

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara, expected graduation: June 2026
Ph.D. Political Science, Dissertation: Understanding Rebel Monetary Governance

Penn State University, 2014-2016
M.A, International Affairs, GPA: 3.9

Virginia Polytech Institute and State University, 2011-2014
B.A, Political Science, GPA: 3.31

Research Interests

International relations, civil wars, political economy, currency, cryptocurrency

Work Submitted

- “Financing Like a State? How Myanmar’s NUG Navigates Conflict, Cooperation, and Legitimacy in Revenue Generation and Financial Governance”. Special Issue on Rebel Finance and Financial Governance. *Civil Wars*. With Kai M. Thaler and Reggie Htut. *Under Review*
- “Introducing UNGAInsight 1990-2021: New Data on Voting Dynamics and Politics in the UN General Assembly”. *Journal of Peace Research*. With Julia C. Morse, Bridget L. Coggins and Jungjae Hong. *Under Review*

Working Papers

- “Banking on Independence: Understanding Rebel Monetary Governance”. Works in Progress. Dissertation
- “Institutional Engagement and Informal Change at the UN General Assembly”. Working Paper (available upon request). With Julia C. Morse and Bridget L. Coggins

Engaged Scholarship

- “At the United Nations, the United States May not Be as Isolated as It Thinks”, *UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation*, 2024, Available at: <https://tinyurl.com/ucigcc>
- “Women, Peace and Security: Involving more women in peace processes and the security sector will yield lasting benefits”, 2016, *Per Concordiam*

Fellowships, Awards, Grants & Achievements

- Visiting Scholar 2025-2026, George Washington University, ISCS (declined)
- UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship 2025-2026
- Mercatus Center, Adam Smith Fellowship 2024-2025 (\$4000)
- APSA travel grant, 2023 (\$150)
- UCSB Louis Lancaster Graduate Student Scholarship for Excellence in International Relations, 2020-2021, 2022-2023
- UCSB Adams-Lee Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, 2020-2021, 2022-2023, 2023-2024
- UCSB Political Science Summer Research Grant, 2022 (\$3000), 2023 (\$3500), 2024 (\$6000)
- Penn State SIA Academic Achievement Award, 2016
- Virginia Tech Dean's List, 2013 & 2014

Conferences & Workshops

- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, June 2025
- ISA pre-workshop: Special issue on rebel finance, March 2025 Participant: Financing Like a State? How Myanmar's NUG Navigates Conflict, Cooperation, and Legitimacy in Revenue Generation and Financial Governance
- Journeys in World Politics Workshop, 2023
Participant: Rebel Monetary Governance
- APSA Annual Meeting, 2023, 2025 (declined)
Paper Submission: Institutional Engagement and Informal Change at the UN General Assembly – with Julia C. Morse and Bridget L. Coggins
Emerging Scholars Lightening Round: Rebel Monetary Governance
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting
Panel Chair (2022): Exploring the Rebel Resource Curse
Participant (2023): The politics of de facto state central banking
Participant (2024): Banking on Independence: Understanding Rebel Monetary Governance
Panel Discussant (2024): Rebel Alliances
Participant (2025): Pre-ISA workshop: Civil Wars Special Issue - Paper Submission
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Panel Discussant (2022): Standing E-Panel: Civil War and Political Violence

Teaching Experience

- Lead Teaching Assistant 2023-2024, 2025-2026 – UCSB Department of Political Science
- Teaching Assistant POLS 121 – International Politics Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Spring, Summer & Fall 2021, Fall 2022
- Teaching Assistant POLS 7 – Introduction to International Relations, Winter & Spring 2023
- Teaching Assistant POLS 141 – Civil Wars, Spring 2020
- Teaching Assistant POLS 12 – Introduction to American Politics, Winter 2021
- Teaching Assistant POLS 126 – American Foreign Policy, Winter 2020
- Teaching Assistant POLS 119JW – Just War Theory, Fall 2020
- Teaching Assistant POLS 124 – International Organizations, Spring 2022, Fall 2023
- Teaching Assistant POLS 145 – European Union, Summer 2022

Service

- Reviewer: Journal of Environment and Development, (16 manuscripts reviewed)
- UCSB-CSU Summer Research Experience, Summer 2024
Graduate Mentor
- UCSB Graduate Student Association
External Co-President, 2023-2024
Vice President of Communications and Events, 2022-2023
Interim Vice President of Financial Affairs, November 2022-January 2023
- UCSB Department of Political Science
Graduate Representative, Search Committee: Lancaster Endowed Chair (International Political Economy, 2022-2023)
Political Science Graduate Student Association, Social Chair, 2020-2021 & 2021-2022

References

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