Student Summer Research Mentorship Award, University of California, Los Angeles
2021	Graduate Student Summer Research Mentorship Award, University of California, Los Angeles
2020 - 2021	Graduate Student Research Mentorship Award, University of California, Los Angeles
2019 - 2020	Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles
2018	Mansueto Global Cities Research Award, University of Chicago ($4,000)
2018	Masters Thesis Specialization Full Tuition Scholarship, Committee of International Relations, University of Chicago
2018	NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship (declined)
2017	Merit-Based Tuition Scholarship, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago
2014	Tisch College Undergraduate Research Grant, Tufts University ($1,000)
2013	Institute for Global Leadership Research Grant, Tufts University ($2,000)
2013	Empower Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation, The Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University for BUILD: Nicaragua ($2,500)

<u>**PRESENTATIONS**</u>

2023	(Upcoming) "Asking about Violence: Evidence on the Ethics of Measurement in Violent Contexts," APSA Presentation
2022	"Asking About Violence: Increasing Transparency and Evidence Around Research Ethics," CEGA Evidence to Action Symposium with L. Young
2022	"Removing Social Barriers to Women's Candidacy in Cambodia," MPSA Presentation with C. Cruz and J. Kim
2021	"Removing Social Barriers to Women's Candidacy in Cambodia," APSA Presentation with C. Cruz and J. Kim
2021	"The Role of Information in State Strategies of Violence: Contemporary China," WPSA Presentation
2019	Presentation of Master's Thesis to Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago

<u>**SELECT COURSEWORK**</u>

Programming
- ➢ Research Design, University of California - Los Angeles, 2022 (R)
- ➢ Statistics Programming, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021 (R)
- ➢ Text as Data, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021 (R)
- ➢ Experimental Design, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020 (R)
- ➢ Computing for the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2018 (R)
- ➢ Programming for Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2017 (Python)
- ➢ Introduction to Computer Science, Tufts University, 2016 (C++)

Mathematics
- ➢ Advanced Modeling and Inference, University of California - Los Angeles, 2022
- ➢ Statistical Modeling and Learning, University of California - Los Angeles, 2022
- ➢ Applied Probability, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021
- ➢ Maximum Likelihood, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021
- ➢ Research Design, Sampling and Analysis, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- ➢ Bayesian Statistics and Markov Chain Monte Carlo, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- ➢ Causal Inference for the Social Sciences, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- ➢ Regression Analysis for the Social Sciences, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- ➢ Probability and Inference, University of California - Los Angeles, 2019
- ➢ Linear Models, University of Chicago, 2018
- ➢ Mathematical Foundations of Political Methodology, University of Chicago, 2017