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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

Colombia (2024, 2023), Mexico (2023), Nigeria (2022), Iraq (2014), Jordan (2013, 2012), Nicaragua (2013)

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

### **Social Impact**

**Arlington, VA**

Research Consultant (PIs: Drs. Posner, Hazlett and Mousa, Political Science)

2/2022 - Present

- Site selection, data and implementation monitoring of intervention in two communes of Mali
- Mapping, geospatial interpolation, data analysis, HFCs in R

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

**Los Angeles, CA**

Graduate Student Researcher (Dr. Graeme Blair, Political Science)

2020 - 2023

- 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

- Scraped ~1.5M Tanzanian student exam records online; website scraping and 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**

Associate Instructor

- PS169: The Politics of Violent Conflict (*upcoming*)

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 \[ حملة فقهية إيرانية.. لإسكات المرجع كمال الحيدري \]”](#) 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)

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

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)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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| 2023 | “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  |

## **SELECT COURSEWORK**

### **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**

- Spatial Statistics, University of California - Los Angeles, 2023
- Multivariate Analysis, University of California - Los Angeles, 2023
- 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 & 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